

# Village News

for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva

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May 2013

## Country Garden Fête

The Old Vicarage, Bishopstone

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 12 noon - 4.00pm

From archaeology to oyster bar this is a fête not to be missed

Golly, isn't the year going quickly? The fête is almost upon us, but you can still offer help or be a sponsor.

It seems that opening at noon is a winning formula so you can start with a lunch of burgers and a beer or a nice cup of tea. Having fortified the inner person, it's time to wander around the stalls. Hurry to the produce stall to buy something yummy for tea, they sell out very quickly. What priceless antiques can be found amongst the white elephants? Buy something for the children or treat yourself to a hat or something for the garden.

Entertainment to the music of the Cheesehouse Band. Lorna Ford is organising the dog show while the editor is gathering her *time team*, with the intention of digging up history in Joanna's field - anybody want to be an archaeologist for a day? Also there will be a tug of war challenge for anybody who wants to have a go, as well as pony rides, a bouncy castle, ballet and children's games - enjoy.

Contact Conta Criswell 790 507 [contacriswell@hotmail.com](mailto:contacriswell@hotmail.com)

### Raffle

Once again the raffle is being organised by Emma Cripwell, 791 148. The tickets are only a £1.00 each. The prizes so far:

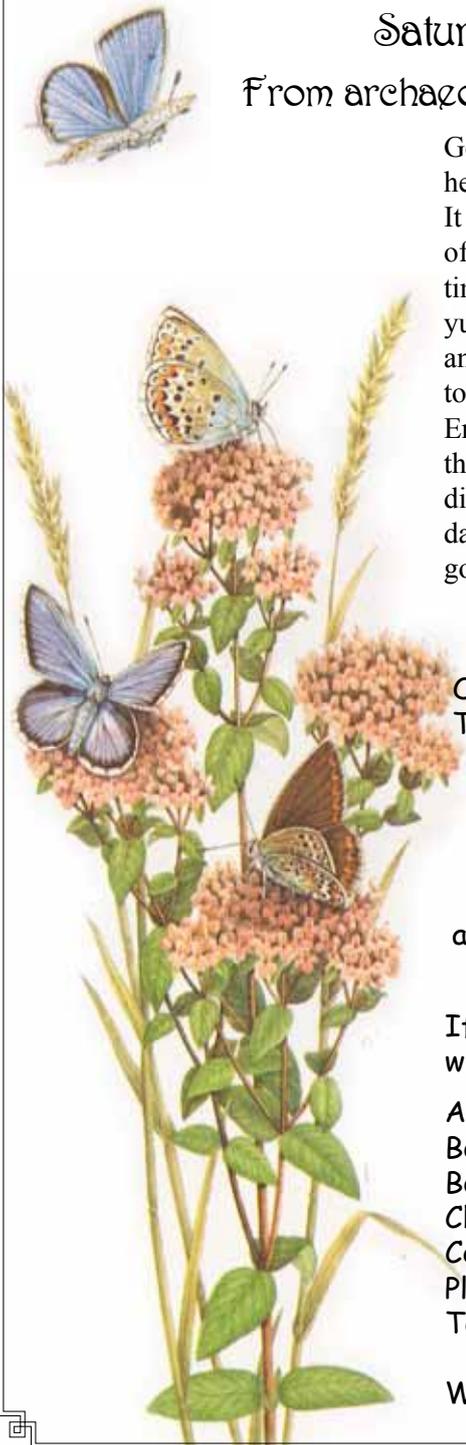
- A voucher for lunch at the Royal Oak,
- A Boden voucher to the value of £50
- A William Hill voucher to the value of £60
- A voucher for The Treatment Rooms
- A pack of Bees Organic Beer.....

and more to come!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### Stall Holders

If you have anything to contribute to the stalls please get in touch with the people listed below

