

Village News

for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva

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March 2013

What is All This About a Fête on 15th June?



Hear ye! Hear ye! we would like to bring to your attention an impending fête. As many of you might know the village fête is a yearly summer occurrence. It is a great way of bringing the community together and funding our ancient churches (or we might have to flat pack them and you know how hard that is). We would, therefore, welcome all newcomers to the parish to be involved in this fête making process. New ideas, fresh heads make events like this successful and enjoyable for all. Our villages thrive on community spirit, something that perhaps has lessened in this modern age. But we shall not be cowed by digital isolation or forget the difference between the warmth of the sun and the glow of our screens, for we few, we happy few, we band of brothers (and sisters.....mainly sisters) shall make a fête the world shall talk about for a thousand years (with luck and weather permitting).

Jonathon Boon

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Indian Arts Week at Bishopstone

A little taste of India could be found at Bishopstone School in January and helped to help warm us through one of the colder weeks of winter.

The week started with a series of Indian art activities across the school. Having been introduced to the patterns, colours and style of Indian art the children tried their hands at making beautiful felt elephants which were decorated in colourful braids, sequins and beads.

Next they learnt about Indian block printing. After some designing, learning how to produce their own blocks for printing and practising how to print they each printed a design on their own calico bags. I have to say the bags looked very professional when they had finished with them. I should have asked them to make one for me! There was also the opportunity to make sparkling, jewelled picture frames in which they put a cut out of their own hand decorated with the 'henna' coloured mehndi patterns that are used to decorate ladies' hands for

Indian festivals and ceremonies.

On the third day of arts week we immersed ourselves in Indian music, listening to Indian music and learning some of the songs that children sing at school in India. We were lucky to have a parent who lent us a number of beautiful Indian musical instruments. The children were fascinated by these and loved the sitar that was decorated to look like a peacock. We did manage to get some notes out of the sitar and listen to its unique *buzzy* sound. When the fourth day of arts week came the school was filled with the wonderful aromas of Indian herbs and spices as the children found out about the delicious ingredients used in Indian dishes. Then it was all hands on deck to produce an Indian feast that we could share at the end of the day. The junior children cried their way through slicing onions to make enough onion bhajis for the whole school! They also made a cooling batch of mango lassi. A delicious drink containing yogurt, mango and cardamom. In the infant class they made a lovely cucumber raita dip to accompany the chapatis they had made. Everybody enjoyed being able to have a taste of all the food and agreed that it was worth the onion tears and effort.

Sadly on Friday the snow fell heavily and the final event had to be cancelled. We had hoped to round off the week with Bollywood Indian dance workshops culminating in a performance for our parents but the specialist dance teacher was unable to make it. Nevertheless, we still had a fantastic arts week and learnt a great deal about the *Arts of India*.

Sue Walton



CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN MARCH

Saturday	2nd March	3.30pm	Wedding	Hinton Parva
Sunday	3rd March	10.30am	Family Communion	Bishopstone
	Third Sunday of Lent	6.00pm	Evensong	Wanborough
Sunday	10th March	8.30am	Holy Communion	Bishopstone
	Mothering Sunday	10.30am	Family Communion	Lyddington
Sunday	17th March	10.30am	Family Communion	Wanborough
	5 th Sunday of Lent - Passiontide begins	6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
Palm Sunday	24th March	8.30am	Holy Communion	Lyddington
		10.30am	Holy Communion	Hinton Parva
Maundy Thursday	28th March	6.30pm	Fellowship Supper	Hinton Hall
Good Friday	29th March	2.00pm	Walk with the Cross	Bishopstone
Easter Eve Saturday	30th March	7.00pm	Service of Light	Hinton Parva
			Easter Vigil	
Sunday	31st March	10.30am	Family Communion	Wanborough
	Easter Day	4.00pm	Easter Service followed by tea & cakes	Lyddington
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
Sunday	6th April	10.30am	Family Communion	Bishopstone
	2 nd Sunday of Easter	6.00pm	Evensong	Wanborough

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

I am writing this on the day before St Valentine's day, which is also our wedding anniversary – and it's freezing cold. But, as in other years, the spring bulbs are poking their heads out of the warm earth getting ready to share their colour and beauty with us in due course. Perhaps when they are out it really will feel as though Easter is around the corner, for it is early this year – Sunday 31st March.

