

Village News

for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva

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October 2013

Jake Went Ape..... 28 Days Later

So here I am, six plane rides, £4,000 raised and several nasty leech bites later, gone into the jungle a boy and emerged, well, a slightly muddier, smellier boy.

I set out on the 15th July for an eight hour flight to Dubai, another eight hours to Brunei, then another hour to Kota Kinabalu (KK). Our first stop was Bata Puteh, in the heart of the jungle, where I started the project work. We cleared overgrown forest and planted 300 trees in a day. Our camp was the first real taste of Bor-



I was the youngest and one of four people from the Ridegeway School. Our second camp Tinagol was 45 minutes walk from a village. We worked on a local kindergarten and grandstand, both of which were projects started by Camps International to help the village modernise. Borneo has a lot of 21st century technology yet there is little in the way of modern facilities for the people. Water isn't clean and yet you'd see a 4X4 drive past on an unmade road. We saw kids playing amongst the rubbish, so despite cleaning the village not being fun, it was a rewarding experience. At the Sepilok Orang Utan Sanctuary, a fenced off part of the forest, we saw orang utans that had been, or were being rehabilitated and it was incredible to see them in their natural habitat. It was the only time we saw these magnificent animals because during the jungle trek they stayed well hidden. The trek itself was five days through the jungle, led by local guides. With no real path the guides had to use 'parangs' (machetes) to find a way through. Our five-star accommodation was a hammock with mosquito net, and a tarpaulin to keep the leaves,

rain and giant beetles out. The gentle sway of the hammock, the background bug noise and the occasional downpour onto the tarp actually provided a very good nights sleep – so much so that on the first day I slept for 13 hours and missed dinner! We didn't see many animals on the trek – with 25 teenagers coming towards them they had the sense to hide. But we did see a lot of bugs, some the size of my hand.

Then it was our final camp, at Bongkud. This was in the heart of the village and our work was on the community centre and building a fence. Here I learned how to make concrete and some good building skills. After the trek this final week was tough, but spirits were high. In the village was an orphanage and some of the work was helping to teach local kids basic English and numbers. Being integrated so closely with a community was an incredible experience. The people were so welcoming and friendly and played a lot of practical jokes on us.

Again I want to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped me get onto this amazing, one in a lifetime trip. I'll never forget the things I've seen, the friends I've made and hopefully I've made a bit of a difference to the lives of some really lovely people at the other side of the planet.

Jake Simpson



neo – with many a leech and fire ant to give us a warm welcome. With most of our home comforts gone (no showers, electricity, flushing toilets, varied food etc), and the hard work, we really banded together as a group. There were people from three different schools plus a couple of teachers and an ex-army group leader, Paul.



Bishopstone and Hinton Parva collected £448.44. Thank you so much to everybody for their support.

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN OCTOBER

Sunday	6th October	10.30am	Harvest Service	Bishopstone
	19 th Sunday after Trinity	6.00pm	Evensong	Wanborough
Tuesday	8th October	7.30pm,	Licensing Service	Wanborough
Sunday	13th October	8.30am	Holy Communion	Bishopstone
	20 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30	Holy Communion	Hinton Parva
		11.00	Family Communion	Wanborough
		6.00	Holy Communion	Lyddington
Sunday	20th October	10.30am	Family Communion	Wanborough
	21 st Sunday after Trinity	6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
Sunday	27th October	8.30am	Holy Communion	Lyddington
	Last Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Holy Communion	Hinton Parva
Sunday	3rd November	10.30am	Family Communion	Bishopstone
	4 th Sunday before Advent	6.00pm	All Souls Service	Wanborough

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

Here we are in October when summer blooms are nearly over and the garden is being prepared for late autumn and the coming winter. Our harvest services have been celebrated with one more to go - in St Mary's Bishopstone on 6th October at 10.30 and you are all very welcome.