Accessories	Christa & Tilly Cripwell 791 148
Books	Karyn Greenhalgh 791 469
Bottles	Can we have a volunteer please?
Children's Nearly New	Gill White 791 102 & Rachel Blunt 790 248
Country Larder	Shirley Crapper 791 171
Plants	Doreen Cooper 792 965
Toys	Yuett Dickinson 791 051 & Karen Walker 790 363
White Elephant	Lesley Coates 790 520 & Joanna Jenkins 790 545



### CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN MAY

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	12 noon	Marriage	Wanborough
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.30am	Family Communion	Bishopstone
	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	6.00pm	Evensong	Wanborough
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30pm	Short Service followed by Benefice Open Meeting	Wanborough
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Bishopstone
	After Ascension Day	10.30am	Family Communion	Lyddington
		12.30pm	Baptism	Wanborough
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.30am	Family Communion	Wanborough
	Pentecost	6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	12 noon	Marriage	Wanborough
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Lyddington
	Trinity Sunday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Hinton Parva
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	10.30am	Family Communion	Bishopstone
	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity	6.00pm	Evensong	Wanborough

## The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter the calendar is telling me that springtime has begun, but there appears to be little sign of it in the weather. I hope by the time that you read it we will truly have some more pleasant weather after a harsh winter.

May brings us Rogation-tide which takes place in the springtime, and there is a renewing of the earth. In this country, it follows Easter, the season of resurrection. Renewal and resurrection, therefore, are also underlying themes of this occasion. Rogation Sunday falls on the first Sunday of May this year and was so called because of the words in the Prayer Book gospel for the day. *Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you.* The Latin is *Rogare* which means *to ask*. In the strict biblical context, the chief thing to ask for is the spirit of God to enable us to be true children of God. By the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the old Roman festival of *Terminalia* or *boundaries* had been adapted by the church and served a practical purpose. In the days before Ordinance Survey maps, there were not always clear lines of demarcation between the parishes, especially where there were open field systems. During the procession through the parish, boys were bumped on prominent marks and

boundary stones, or rolled in briars and ditches, or thrown into ponds to ensure they would never forget the boundaries. The Victorians made it more civilised by beating objects rather than people, in the context of a service and procession.

In the Western Church, processions to bless the growing crops and to include *beating the bounds* developed from the old Roman rites of Robigalia (*robigo* Latin for *rust* or *mould*) when prayers would be offered to God for crops to be spared from mildew.

These Rogation themes of blessing the fields and beating the bounds were commended in the 1630 by the poet George Herbert, an English country parson. He said that processions should be encouraged for four reasons:

1. A Blessing of God for the fruits of the field.
2. Justice in the preservation of bounds.
3. Charity in loving and reconciling differences at the time if there be any.
4. Relieving the poor and bringing gifts.

In a parish not too far away the very slender vicar used to ride around the parish on a huge, fat horse. A parishioner asked, *Why is the horse so fat and you're so skinny?* The vicar replied, *I feed the horse and the parishioners feed me!*

Today the emphasis has shifted. A blessing of growing crops in fields

and gardens, and on young lambs and calves remain. In the agricultural cycle the main themes are seed sowing and tending young plants and animals. This does not pre-suppose that all sowing takes place around Rogation. Sowing is done all year round, as is the birth and rearing of the young, but it is convenient to fix on one particular festival as the time to remember these before God in a public way. This festival is quickly followed by Ascension Day on the 9<sup>th</sup> May when we remember the day that Jesus ascended to His Father in heaven. And then on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter we come to the Day of Pentecost, or Whit Sunday as many of us prefer. The original name of this Sunday was *White-robe Sunday*, when the children were brought to church wearing a white robe to be *Christened*. This is the day that something happened to all the apostles and followers of Jesus as they gathered in one place. They described it as being like *tongues of fire descending on each one* and they began to speak with one another in many different languages. They were then sent to all the parts of the known world and were able to tell all the people in their own language about the *wonderful works of God*. Whit Sunday is, therefore, *the Birthday of the Christian Church*.

