

Village News

for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva

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April 2014

No More Fruit & Veg for the Hinton Flower Show?

Hinton Parva Flower Show 2014
Our Village Flower Show has been in existence for many years and hopefully will run a great many more but gardening has changed.

The Fruit and Vegetable section struggled last year to gain enough entries to engage the judges in serious debate. There were barely enough entries to cover first, second and third place. It has been suggested that we leave out Fruit and Vegetables this year but continue with all other sections of the show. These section could run but not be professionally judged?

We will continue with the Flowers, Cookery, Ladies, Childrens, Handicrafts etc. Perhaps we can expand on the areas that attract most attention and even begin new classes in areas such as Handicraft and the Arts where computer input has flourished.

Please let us know your thoughts. The cookery section has a good following but we would like to know which areas you would like to see kept or revived. The process is quite urgent as we have to book judges in the next month.

Please email your views to the Village Web Site:

hintonparvavillagehall@gmailcom or telephone 791 171. Also come to the Hinton Parva Village Hall AGM on the 29th April.

Howard Crapper

This suggestion above set me thinking

about history. How long has the village hall been in existence? How long has there been rivalry over who can grow the best fruit and vegetables?

The building was erected in 1849 as the village school, it functioned as such for 78 years but in 1927 apparently there were not enough children in the village to support it, so it closed and the village children had the choice of going either to Bishopstone or Wanborough, Gordon Hatch was one of it's last pupils.

Did it immediately become a community centre?

brass plaque in the Hall is in tribute to the late Gordon Hatch (who lived at Grove Cottage) and worked so hard to get the Youth Club up and running. At some stage the scouts and the parish council began to use the hall. The school house was let to the Smith family but the school itself was pretty derelict. Eventually local people took an interest namely Leslie Parsons, Ray Webb and Arthur Shadwell and, gradually, by lots of hard work, it was transformed to the lovely village hall it is now, regularly used and appreciated by the village.

Now what about the flower show?

There is a photograph of Hinton Flower Show 1913, taken in a field which doesn't give a clue to its exact whereabouts. Then an article in Evening Advertiser on Friday 8th August 1930 reports that the flower show was held at the manor. It sounds quite a grand affair with bowling, sports, a band and tea. It was said to be even more successful than previous years. The Advertiser

claimed two years later Hinton Parva Cottage Garden show had record entries of remarkable quality. Three cups, the Charlbury Cup, the Pike Cup and the Duffield Cup were first awarded at the Show held in 1955.

My thanks to Toby Ford, Howard Crapper, Paul Williams, Mike Newman and Val Brodin for this information. If anybody has more to add please let me know - Editor



I believe that the Hall was used for the flower show in 1932 as a newspaper report states that it was held at the village church school. During the Second World War American tank training crews used it for temporary accommodation. By the 1960s the Spider Youth Club existed, So called after all the spider webs that had to be cleared before it could be used. The

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN APRIL

Saturday	5th April	7.00pm	Busy Lives Communion	Wanborough
Sunday	6th April	8.30am	Holy Communion	Lyddington
	5 th Sunday of Lent	*11.00am	Family Communion	Bishopstone
	Passiontide begins	6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
Wednesday	9th April	*10.30am	Midweek Communion	Lyddington
		7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough
Sunday	13th April	*11.00am	Family Service	Wanborough
	Palm Sunday			
Wednesday	16th April	*10.30am	Midweek Communion	Lyddington
	Wednesday of Holy Week	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough
Thursday	17th April			
	Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	Fellowship Supper	Hinton Hall
Friday	18th April			
	Good Friday	2.00pm	Walk with the Cross	Bishopstone
Saturday	19th April			
	Easter Eve	8.30pm	Easter Vigil	Hinton Parva
Sunday	20th April	11.00am	Easter Family Service with Easter Egg Hunt	Wanborough
	Easter Day	4.00pm	Easter day Service with Tea	Lyddington
Wednesday	23rd April	*10.30am	Midweek Communion	Lyddington
	Wednesday of Easter week	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough
Saturday	26th April	11.00 am	Wedding	Wanborough
Sunday	27th April	8.30am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	Wanborough
	2 nd Sunday of Easter	9.30am	Holy Communion	Bishopstone
		*11.00am	Family Service	Hinton Parva
		6.00pm	Evensong	Lyddington
Wednesday	30th April	*10.30am	Midweek Communion	Lyddington
Saturday	3rd May	7.00pm	Busy Lives Communion	Wanborough
Sunday	4th May	8.30am	Holy Communion	Lyddington
	3 rd Sunday of Easter	*11.00am	Family Communion	Bishopstone
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva

*Refreshments served after the service,

Come and join us at our special services at Easter throughout the Benefice

Palm Sunday 13th April, 1100am, St Andrew's Church Wanborough

A celebration service will take place.

Maundy Thursday 17th April 7.00pm, Hinton Village Hall

An informal fellowship Supper in when we remember the Last Supper that Jesus held with his friends on the night before his death. Bread and soup, cheese and fruit, and, as Jesus did, sharing the bread and wine.

Good Friday 18th April 2.00pm, St Mary's Church, Bishopstone

There will be a procession with the cross up onto the downs, starting after a very short service at church.

Easter Eve, Saturday 19th April at 8.30pm, St Swithun's Church, Hinton

The service of Light. After the reading of the scriptures which foretell the death and resurrection of Christ, a small fire is kindled outside the church door, and candles are lit inside, gradually filling the darkness with a blaze of light to symbolise the Resurrection.

Easter Day Sunday 20th April 11.00am, St Andrew's Wanborough

A service of celebration will take place. Families are especially welcome to this communion service with Easter Egg hunt for the Children. Coffee to be served after the service

Easter Service at Lyddington 4.00pm followed by tea with delicious simnel cake

The Vicar's Letter

Dear friends And neighbours,
 The Grumpy Motorcyclist (from last month's issue) came in for an appointment later in the year, complete with his tin leg. When asked how he was getting on he stated that he had never earned so much free beer in all his life and was almost been banned from one particular establishment as a result. Apparently he would sit near the bar with leg outstretched; some unsuspecting customer would tread on his foot and then offer to buy him a drink in recompense! Talk about turning a disadvantage into an advantage. As we are aware, mine is not a post dedicated to the villages alone. One of the projects that I am currently involved in is the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to Swindon in September. Another letter that has recently hit my desk I share below:
I am sure we are all aware that the changes to the benefits system are resulting in vulnerable people coming under huge pressure to find a job with a threat of benefits being taken away if they don't attend various meetings and prove that they are looking for

work. However, the practical support for these vulnerable people is not there and we are wondering if the Deanery might somehow be able to work together to respond with practical support in those areas most affected, which I imagine are Parks, Penhill and Pinehurst, out of our churches in these areas? Possibly something like a job club/employers fair/seeing if the Shaw Trust can come to the people in need rather than vice versa?

So far we are aware of two groups being hard hit – single parents whose children are school age and who are struggling to find jobs they can do within school hours. We are seeing a number of these women who are sinking further into depression because they are spending their time either at home applying for job after job and getting rejection after rejection or travelling into the town centre to prove they are trying to get a job and all the time fearing their benefits will be cut. This then affects their children who see Mum in tears unable to cope. We also hear of young people (Not in Education, Employment or

Training) who may be engaging with voluntary work through organisations like Restore but are then unable to get a job afterwards.

Please email me with any offer of help as it would be most gratefully received.

With best wishes and prayers,

Bill

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Tuesday 29th April

7.00 pm

St Mary's Church Bishopstone

All welcome

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

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From the Benefice Register

Baptism

St. Mary's Bishopstone

2nd March

Eloise.Frances Jenkins

Alexander Ronan Rolleston Flanagan

Cleaning Rota - St. Mary's Church, Bishopstone

April	Caroline Brandi & Jill White
May	Chris Thomas & Gill May
June	Maggie Gill & Jane Golding
July	Liz Warrick & Jane Manktelow
August	Joanna Jenkins & Sarah Bally
September	Jill Rankin & Hilary Pitts
October	Mary Darling & Lisa Fitchett
November	Lorna Ford & Linda Matthews
December	Ros Boot & Gladys Jones

If these dates are not convenient, please could you arrange to swap with somebody else.