In many ways Easter has been with us since the week after Christmas. That is when I went into a supermarket to find Christmas decorations and treats reduced by 75% on one side of the aisle and Easter Eggs on display on the other!

Add to that the fact that Hot Cross Buns are on sale all year round it is not surprising that Easter and its meaning can so easily get lost. So often Easter conjures up pictures of chocolate Easter eggs and bunnies, fluffy lambs, tiny chicks and Easter bonnets. And, yes, there is symbolism to be found in all of those, but how often do we take the time to reflect on the true meaning of Easter – the event that lies right at the heart

of the Christian faith?

Without Easter the Church would not have come into being. Jesus Christ was beaten, given a crown of thorn to wear and crucified on the cross. Events we remember during Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday and progressing through Maundy Thursday to Good Friday. Without the somber events of Holy Week there would not have been an Easter to celebrate. The good news for all of us is that Jesus rose from the dead, triumphing over death and opening the way to eternal life in God's heavenly kingdom. What wonderful, astounding and awe-inspiring news.

Let us all take time to reflect on the new life of Easter so that we may enter more fully into the joy of Easter. When we look at the newborn chicks and lambs and even chocolate bunnies we can give thanks for the new life and hope they represent. And when we open our Easter eggs let us remember that we cannot eat them until they are broken – reminding us of Jesus breaking out of the tomb, risen from the dead.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A very Happy Easter to you all.

Sandy

Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 1st March

7.00pm

Church of The Holy Family
Marlowe Avenue, Swindon

All (including gentlemen) are very welcome to join this worldwide service, compiled this year by the Christian Women of France, and are invited to stay afterwards for light refreshments. For further details contact Angela Manner 536 193.

Open Benefice Meeting Tuesday 5th March

7.30 - 9.30 pm

Hinton Parva Village Hall

An open meeting of the Council for the United Benefice of Lyddington and Wanborough, and Bishopstone with Hinton Parva.

On the agenda, amongst other items, will be the progress made with filling the vacancy for a vicar in our benefice, what the East Swindon Cluster of Churches are doing, and service arrangements for this year (from Easter). Everyone very welcome to attend

**Bishopstone with Hinton Parva
Annual General Meeting**
St Swithun's Church, Hinton
Tuesday 16th April - 7.30pm

Come and join us at our special Easter Services

Maundy Thursday - 28th March

An informal fellowship supper in Hinton Village Hall starting at **6.30pm**, when we remember the Last Supper that Jesus held with his friends on the night of his death. Bread, cheese and fruit, and sharing the bread and wine as Jesus did at his last meal. All welcome.

Good Friday - 29th March

A procession with the cross up onto the downs at Bishopstone, starting after a very short service at St Mary's Church at **2.00pm**

Easter Eve - 30th March

The service of Light in St Swithun's Church at Hinton Parva starts at **7.00pm**. The service symbolises the Resurrection of Christ.

Easter Sunday - 31st March

10.30am - Family Communion, St. Andrew's Church, Wanborough, to celebrate this special day in the church year, followed by a children's Easter egg hunt.

4.00pm - Easter Service, Lyddington followed by tea & cakes .

6.00pm - Evensong, Hinton Parva

Lent Lunches

Throughout lent, lunches will be held every **Tuesday**, from 12.30pm, at the addresses listed below. Everybody is welcome to any of the lunches and we hope that you can attend at least one venue. The cost is £5 per person, with all proceeds to local charities.

5th March - Monica Dale, Fairvale House, Ham road, Liddington

12th March - Jane Manktelow, Spindlewood, Mount Pleasant, Bishopstone

19th March - Jackie Midwinter, Marsh Poultry Farm, The Marsh, Lower Wanborough

28th March - Joan Carron, The Gables, High Street, Lower Wanborough

For any queries please contact Joan Carron 01793 790 294

St. Mary's Spring Clean and General Tidy Up

Saturday 23rd March 10.00am - 12 noon

Please come and help look after Bishopstone's beautiful old Church in time for Easter - the more people the merrier and even if you can only spare a short time your help would be very much appreciated - coffee and biscuits will be available at 11.00 am.