And lastly we come to Trinity Sunday on the 26<sup>th</sup> May in honour of the most fundamental of the Christian be-

lief in the Holy Trinity. We can never fully understand the mystery of the Trinity, but we can sum it up in the following formula: God is three Persons in one Nature. The three Persons of God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - are all equally God, and, They cannot be divided. Now do you understand?

*John Godfrey*

## What is happening about our new Vicar?

### An Update as at 19<sup>th</sup> March

We want to keep you in the picture regarding the advertisement process for a new Vicar (Priest-in-Charge) for the Benefice.

The parish representatives met, on Tuesday evening 19<sup>th</sup> March, with the Bishop of Swindon, the Area Dean, and a Cluster representative, for what was intended to be a short-listing meeting. Sadly, there were no applicants for the position, so we used the meeting to reflect on possible reasons, and to seek a way forward.

We received some feedback from potential applicants which indicate that the role description needs to be reviewed. There were also some ques-

tions raised around how well it is perceived that we all work together at this stage.

At the meeting, the Area Dean agreed to go back and discuss these points with the Deanery Leadership Team and to bring something back to be considered by the PCCs (Parochial Church Councils) as soon as possible. In the meantime the Bishop thought there was sufficient clarity around the post and person needed to enable him to identify and approach suitable candidates.

We understand that there are some people who feel that we have not communicated as best we could. We apologise for any failure in this and we will endeavour to improve communication in the future.

Please continue to pray for our Benefice, as we move forward together, and pray for all those involved in the vacancy process and carrying extra responsibilities at this time.

*On behalf of the Benefice*

**Benefice Open Meeting**  
7.30 pm Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>  
St Andrew's Wanborough.  
All welcome

### *From the Benefice Register*

#### Baptism

**St. Andrew's Wanborough** 21<sup>st</sup> April Evelyn Jean Sirett

#### Weddings

**All Saints' Liddington** 6<sup>th</sup> April Ian Workman & Philippa Niece

**St. Andrew's Wanborough** 13<sup>th</sup> April Adam Kebble & Siobhan Evans

#### Funeral

**St. Andrew's Wanborough** 10<sup>th</sup> April Robert Kenneth Stanley aged 89

**St. Swithun's Hinton Parva** 26<sup>th</sup> April Rita May Hetherington aged 92

#### Cleaning Rota

#### St. Mary's Church, Bishopstone

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.

## Lent Lunches

I would like to thank everyone in the villages of Bishopstone, Hinton Parva, Liddington and Wanborough who supported the Lent lunches. A total sum of £455 was raised, of which £110 went to Guide Dogs for the Blind, and £345 to the Food Bank. I would also like to thank the hostesses very much indeed.

*Joan Carron*

## 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  
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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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Tom Cripwell 01783 791 148  
Hilary Newton 01793 791 086  
John Lowry 01793 790 271  
john1000000@live.com

## *Bishopstone Village Hall - May*

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.

Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	School	1.00 - 3.00pm			
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mothers & Toddlers	9.30 - 11.00am			
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	School	1.00 - 4.00pm	Ballet	4.00 - 7.00pm	Tae Quon Do 7.00 - 8.00pm
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	School	1.00 - 3.00pm			Gardening Society 7.30pm
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers & Toddlers	9.30 - 11.00am			
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	School	1.00 - 4.00pm	Ballet	4.00 - 7.00pm	Tae Quon Do 7.00 - 8.00pm
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	School	1.00 - 3.00pm			
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers & Toddlers	9.30 - 11.00am			
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Plant Sale	10.00am			
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>		FOBS Car Treasure Hunt			
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	School	1.00 - 4.00pm	Ballet	4.00 - 7.00pm	Tae Quon Do 7.00 - 8.00pm
Wednesday	22 <sup>n</sup>	European Elections				
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mothers & Toddlers	9.30 - 11.00am			