More volunteers are much needed to help look after St Mary's – the cleaning can be done at any time, it doesn't take long, and it's a very rewarding and satisfying to help care for such an ancient building. If you are interested in helping, or know of anyone else who might be, do please contact:

Joanna Jenkins on 790545. Thank you.

Bishopstone Village Hall - April

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.

Tuesday	1 st	School 12.00 - 3.45pm	Ballet 3.45 - 7.00pm	Tae Quon Do 7.00 - 8.00pm
Wednesday	2 nd	School 1.00 - 3.00pm		
Thursday	3 rd	Mothers & Toddlers 9.00 - 11.00am	School 2.45 - 3.15pm	
Friday	4 th	School 12.00 - 1.00pm		Gardening Society 7.00 - 9.00pm
Tuesday	22 nd	School 12.00 - 3.45pm	Ballet 3.45 - 7.00pm	Tae Quon Do 7.00 - 8.00pm
Wednesday	23 rd	School 1.00 - 3.00pm		
Thursday	24 th	Mothers & Toddlers 9.00 - 11.00am	School 2.45 - 3.15pm	
Friday	25 th	School 12.00 - 1.00pm		
Saturday	26 th			Quiz 7.30pm
Monday	28 th	School 12.00 - 3.15pm		
Tuesday	29 th	School 12.00 - 3.45pm	Ballet 3.45 - 7.00pm	Tae Quon Do 7.00 - 8.00pm
Wednesday	30 th	School 1.00 - 3.00pm		

Hinton Parva Village Hall Bookings - April

Bridge	Friday	4 th , 11 th , 18 th & 25 th	7.30pm
Card Club	Wednesday	2 nd	7.00 - 9.00pm
Parish Council Meeting	Monday	7 th	7.00 - 9.00pm
WI	Thursday	10 th	7.00 - 9.30pm
Private Party	Saturday	12 th	3.00 - 6.00pm
Maundy Thursday Service	Thursday	17 th	7.00 - 8.30pm

Private Parties Catering may be available
Meetings etc welcome Free Parking

The 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

Hinton Parva Village Hall Committee

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 29th April 7.30pm

All welcome
Come and make your views
known and suggest direction

Light refreshments will be
served at conclusion

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Bishopstone Spring Quiz

*Sadly has to be postponed
due to illness in the family*

Barry Burnstead

Coffee & Cake Morning



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Have You Lost a Croc?

There has been a plea by Parish Council, to refrain from dumping unwanted material and aquatic pets in our village ponds.

Our roving reporter managed to capture a shot of this reptile while photographing the mill pond. A short correspondence with the Natural History Museum has identified the creature as undoubtedly *Crocodylus Apriloticus*, closely related to the Nile crocodile (*Crocodylus Niloticus*) we understand that this makes two confirmed sightings. Out for a bite – is this a real alternative to the Royal Oak.....but look out for home sourced crocodile on their menu.

Latest news. Deep Pot-hole in Cues Lane eats a small dog, a bicycle and possibly Tim Finney. The day was saved by man with short ladder. Asked if the crater should be designated as a sink hole Swindon Borough Council commented, *We are looking into it.*

NB. SBC have now filled the hole, it is uncertain if the bicycle was recovered.



The Village Fête



As most of us know by now this year's fête is to be held at **Hinton Manor on Saturday 14th June** and we are remembering the fête of 100 years ago, the summer the First World War commenced.

As usual **commercial stalls** are invited to rent a pitch. Also we are always happy to receive new ideas to make the event even better than before and all offers of help joyfully accepted.

Contact Conta 790 507 contacriswell@hotmail.com

White Elephants can collect before the day, so if you are spring cleaning and down sizing now is the time to get in touch with Lesley in Hinton Parva 790 520 or Jo in Bishopstone 790 485.

Rugs For Sale!