Queries: Doug Stevens 791 107 or Joanna Jenkins 790 545

Cleaning Rota St. Mary's Church, Bishopstone

March	John & Ros Boot
April	Fran Siston & Frances Shone
May	Caroline Brandi & Jill White
June	Chris Thomas & Gill May
July	Maggie Gill & Jane Golding
August	Liz Warrick & Jane Manktelow
September	Joanna Jenkins & Sarah Bally
October	Joan Morris & Jill Rankin
November	Jill King & Doris Brown
December	Ray & Mary Darling

If these dates don't suit you, please could you arrange to swap with somebody. We always welcome more volunteers and if you would like to help (it doesn't take long and it's a rewarding and satisfying task), please contact Joanna Jenkins on 790 545. Thank you.

Wanted, a Treasurer

for St Andrew's, Can you help us?

Sadly our current Treasurer Mr Rob Beale, who has helped us for several years, has to resign due to work commitments. If anyone feels they are able to volunteer to replace him it would be greatly appreciated.

For further details please call:

Linda Simpson 790 023
or Angela Manners 536 193

If You Need to Get in Touch with the Church....

With the Vicar's retirement, he won't be at The Vicarage to be contacted with enquiries.

But church life will continue as normally as possible.

If you have an enquiry, please contact one of the following:

For **St. Swithun's, Hinton – the Churchwarden**, Toby Ford
Home Farm, Hinton Parva SN4 0DH
01793 790 264

For **St. Mary's, Bishopstone – the Churchwarden**, Doug Stevens
Church View, Bishopstone
01793 791 107
doug1996@btinternet.com

For enquiries about **Weddings or Baptisms –**
Marguerite Seaward (Secretary)
01793 791 242
colinspeedway@aol.com

The Child Protection Officer
Jill White 01793 791 102
PCC Representative School Governor at Bishopstone School
Gill Rankin 01793 791 061

List of Other PCC Members

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Mr Paul Bailey (Treasurer)	paulbailey@dial.pipex.com 01793 790 103
Joy Ball	01793 790 293
Liz Warrick	01793 790 865
Tom Cripwell	01783 791 148
Hilary Newton	01793 791 086
John Lowry	01793 790 271 john1000000@live.com

Bishopstone Village Hall - March

All bookings for the village hall will be taken through Bishopstone CE Primary School. If you would like to make a booking please contact Sue Tremlin on **01793 790 521** or visit the village hall website **villagehall.co.nr** to send us an email. You can still contact us outside school hours and leave a message on the answerphone. We will get back to you quickly. If you ring the number during any school holidays there will be a message giving an alternative number to contact. We look forward to getting 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.

Monday	4 th	School	1.00 - 3.00pm	
Tuesday	5 th	Ballet	3.45 - 7.00pm	Tae Quon Do 7.00 - 8.00pm
Wednesday	6 th	School	1.00 - 3.00pm	School Club 3.20 - 4.15pm
Thursday	7 th	Mothers & Toddlers	9.30 - 11.00am	L Pollock 7.00 - 9.00pm
Tuesday	12 th	Ballet	3.45 - 7.00pm	Tae Quon Do 7.00 - 8.00pm
Saturday	9 th	Quality Seconds Sale	10.00 - 12 noon	
Thursday	14 th	Mothers & Toddlers	9.30 - 11.00am	
Saturday	16 th	Private party	2.00 - .5.00pm	
Monday	18 th	School	1.00 - 3.00pm	L Pollock 7.00 - 9.00pm
Tuesday	19 th	Ballet	3.45 - 7.00pm	Tae Quon Do 7.00 - 8.00pm
Wednesday	20 th	School	1.00 - 3.00pm	School Club 3.20 - 4.15pm
Thursday	21 st	Mothers & Toddlers	9.30 - 11.00am	
Thursday	28 th	Mothers & Toddlers	9.30 - 11.00am	

Bishopstone Quiz Night

Bishopstone Village Hall
Saturday 20th April - 7.30pm

Two course supper

Be surprised by the quiz that goes beyond general knowledge.

Teams will consist of a maximum of 6 people and you may register as a team or come along and join in on the night. Bring your own drinks. Prizes awarded to the winners and the runners-up.

Tickets- £10.00

Contact Barry Burnstead:

791 022 or bburnstead@gmail.com

Proceeds to our Churches and the Link Transportation.