We have given thanks for the bounty of the harvest and all the gifts of God's creation - the beauty of the countryside, the produce of farms and gardens, the variety of colourful flowers, the abundance of fruit, the rain and the sun.

And our Benefice Pet Service on the last Sunday in September celebrated and gave thanks for our pets, our livestock and working animals. A joyful service with a mixture of voices! October also sees the Church celebrating a popular saint, who is remembered for his love of God's creation and creatures - St Francis of Assisi. There are many stories of Francis' rapport with animals and birds, he wouldn't even tread on an ant. No surprise that he is the patron saint of animals, but he also praised God for all of creation including sun, moon, stars, wind, water, fire, and earth. We are reminded that we all have a responsibility to help look after and care for our world and the beauty of creation.

Most of the children in the schools

where I have taken assemblies over the years know that one of the things that makes me really angry is seeing people dropping litter, or following a car where the driver throws out the empty can of drink and the wrappings of a sandwich or burger. Is it so difficult to take litter home with you or stop where there is a rubbish bin?

Then there are the big items you sometimes see on the side of the road or over the hedge of a farm - three-piece suites, fridges etc. Why do people do it? If they can carry the items to dump them then surely they can take them to the tip.

Having got that off my chest, there is much to be positive about.

I have spent many months now driving around the villages of the Benefice and they fill me with delight. Rubbish strewn across roads or in the hedgerows is very unusual. What I see are communities who care for their surroundings, school children who are passionate about recycling. May these examples bring others hope, not just for their communities but for our world.

It is a beautiful world, one created in love for us all to enjoy. 'Thank you' to our Creator God.

With love,

Sandy

Exciting Announcement

Having written in your Village magazine during the vacancy I am delighted to have the opportunity to pass

on a special invitation.

The Licensing service
for the Rev. William O'Connell

7.30pm, Tuesday 8th October

St. Andrew's Church,

Wanborough

Refreshments after the service

Bill has a wonderfully warm pastoral heart and he gets on with people of all ages and backgrounds. He has a great passion to build relationships and share the Christian faith. So he is ideally equipped for both his new roles.

On your behalf I want to pass on enormous thanks to the church warden and lay officers who, with my clergy colleagues, have carried the burden of the vacancy over the last 18 months since Robin Cardwell's retirement. We really appreciate all their efforts ensuring there is such a good foundation for Bill to work from when he arrives in the autumn. Bill is very much a team player and will look forward to working with the congregations, Deanery and your village communities. I have no doubt that you will make him very welcome. Please remember Bill and his family in your prayers

The licensing service will be led by our Bristol Diocesan Bishop, the Right Revd. Mike Hill and our Archdeacon of Malmesbury the Venerable Christine Froude. Please pass

the word around and invite friends. It promises to be a wonderful historic occasion which you wouldn't want to miss. There will be a reception afterwards in the church. Please stay and get to know your new parish priest. If you want any more information don't hesitate to get in touch with me.
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What is an Area Dean?

The Bristol Diocese is one of 43 in the Church of England. Within the Diocese there are 7 Deaneries, Swindon being one. As Area Dean of Swindon which includes the town and surrounding areas I have a middle management role and particularly encourage and support the 17 parishes and 35 Anglican churches in the area. One of my major roles is supporting clergy and church wardens particularly during vacancies and helping, with the Bishop's staff, make wise appointments of new parish clergy. In this diocese we are called Area Deans rather than rural deans. Wanborough, Liddington, Hinton Parva and Bishopstone play a vital part in our Swindon Deanery

Simon

Bishopstone Flower Arrangers Invites You to Join Them

10.00am Saturday 5th October
 in St. Mary's Church

Would you like to meet our very friendly, small team of arrangers, have a go at helping with decorating the church for harvest? If so could you bring some foliage - we will provide the flowers.
 This is open to anyone, with or without experience, or just come and have a chat!