Two 100% wool rugs in good condition *Indian pattern*. Predominant colour red

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These have been kindly donated to us, with proceeds to go towards the Village Fête. If you would like to see photos of either of the above items please contact JudithLCoates@aol.com or phone 790 520

All serious offers considered

Lent Lunches

The best thing about this time of year are the lunches, delicious soup, bread and cheese for £5, go outside your comfort zone and meet the foreigners from Wanborough and Lyddington. These are not limited to just churchgoers, do come. Proceeds will go to local charities.

Wednesday, 9th April from 12.30pm

Jackie Midwinter Marsh Poultry Farm, The Marsh, Wanborough

Any queries please telephone Joan Carron 01793 790 294

Bishopstone 100 club

March Winners

1 st	33	Mary Darling
2 nd	34	David Wray
3 rd	50	Gwen Parker

It is time for all those who pay cash to pop £10 through Jo Selbourne's letter box, or you can do a standing order. Come on get a number, £10 per annum. It pays for the upkeep of the very well utilised village hall. We have quite a few spare numbers due to people moving away and leaving us in the traditional manner.

Thank you Jo - 790 485

You can also check if you have won on our website:

www.bishopstoneandhintonparva.org

Mobile Library

Wednesday 9th & 23rd April
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.

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The Ridgeway Link

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Bishopstone Gardening Club.....

Schedule of Events - 2014

7.00pm second Wednesday of each month unless otherwise stated, at Bishopstone Village Hall.

Tea, coffee, biscuits & there's usually a raffle. Come & join us!

Visitors always welcome.

2nd April - Sam Mallett, a Notcutts gardener from Oxfordshire, will show us how to make a hanging basket/tub & use of colour. It's a very 'hands on' evening where everyone gathers round the table to see what she's doing.

14th May - Richard Roslyn, Head Gardener of Blewbury Manor, Oxfordshire, will be giving a talk on *Blewbury Manor through the Seasons*

17th May - Plant Sale

13th September - Show

12th November - AGM/Quiz Night

Contact:

Doreen Cooper 792 965

Chris Thomas 790 106

Sheila Collins 790 358

email gardensoc@hotmail.co.uk

The Incredible World of the Honey Bee

A talk & slides by Steve Moll

(Brightwell Bees*)



Did you know it takes the pollen from 2 million flowers to fill one jar of honey? 50,000

miles of bee flying per jar! Just think about that when you next buy a pot of honey.

At Bishopstone Village Hall Steve Moll gave us a slideshow and talked enthusiastically about being a bee-keeper to over 70 hives, producing local honey, candles & beeswax polish.

We asked Steve, 'What can we do to help bees?' His answer: *We can all help by planting bee friendly plants in the garden rich in nectar & honey; summer and early autumn flowering plants being preferable, such as bramble, rose bay willow herb & ivy - all life savers for bees but too*

often top of the hit list for gardeners. Preserving wild areas is another very important way to help.

So here are the Bees 'A' list plants: Aconites, Borage, Geranium, Lavender, Sedum, Eupatorium maculatum (Joe pye weed) and Asters.

Happy bee-friendly planting!

Sheila Collins

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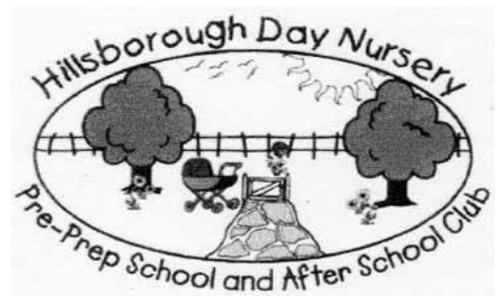
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The Royal Oak Diary

We are VERY worried about the bottle man of this parish. There has been no sighting of supermarket bags of assorted alcoholic bottles and tins, artfully displayed around The Royal Oak car park, for at least two months! Has anyone else noticed anything different around the place? Is this the reason Morrison's shares have plummeted? We miss you, in a funny and perverse sort of way. And if you ever reveal your hand, you can be promised a warm, alcoholic reception at the bar.