Hinton Parva Village Hall

Bookings - March

Bridge	Friday	1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd & 29 th	7.30pm
Church Council	Tuesday	5 th	7.30pm
Card Making Club	Wednesday	6 th	7.30pm
Morning Coffee	Friday	22 nd	10.00am - noon
Maundy Church Council	Thursday	28 th	6.00pm

Private Parties, Meetings etc welcome. Catering may be available. Free Parking

For bookings: Please telephone 791 171

£6.00 per hour for residents of Bishopstone & Hinton Parva £8.00 per hour for those living outside the parish

Coffee, Cake & Sunflower Morning

Friday 22nd March

10.00 - noon

Hinton Parva Village Hall

Come and enjoy a lovely cup of coffee and homemade cake all for £2 (children free)
Collect a sunflower seed for a competition to be held at the summer flower show



*Everyone
Welcome*

QUALITY 2ND'S SALE

Bishopstone Village Hall

Saturday 9th March
10am - Midday

WANTED

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Clothing ◆ Bedding/sheets/curtains
(no quilts/pillows) ◆ Handbags/belts/shoes
(paired) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Bric-a-brac ◆ Children's toys/soft toys ◆ Books/DVDs/CDs |
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*All reasonable condition please
No electrical items*

If possible deliver items to Village Hall on Friday 8th March from 9am

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Snakes' Tales



Saturday afternoon in late summer, our well-earned break was interrupted by the phone as usual. I picked it up and hear the voice on the other end. *Hello this is the RSPCA, is it possible for you to do a call in Cirencester to deal with a snake? The house holder tells me they are in a process of clearing a rockery in their garden when they found a black and white snake lying between two large stones and could I get there as quickly as they are all afraid of snakes.*

I arrive to find a group of about twenty people excitedly telling me to hurry before the snake crawls away. *Don't you think it strange?" I said, "That with all the noise you are making that is hasn't already crawled away. They stood well back while I slowly and carefully approached the two large stones. I could see the black and white snake about thirteen or fourteen inches long making no movement, so I bent down and took a good close look and touched its tail, it was then that I realised what sort of snake it was. I quickly reached down and grasped it by the back of the head, turned round and held it out to crowd, making them all jump back.*

What sort of snake is it? they asked. Keeping a serious expression I replied, It's what is know as a

plastic snake. It went very quite for about five seconds then they all burst out laughing and crowed forward for a closer look at the plastic toy.

The person from the RSPCA felt embarrassed but they had in fact acted sensibly and correctly.

Another call we received about a snake was the complete opposite.

A gentleman phoned to ask for some advice. *What would you do about an adder sitting outside a patio door waiting to attack the cat?* After I realised that he was serious I told him a snake wouldn't do that and if there was a snake, to leave it alone and it would go away How did he know it was an adder? *Because I am 60 years old and have lived and worked in the country all my life and I know the difference between a grass snake and an adder,* he replied. He said it had an olive green body with brown and yellow around the head. I stopped him there as he had just described a grass snake. After a long silence he said, *now I am really embarrassed, because I have just killed grass snake.* He should have been absolutely ashamed of himself, there is no reason at all to kill a grass snake or an adder, plus they are fully protected and could get a hefty fine if reported.

There are dozen calls each year regarding snakes. The problem is that most people cannot identify different varieties. So, if uncertain ring the

Rescue Centre and let them come and deal with it. Please, please

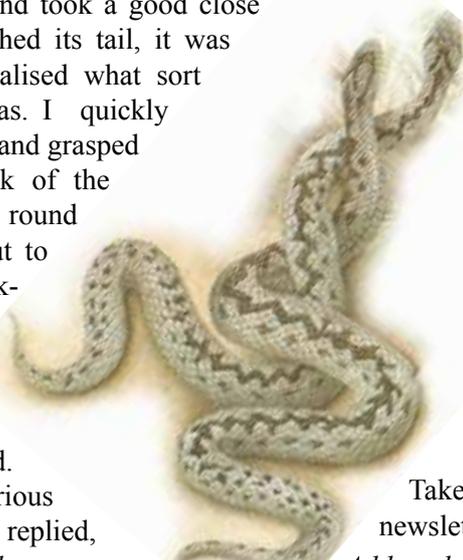
be more like the people in the first story and not like the man in the second. There

is no legitimate reason for killing a snake and also remember they are protected so it is an offence to kill one.