Enquires: Chris Thomas 790 106 Littlecot2010@hotmail.co.uk

Harvest Service

10.30am

Sunday 6th October

**St. Mary's,
 Bishopstone**

Taken by Rev Sandy Railton

The Vicar: the Rev Bill O'Connell
 The Vicarage, Church Road,
 Wanborough, SN4 0BZ

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From the Benefice Register

Wedding
St. Mary's Bishopstone
 22nd September Nichaela Horner & Mark Quaile

Funeral
St. Mary's Bishopstone
 28th August Frederick George Brown (known as Bill) aged 88yrs

Cleaning Rota St. Mary's Church, Bishopstone

October	Joan Morris & Jill Rankin
November	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.

Bishopstone Village Hall - October

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 Tremplin 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.

Tuesday	1 st	School	1.00 - 3.45pm	Ballet	3.45 - 6.45pm	Tae Quon Do	7.00 - 8.00pm
Wednesday	2 nd	School	1.00 - 3.00pm				
Thursday	3 rd	Mothers & Toddlers	9.30 - 11.00am				
Monday	7 th	School	1.00 - 3.00pm			Parish Council	7.00 - 9.00pm
Tuesday	8 th	School	1.00 - 3.45pm	Ballet	3.45 - 6.45pm	Tae Quon Do	7.00 - 8.00pm
Wednesday	9 th	School	1.00 - 3.00pm			Gardening Society	7.30 - 9.00pm
Thursday	10 th	Mothers & Toddlers	9.30 - 11.00am			WI	7.30 - 9.30pm
Monday	14 th	School	1.00 - 3.00pm				
Tuesday	15 th	School	1.00 - 3.45pm	Ballet	3.45 - 6.45pm	Tae Quon Do	7.00 - 8.00pm
Thursday	17 th	Mothers & Toddlers	9.30 - 11.00am				
Tuesday	22 nd	School	1.00 - 3.45pm	Ballet	3.45 - 6.45pm	Tae Quon Do	7.00 - 8.00pm
Saturday	26 th	All Day		Private Party			
Thursday	31 st			School	4.00 - 6.00pm		

Hinton Parva Village Hall Bookings - October

Bridge	Friday	4 th , 11 th , 18 th , & 25 th	7.30pm
Card Making	Wednesday	2 nd	7.30 - 9.30pm
Family Fun & Trivia	Saturday	19 th	8.00 - 10.00am

Private Parties Catering may be available
 Meetings etc welcome Free Parking

Please note the new Booking Secretary is Kate Wright - 791 399

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

FAMILY FUN &
 TRIVIA NIGHT

Hinton Village Hall
 Saturday 19th October
 7.00pm start
 Jacket Potatoes and Pudding
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 For bookings & information
 Kate Wright 791 399

Sarsen Songman Sings

It was a wonderful evening. On Thursday 15th August the Hinton Parva village hall opened its doors and welcomed twenty Saracen Songmen resplendent in their red shirts. They entertained their very appreciative audience with a varied program of fabulous harmonies. The play list included *Swing Low*, *The Owl and The Pussy Cat*, *When I'm 64*, *In My Room*, *Myfanwy*, *Hippopotamus Song* and concluded with a beautiful rendition of *Irish Blessing*. It was a wonderful opportunity for the village to catch up with Robin Cardwell and we thank him for organising his band of merry singers to visit the village.

Helen Evans



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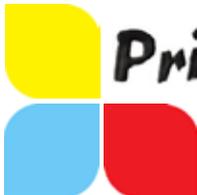
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Chris Thomas
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World War 1 Parish Soldiers:

Our research over recent months has increased the number of soldiers connected with our parish to around 90 names. We have learnt about the contribution Russley Park made to women gaining the vote, about feats of heroism by men of earlier times in India and Burma, and about a number of Chelsea Pensioners who lived out their time after leaving the military in our villages. And we have information about most of the WW1 soldiers gained from census and military records and other sources. However, there are six about whom we can find nothing more than their names. F. Archer is listed on the memorial in St Swithun's church, and the Bishopstone Parish Magazine asks readers to pray for a number of men fighting abroad including George and Thomas Hawkins, and William Meader but we can't find any other records for them. We also need personal information about William Rickards and Thomas Johnson who lived in Bishopstone. If you can provide information, however small, about any of these men, we would be delighted to hear from you. *Karin Thompson*