### *Hinton Parva Village Hall Bookings - April*

Bridge	Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm
Card Making Club	Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm
Parish Council	Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm

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

### *Hinton Family Fun Day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May*

2.30pm Treasure Hunt (Suitable for ALL ages)

4.00pm BBQ & Refreshments to be served at the barn near Charlbury Stables

Tickets: £3 Children, £6 Adults, Family Ticket £15 (2 Adults + all your children)

Please contact:  
Howard: 791 171 or Kate 791 373

Meet at Barn 2.30pm  
Treasure Hunt will be taking place around the village - whatever the weather

*All Welcome*

### **Coffee, Cake and Sunflower Seeds**

A very successful Coffee, Cake and Sunflower Seed morning was enjoyed in the Village Hall. Lots of chatting, *classy* coffee and delicious homebaked cakes and biscuits.

Thanks to all those who were able to attend. We are hoping to run another informal event on a Saturday in the next few months.

The sunflower seeds were distributed along with an information sheet and there was definitely a competitive spirit in the air! Who is going to grow the tallest sunflower by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August in time for the Summer Flower & Produce Show? It was decided that the sunflowers can be grown in pots and brought to the hall

for measuring or you can have them measured in situ at your home if you want to plant them in your garden. What fun!

We have ordered more seeds and printed more *Growing Tips* sheets, so if you would like to be involved, email us with your name & house and we will organise to deliver or for you to collect.

Happy sunflower growing  
*The Hinton Parva Village Hall Committee.*

N.B. There is a caution on the information sheets about the possibility of seedlings disappearing overnight with rabbits and pigeons being the main cause..... but given how competitive some villagers were yester-

day morning you shouldn't discount .....the possibility of sabotage!!! A great morning enjoying coffee and cake in the Village Hall. Sunflower seeds have been collected and the competitive spirit in the village is alive and well ..... the challenge is on to grow the tallest sunflower by the Summer Flower (and produce) Show - 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Good luck!

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or

[mogsboon@hotmail.com](mailto:mogsboon@hotmail.com)  
telephone 790 626

## Latest News from Bishopstone School

The infant class have just finished a topic on Australia. They have learnt a lot about the culture of the aborigines, in particular their art and stories. They have completed activities that have helped them understand the geography, culture and animals of Australia. They also know how to say a hearty 'G'day'.

The juniors, on the other hand, have been studying India and have learnt more about the social, cultural and geographic aspects of that country. They now have a greater understanding of the different religions found in India and have learnt more about the problems of a developing country. We rounded off our topics with a visit to the 'Living Rainforest' near Reading. They have tropical greenhouses there with 700 species of plant and animals – a mini rainforest. All the children participated in a workshop. The FS and year 1 found out how edible the forest is. The years 2 and 3 discovered how animals and plants adapt to their environment in some amazing ways and the year 4, 5, 6 learnt a great deal about Rainforest medicines. I learnt how good dark chocolate is for you – any excuse! One of our favourite moments was watching the sloth being fed...very slowly!

We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite charac-

ters from books. Then we enjoyed a series of book related activities and shared some of our most loved books. On Red Nose Day it was a chance to dress down as children paid to come to school in non-school uniform and wear a red nose. While some teachers came to school in school uniform! The year 6 also presented an excellent assembly to the school to help the rest of the children understand the problems of poverty in Africa and where the money raised on Red Nose Day goes. They showed some video footage of life in Kenyan urban slums and demonstrated what it is like for 10 people to live together in a corrugated iron hut of just 12 feet square and explained they have to share one toilet with 500 people. It was a very strong and effective message for all of us who take much that we have for granted.

The children were busy singing their hearts out in March. A few of our very youngest 4-5year olds took part in a 'Pirates and Princesses' concert at 'The Platform' in Swindon. It was delightful.