Paul Richardson

Taken from Oak & Furrows newsletter.

Adders left, grass snake top left



The Oak and Furrows Wildlife Rescue, Somerford Keynes is always short of the obvious - money (it is a recognised charity) but also things you might not have thought of - Towels, Sheets, Pillowcases, Tea Towels, Flannels, Blankets, Fleeces, Duvet Covers, Kitchen Roll, Washing Powder, Washing Up Liquid, Newspaper, Hay, Straw, Cat/Dog Food, Wild Birdseed, Fat Balls, Rabbit Food, Peanuts, Poultry Corn, Chick Crumb and Stamps.

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Bishopstone 100 club

December Winners

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|-----------------|----|------------------|
| 1 st | 26 | Laurie Manktelow |
| 2 nd | 49 | Doris Brown |
| 3 rd | 50 | Gwen Parker |

The club is to support Bishopstone Village Hall and you have a chance to win £20, £10 or £5 each month.

Remember that some people have **not yet paid their subs** for 2013. Please be nice and helpful and cough up!

Contact: Jo Selbourne 790 485

Mobile Library

Wednesday 13th & 27th March

Bishopstone 10.00 - 10.55am

Hinton Church 11.00am

West Hinton Farm 11.20am

The Mobile Library will next be in the villages on the above dates. Wide range of books available, including large print and children's.

Coffee Morning

Whilst the mobile library is outside Bishopstone Village Hall a coffee morning is held in the Hall.

Contact: Doreen Cooper 792 965

THE HARROW INN at Wanborough

Along with 3 wood burning fires, which on cold days are regularly topped up and give a nice warm welcome, there is a friendly relaxed atmosphere. Whether you choose to eat in the bar or the restaurant, there is something for everybody's taste. All our food is sourced locally where possible and everything is cooked fresh on the premises (even our delicious puddings)

9.00am - 11.00pm Monday to Thursday

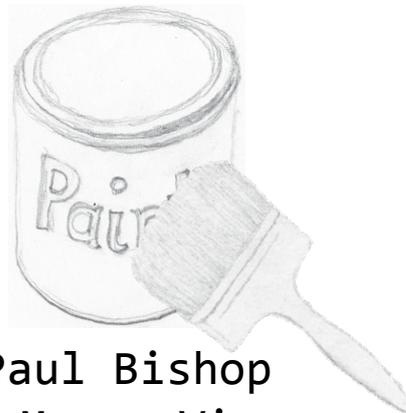
9.00am - Midnight Friday and Saturday

10.00am - 10.30pm Sunday



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The Basket Makers of Bishopstone

According to the census, willow weaving was quite an industry in the village during the 19th century, perhaps they made baskets to transport the famous Bishopstone watercress, certainly there is certainly a lot of willow around to weave.

Sadly, neither the weaving nor the watercress are big business here any more, but apparently it's in the blood as a bunch of people signed up when the Gardening club organised the first willow weaving session last February. Good grief, was it a year ago. doesn't time fly? Lovely Ruth Parsons, who usually works in forestry came and showed us how to make those wovven wigwams, so useful to support runner beans or sweet peas



- not as easy as it looks, I needed lots of help to subugate my willow. We all agreed that it was lots of fun and, I think, justly proud of our efforts, therefore, it didn't take much effort to tempt us back at

the beginning of December to construct Christmas willow wreaths. I was so inspired that I make a couple for Christmas presents.

Last month it was the big challenge - making a basket. To complete the weaving is a patten called waling, accompanied on my part by gnashing of teeth, but I've got the bug, please please can we have another workshop soon?

Mogs Boon (member of baskets anonymous)

Left: Ruth explains a tricky manover. Above right: Making it look easy.



Bishopstone Gardening club Resuming in March

With a whiff of spring in the air - the snowdrops out and daffodils just starting to push through - its time to dust off the garden fork and start thinking about the gardening year ahead. What better way to get you in the mood than to join us on Wednesday 13th March at 7.30pm in Bishopstone Village Hall to hear Chris Smith (a popular speaker last year) on Heritage Flowers and Vegetables. Chris will be kicking off a packed agenda of talks, demonstrations and visits over the year to include Herbs for Health, Pelargoniums, Roses, Containers and Hanging Baskets and much more.