Paul Williams 542 111

Karin Thompson 790 970

hintonww1@yahoo.co.uk

Bishopstone United Charities

Administrates a group of small local Charities whose purpose is, broadly, to provide financial help to residents of Bishopstone who may be experiencing hardship as a result of ill health, accident or other circumstances. It is only available to residents of the village of Bishopstone who have lived here for at least two years.

The Charity is administered by a group of Trustees who meet regularly to consider applications and levels of benefit. At present financial help is in the form of a small annual pension.

If you think you may be eligible or would like to know more please speak, in confidence, to:

Mrs Karen Stevens (who is Clerk to the Charity),

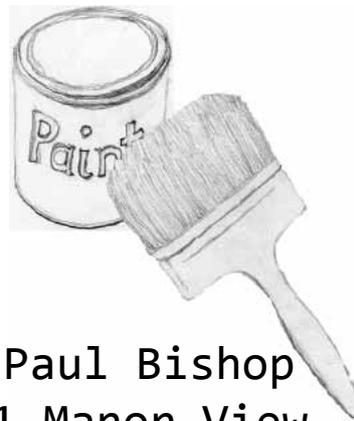
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- 2 Fruit Ian Thomas
- 3 Pot Plants Chris Thomas
- 4 Flowers Doreen Cooper
- 5 Floral Art Chris Thomas
- 6 Domestic Doreen Cooper
- 7 Photograph Adrian May
- 8 Infants A garden for Mrs Walton with a hidden cat
Millie Warwick
- 8 Juniors A garden for Mrs Walton - no cat
Thomas Whitaker
- 8 Seniors Unusual container
Jacob Simpson & Martin Thomas
- 9 Crafts Maggie Whitaker

Over all show winners

Doreen Cooper & Chris Thomas



There are more photographs on the village website:

www.bishopstoneandhintonparva.org
Society Schedule of Events 2013

Wednesday 9th October 7.30pm
Bishopstone Village Hall

Robert Mattock
The Care & Planting of Roses and Rose Re-plant Disorder –
An Interactive Talk

Wednesday 13th November 7.30pm
Bishopstone Village Hall

Pot Luck Supper, Quiz and AGM

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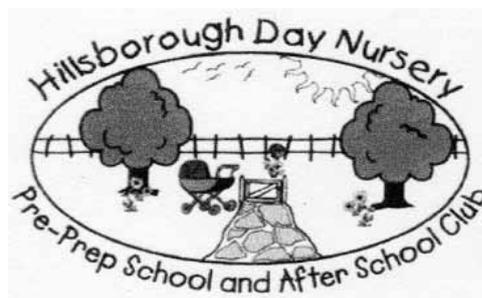
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Big Breakfast in Hinton Parva
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Bishopstone 100 club September Winners

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|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 st | 75 | Jane Manktelow |
| 2 nd | 12 | John Richardson |
| 3 rd | 79 | Bob Browning |