The junior children once again participated in the Junior Music Festival at the Oasis on March 21<sup>st</sup>. They performed a selection of well known songs, such as *Football Crazy*, with a massed choir of children from schools all over Swindon. The most

exciting part of the evening was when one of our year 6 girls, Jessie Whitaker, learnt that she had won the competition for the best design for the programme cover. She was presented with a framed picture of her design and a £20.00 book token. She also won £100 to buy musical instruments for the school. Well done and thanks, Jessie.

Finally we finished last term with a traditional Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Bonnet parade and tea party in the village hall. It was cold, it was wet, but we still had a great time and the brightly coloured bonnets reminded us that Spring was probably just around the corner!



Sue Walton

### **Hinton Parva Card & Scrapbook Club - Apology**

I am so, so sorry, while the club is of the highest quality it does not cost £500.00, but it is a great bargain at **£5.00** so come and create handmade cards and use your photos to make treasured memories in the form of scrapbook pages. The materials, ideas and tea / coffee and cake are provided, you just need to bring your imagination. Everyone welcome.

**First Wednesday of the month  
7.30 - 9.30pm**

**Hinton Parva village hall**

See website or Village Hall bookings, page 4, for dates.

Mogs Boon

### **Mobile Library**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
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

## Coffee Morning

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am - noon

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## Bishopstone Gardening Club



plants that you could donate for the Plant Sale on 18<sup>th</sup> May.

We hope to be able to add information about the Garden Club on the new village website in due course, but in the meantime email us with any queries on:

**gardensoc@hotmail.co.uk**  
or call **Chris 790 106**

At the April meeting Eva Rogers gave a hands on talk entitled *Propagation – Seeds and Vegetative* – see photograph above. What an informative evening. She made it all sound so easy with the what, when and how. It's such a pity that so many of you missed it.

Don't forget that you can 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.

And please keep the Gardening Society in mind for any extra

### May Events

**Bishopstone Village Hall**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm**

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**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am**

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**Bishopstone 100 club**

**April Winners**

1<sup>st</sup> 97 Liz Warrick

2<sup>nd</sup> 17 Joan Morris

3<sup>rd</sup> 82 Kath Allison

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Contact: Jo Selbourne 790 485

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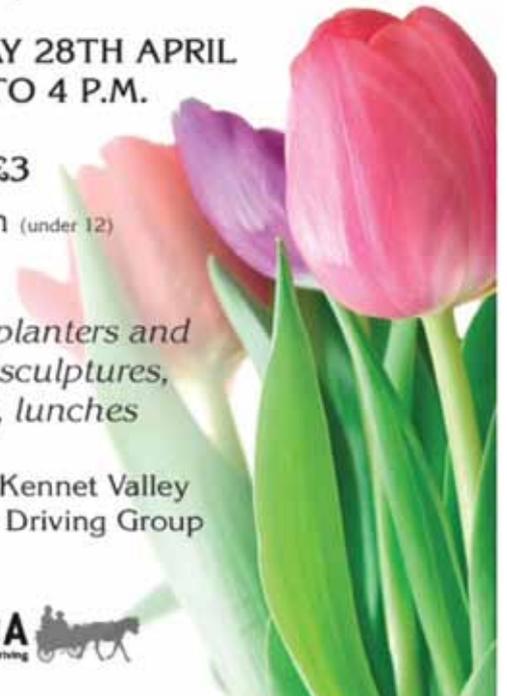
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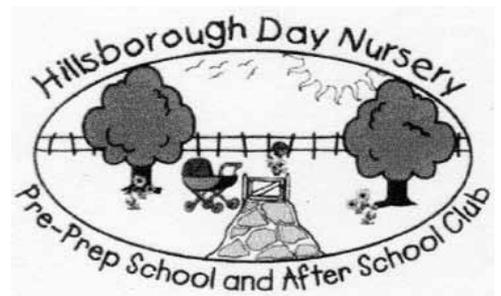
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## The Royal Oak Diary

I see the car park bottle man is now starting to take the p....Neatly delivered this morning, but going upmarket. Waitrose bags, no less. Much enjoyment now being derived from this saga, by all staff at least (and the occasional letter writer) who mock me constantly.