Subscriptions will be due in March for those of you who want to take advantage of annual £5.00 membership, but everyone is welcome and for £2.00 you can come as a visitor to any event that appeals to you . The full programme is on the village website and you'll always find details of our next month's event in this newsletter.

We'll be holding our popular Plant Sale on 18th May so please, when you're splitting and re-potting, taking cuttings and planting seeds, please think of the Garden Club, do a few extra and donate them - this is one of our main fundraisers for the year and helps us keep the club going. And of course put the date in your diary to come buy lots of lovely plants.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Gardening Club schedule of events please email us on: gardensoc@hotmail.co.uk.or call Chris 790 106

Bishopstone Allotment Gardens

The subs for this year are now due. Please put your money in an envelope with your name on, in the usual place so that I can tick my list. All plots are fully occupied at the moment.

Let's hope that we all have a successful growing year.

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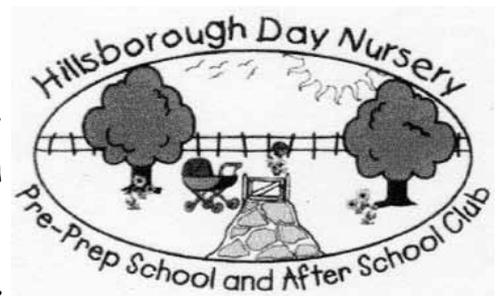
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The Royal Oak Diary



It appears that Tim Finney has had the temerity to go off on his holidays forgetting about writing diaries and deadlines and so forth. Therefore, all I can do is to reiterate dates from the February newsletter:

20th March - Jody Scheckter sings for his supper after The Royal Oak track day at Castle Coombe that same day (not sure if there are any spaces left).

21st April - Classic Car Day

2nd June - Pig Racing

If you want to communicate your huge distress at not being able to read about the latest on the Bishopstone Bottle Dumper, or even to book a table, when I last checked The Royal Oak is still in Cues Lane, Bishopstone, telephone number 01793 790 481.

Editor

Mad March Hare Just Days to Go



We are just a short time away from this year's Mad March Hare taking place on Sunday 24th March from Lydiard Academy. It is a great way to say goodbye to the winter woollies and celebrate the arrival of spring by getting on those trainers. As with previous years, we welcome walkers and runners of all ages and abilities, people in fancy dress, families and dog walkers to this event.

The success of the Mad March Hare is dependent on the support of those taking part but also many volunteers. Contact us at info@madmarchhare.org.uk if you would like to volunteer either as a member of the organising team or on the day, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

New for 2013 – for just £1 children taking part in the event will be able to follow the fun trail along the 5km route to win a yummy Easter Egg.

To raise funds to run our event we are holding a Quiz Night on the 7th March at the County Ground and a Pamper day on the 9th March at Drove People's Centre so do come along and give us your support.

If you would like to know more about the Mad March Hare, our fundraising events, to volunteer or register to take part please log on to:

www.madmarchhare.org.uk

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Sally Hatherall

It was with great sadness that the community heard of the death of Sally Hatherall, for she had contributed so much to the life of the two villages. She was born in Bishopstone and married Charlie in 1940. Their children made family life complete. While the children were young Sally cleaned at the True Heart as well as being the dinner lady at the school.

Sally was one of the founder members of the W.I. in Bishopstone & Hinton Parva. She organised skittles, bingo, whist drives and much more, including football and dressing everyone up for the carnival floats.

Her happy-go-lucky nature made her one of those people who *could keep calm & carry on* and do it with a smile. She was always ready to help anybody in trouble.

Many people have benefitted from her great love and care, and her commitment and loyalty to our community. Let us give thanks for that and pray that she may rest in peace.

Royal British Legion Poppy Day

Grateful thanks to all collectors in the villages.

Bishopstone collected £148.29 and Hinton parva £126.17. A grand total of all the villages and boxes was £2,547.20 - a very good effort, thank you everybody.