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

Contact: Jo Selbourne 790 485
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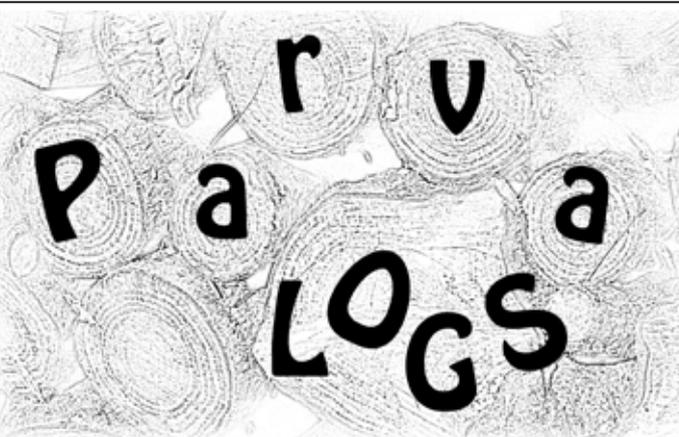
Wednesday 9th & 23rd October
 Bishopstone 10.00 - 10.55am
 Hinton Church 11.00am
 West Hinton Farm 11.20am

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SNIPPETS OF DOWN UNDER RUSH TUCKER

Bush Tucker is the Australian term for the huge variety of herbs, spices, mushrooms, fruits, flowers, vegetables, animals, birds, reptiles and insects that are native to the country and most commonly associated with the traditional diet of the Aborigines. There is some evidence to suggest that the white settlers who befriended the indigenous population, learnt about bush tucker and experienced better health.

These traditional foods are still not commonplace in the Australian diet but are becoming more so as chefs seek out new and typically Australian foods and ingredients for their menus, especially the tourist menu. Wild fruits like lilly pilly berries and quandongs make excellent jams, chutneys and sauces. Ingredients like wattle seeds, kurrajongs flowers and banksia cones are used as flavorings. Sources of protein that have made it into more mainstream menus



Witchetty Grub - doesn't it look delicious?

would include kangaroo, emu, crocodile and goanna. Insects and grubs that are considered delicacies by the aboriginals but do not enjoy widespread popularity would be things like the incredibly large Bogong Moth or the Witchetty Grub. I have tried Witchetty Grub; it was cooked by rolling it for a few seconds in the ashes of a camp fire and I swallowed it so quickly that I can't describe the flavor or the texture for you. I participated in this challenge basically to save face while on a school trip with Year 11 students and five teaching colleagues to Central Australia to see Ayers Rock way back in the early '90s and I haven't tried one since. My favourite experience

of bush tucker is wattle seed damper and billy tea and it brings back lots of wonderful childhood memories. Wattle seed damper is essentially a scone dough with addition of a handful of ground (between two stones) wattle seeds from the Acacia tree. The dough is then wrapped around the end of a long stick from a Gum tree. It is then slowly cooked, rotisserie style over an open camp fire. It is quite a science judging the readiness of the fire and the distance you need to hold the damper above the flames. Billy tea is made in an old tin can with a crude wire handle. I can still see my dad making these in his shed before any of us children went camping – with friends and Girl Guides or Scouts. Once the water has boiled in the billy, a handful of tea leaves and the special ingredient - a gum leaf are added before the billy is swung in a circle a few times to allow the tea to draw. If you wanted to enjoy your own little experience of Aussie Bush Tucker, Marie-Noëlle and Robert Witty have a glorious Gum (Eucalyptus) tree in their yard and happily share branches and leaves with locals who knock on their door.

Helen Evans (aussiehelen59@gmail.com)

And Finally.....

Dear readers, I applied for a job recently which called for tact, my good friends fell about laughing - but I *can* do tact, well I try very hard when wearing my editor's hat, today I am going to be self-indulgently tactless.



I entered some vegetables for the Bishopstone Flowers Show, only potatoes and courgettes, I'm not actually very good at growing things, but I wanted to support the show. The day before found me out in the pouring rain digging up a whole row of spuds, to look, unsuccessfully, for five of the same sort of size and shape and to scour my courgette plants for three unchewed by slugs. I arrived at the show feeling grumpy. Why do people care if their veg fulfil a certain criteria? All I want to do, if my

plants produce anything edible, is to eat it. OK gardening society please feel free to reply to this. And hey, I got third prize for those courgettes, how cool is that? Congratulations to Russell who is obviously a vegetable growing expert - perhaps I could do with a few tips?

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