Ocado: I keep being held up by an Ocado van in the village. This is a good sign. Helen Browning's bacon and two types of sausage including the fantastic Hot Dog are sold through Ocado, so this is The Royal Oak offer—show us your Ocado receipt when you have bought some of HB's products and we'll give you 10% off your pub food bill. Please don't go digging around for your 2012 receipts or older. I will have to laugh.

**Bank Holiday Monday—May day**, when we can sing praise to Stalin and co, as I understand it, May 6<sup>th</sup>, and Kim Yung II—is planned to be a garden party at the pub: food outside, some music (altho The Cheesehouse Band are busy) in the garden, if the weather is OK. Come and join us.

Beyond that we have plans for our **Ashes cricket supper**, with BBC 5Live's Pat Murphy talking and taking questions, on **June 24<sup>th</sup>**, when they step off the plane having had too many Fosters beers. You must book for this, £40 including a great 4 course supper of Eastbrook beef and pork thingys.

**Pig Racing**—the glorious council has given us permission to close Cues lane on **June 2<sup>th</sup>**, just our end of it, to let our six sleepy pigs charge around to their hearts' content while you put money on the tote. And Bishopstone drama—after last year's BAFTA award winning show, the **BADS** new production starts rolling on **May 23<sup>rd</sup>**, with anyone interested asked to come to a reading/semi-audition. Farm offices, 7.00pm I think, for a production in November!

Regulars: **Pie Nights** always **Monday and Tuesday**, £10; world class burgers £10 those two days as well; great, well kept, rotating Arkells' beers—their organic bitter this month has been FANTASTIC; lovely front of house staff and their slightly waspish approach to life...

Job: we need someone who wants 10-12 hours per week, late afternoons/evening shift, Mondays and Tuesdays, washing up etc in the kitchen. Reasonable pay and a really great start (or finish) to anyone's career. Several people have gone on to be prime ministers and BBC news readers after starting as pot washers.

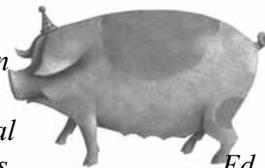
Ask me at

tim@helenbrowningorganics.co.uk,  
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Tim Finney

*Is Kim Yung II really helping plan that garden party, Finney?*

*But it's the Royal Oak, who knows.....Ed*



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## Bishopstone Amateur Dramatic Society Rides Again!

Well, the majority of the BADS players and crew met last week, and we plan to do another performance for you in the last week of November 2013. Play as yet undecided, likely to be a comedy or farce, even if not originally intended.

We are a fledgling Society, essentially starting from new after a six year break. Last year's performance was great fun and, although it was a lot of hard work, all of the cast and crew got a lot out of it, which is reflected in a near 100% return for this year's performance. From where we were, the audience on the whole enjoyed it too.

We are always on the look out for new *talent* and hard workers, which could be anything from a major/minor acting role to set design, costume, front-of-house, prompting (although beware my *I was acting!* outburst) etc. We'll select a play in the late spring with rehearsals starting around September time. Easiest is to pop into the *Oak* and have your name written down in the book, whilst buying the neighbour a pint...