Beryl Bell


Bishopstone with Hinton Parva WI

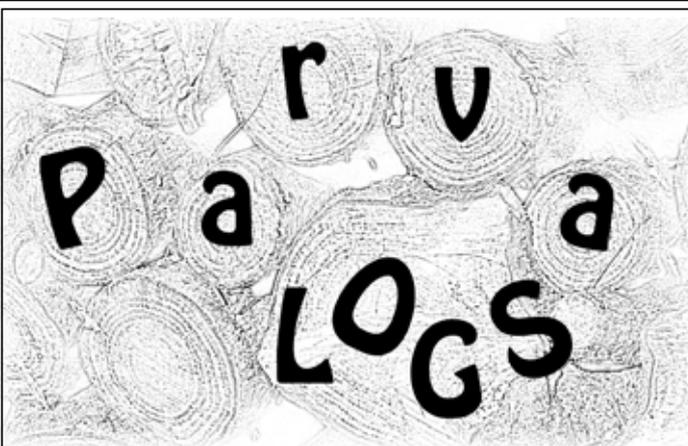
will hold its

ANNUAL MEETING

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EASTER

March this year brings Easter and for us, a trip to Australia. I don't refer to Australia as home so I guess there is some truth in the old saying. Right now, home is a lovely house in Hinton Parva, with its beautiful views over the fields from the kitchen window. We feel incredibly lucky to be living an idyllic life in a UK village that is perceived by many of our Aussie friends as *living the dream*. We both love the quiet rural life in the village, the views of rolling green fields, the hedgerows and quaint narrow lanes. We enjoy having pubs close by and meeting many wonderful and welcoming inhabitants. It will be good fun to visit Australia to catch up with family and friends despite the long plane flight but we will be pleased to come back to the UK.



The recipe I am including this month comes from my days teaching Home Economics in Melbourne. It was always a lovely time preparing foods to celebrate Easter. Making the traditional foods of Easter eggs, home-made chocolates and Hot Cross Buns was the much anticipated domain of older students. Younger ones would make chocolate noodle nests filled with Easter Eggs and my personal favourite a Greek Biscuit called Kourabiethes. Melbourne is such a multicultural city and I was lucky enough to have many parents from a range of backgrounds come in to share recipes and cook with my classes. I was introduced to this recipe when one of my students with a Greek background organised for his mother and Grandmother (Yaya) to come and cook with his class. Although they are not the traditional Greek Easter Biscuits they assured us that they would be served at Greek celebrations including Christmas and Easter.

KOURABIETHES

250 gm butter, softened; 150 gm icing sugar; 2 teaspoons vanilla extract; 1 teaspoon lemon zest; 1 egg (room temp); 375 gm plain flour; 1 teaspoon baking powder; 50 gm almond meal; Extra 225 gm icing sugar

1. Beat butter, icing sugar, vanilla and zest until pale and creamy. Add egg and beat until well combined. Add sifted flour & baking powder then almond meal. Stir until dough comes together
2. Roll 1 tablespoon of dough out into 8cm-long sausage shapes. Bend to form crescent shapes. Place on lined baking trays, allowing room for spreading. Bake at 160°C for 20 minutes or until light golden. Stand for 5 minutes on trays until firm.
3. Place extra icing sugar in a bowl. Coat warm biscuits, 1 at a time, in sugar. Place on a wire rack to cool. Sift any remaining icing sugar over biscuits when cool.

Hope you all enjoy a special time over Easter. Regards, *Helen Evans* (aussiehelen59@gmail.com)

And Finally.....

Village Website

Many, many thanks to Millie Green, who redesigned the newsletter website and has been managing it for the last three years. Sadly, she is no longer able to continue. The entire village website has been completely overhauled by Andy Greenhalgh, who is kindly managing the newsletter website part also until we have our own manager, hopefully by next month. Whilst I'm in a thanking mood I must thank everybody who sends articles to me on such diverse subjects. I was so taken with the piece about hedgehogs send to me by Chris Thomas for the February issue that I want to adopt a young hedgehog myself.

Also most people have got the hang of sending me their items all through the month, instead of hanging on to them until the deadline
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ADVERTISING

The advertising part of the newsletter, which of course, helps to fund the enterprise, is organised by Angie Alcock. For business advertising rates please contact her: email angiealcock@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 07976 645 229.

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As to advertising on the village website email: agreenha@gmail.com

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