Tom Green

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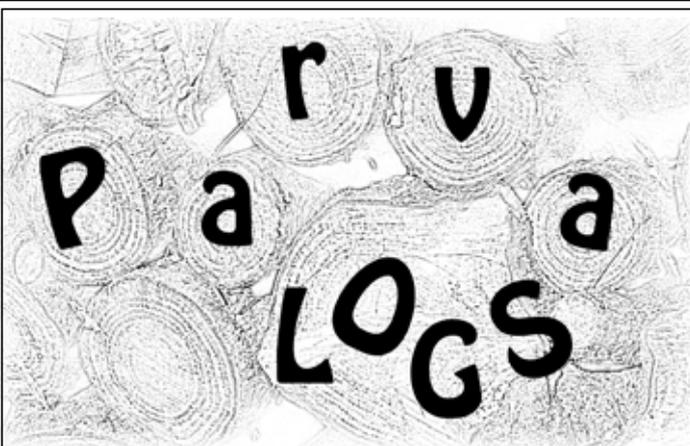
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# SNIPPETS OF DOWN UNDER

## MULTICULTURAL MELBOURNE

This month's Snippets of Down Under is actually being written while we are holidaying Down Under by Helen's underwriter, husband Jon. I have been *encouraged* by my lovely wife to contribute to the back page of the newsletter. While we are in Melbourne we will enjoy frequenting some of our favourite restaurants. It is interesting that in the UK we rarely go to restaurants preferring the wonderful pub culture, yet in Melbourne I can safely say we would never eat at a pub, there are just too many fantastic restaurants. I think Helen has mentioned before how multicultural Melbourne is and if you visit this city there are some distinct eating areas worth a visit. In the city itself, there is the Greek precinct in Lonsdale Street and Chinatown in Little Bourke Street. In the Inner City suburbs you will find "Little Italy" in Lygon Street, Carlton, Asian groceries and restaurants especially Vietnamese in Victoria Street, Richmond and Spanish tapas bars in Johnson Street, Fitzroy.

One of my favourite cuisines is Italian and in 2011 when we holidayed in Lake Como we spent a day in a delightful family run restaurant learning how to make *perfetto* Italian risotto and pasta with the owner and chef, Moreno. Since then I have become the Pasta King in our household. Helen has also *encouraged* me in this house-husband task by giving me for Christmas a Pasta Attachment for her KitchenAid Mixer. Her generosity knows no bounds! When I make my pasta I like to start with 400 gms of "00" flour in a pile on the kitchen bench (cleaned with vinegar before starting). I make a well in the middle and break 4 eggs in to this hole. Then using my fingers like a whisk I gradually work the eggs into the flour until it becomes like dough. I then knead it, incorporating another 100 gms of flour until I have a perfect non sticky dough. Moreno assured us that you could not overwork pasta dough. The dough is then wrapped in cling film and left for at least 20 minutes before using the pasta attachment to make tagliatelle, spaghetti or lasagna sheets. If you don't have a pasta machine, we were shown how to prepare pasta by taking smaller batches of dough and rolling it thin enough to read a newspaper through. Then flour this thin sheet and fold in half, flour again and fold half – repeat three times before cutting into 1 cm strips. Pick up this little pile and softly fluff it up and place on a tray shaped like a little nest – I weigh it at this stage and allow 100 gms per serve. These nests can then be cooked in boiling water or you can freeze them – then cook them frozen.



*Jon Evans (aussiejon62@gmail.com )  
Top right: Helen & Jon in Lygon Street, Carlton. Bottom left the pasta making attachment, note the 'nests' ready to cook or freeze.*

## And Finally.....

We have a mystery *The Mystery of the Missing Apple Tree*. The parish council purchased an apple tree to be planted to commemorate the Golden Jubilee. This tree vanished from inside Hinton Village Hall before it could be taken to its final destination. Could anybody shed any light as to its whereabouts? Poor Julian Cooke had to drive down to Westbury to get a replacement. This Corsley Pip-pin, which is a local variety, is now growing in a field next to the footpath which runs from City Corner to the centre of the village.

The newsletter is so full this month that I only have this little space to say thank you to our St. Swithun flower arrangers. At Easter a merry band braved the freezing cold to fill

the church with daffodils, so thank you Angie Alcock, Lesley Coates, Shirley Crapper and our new recruits Lucy and Fiona Alston, welcome aboard you two. Does anybody else want to join us?

*mogs X*

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