Thank you also to the person who put the helpful, but hard to read, paper sign at the top end of Cues Lane in early March—I was so intrigued to read what it said that I drove as close to it as possible, and in the process my car fell into a large hole. Once I had recovered from the shock, I went back and read the sign, which said *beware, large hole in road*. I suppose it serves me right—for driving to the pub. There did not appear to be any dead puppies in the hole, which could have comfortably fitted a dozen—and seriously, I think Ian Thomas on this occasion is the man to thank, since he contacted *fixmystreet.com* or something similar, and they came and fixed it (and left several other holes and cracks for us to fall into instead). Ah, yes, we run a pub, among other things. An eventful place, in many



senses, some of which you don't want to know about. Just to keep you informed, here's an idea of the sort of things we are upto over the next couple of months:

What went wrong with The Ashes? Cricket supper for 25 people, **Monday 7th April**, 7.45pm. Our regular BBC Radio 5 correspondent Pat Murphy, who spends more time in cricket dressing rooms than is healthy for him, reveals some previously unreported (and unreportable) goings on from England's pathetic tour of Australia; Cookie, Belly, Priory (don't make me laugh!) and the rest of the shambles, with KP playing a not so supporting role. Simple two course supper £25, we're going to restrict numbers this time and keep it more intimate. Contact details below. Pat also knows Roy Hodgson quite well, so expect some football gossip as well. **Easter Sunday: Easter Egg hunt**—probably using the Eastbrook valley, weather permitting; we can take 50-60 of you on a short tractor/trailer ride from the farm offices in Cues Lane (meet there at 10.30am) and ask you to find probably 100 organic/fairtrade chocolate eggs scattered over a wide patch of hilly grassland. £5 per family, and a really good way of developing an appetite and then wanting a kip after lunch. Must book—**790 481** is the number, or **royaloak@helenbrowningorganics.co.uk**, for getting in touch.

27th April, Sunday, a week later, is our **Annual Classic Car and Bike Show**,

part of Drive it Day, a day promoted by classic car clubs to encourage owners to get their kit out! We normally have in excess of 100 vehicles during the day, and some are indeed classics, and one or two defy the description. A couple of years ago I thought one vehicle had come here because the owner understood we were part of the scrappage scheme being sponsored by government at the time, especially as he was last to leave. Food in the garden, and possibly one or two other interesting exhibits. A gentle day, usually, with one or two old cars, and car park attendants, overheating!

Pig Racing: Sunday 25th May. Road closures inevitable. Not quite as big as Cheltenham, mind you, as I write this. Just a day of daftness and fun; no pigs will be harmed in the making of this production. Food everywhere, a lovely beer cabin in the garden, live music of a sensible nature. Beware, 8 pigs racing three times down Cues Lane is a rare spectacle, especially if we can train them to jump small hurdles, as is currently planned. All day tote betting on the VIP lawn, all excess proceeds to Swindon Deaf Children's Society and Injured Jockeys' Fund at Lambourn.

And we serve great food and lovely beer, by the way. Always looking for bar staff, but currently looking at the more mature end of the scale, experienced, able to work almost a full week with part of most weekends part of the deal.

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Highworth Choral Society Easter Concert

7.30pm Saturday 12th April,
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Group Flower Arranging/Decorating

Saint Mary's Bishopstone

Saturday 19th April 10.00 am

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Contact Chris Thomas 790 106

Ashbury Pre-School PFSU

Pre-School Supervisor for Autumn 2014
Ashbury Pre-School (rated outstanding by Ofsted) is looking to recruit a new supervisor to take up post in autumn 2014.

The successful candidate will have an early years/childcare qualification (at least level 3) and a minimum of 2 years experience of working in an early years setting.

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Toby's Tales of past Times

St. Swithun's bells, were re-hung I remember, as we were advised that the main timber holding the bells had seen its best days and should be replaced by steel frames. Jim Ball and I went up into the belfry, (health and safety had not been invented then!) and had to place wire over the air vents in the tower to stop the jackdaws nesting. We cleaned it out and with the late Ron Booth had a good day out visiting other churches which had their bells re-hung. One was Swinbrook and another was Compton Bassett. The bell founders, from Appleton took our bells and returned them 3 months later. The tower was not capable to allow ringing, hence the chimes – they will last another 300 years. Hinton also, at one time had two sets of hand bells, Gordon Hatch was very keen to have these maintained and kept under lock and key. When he died the collection money went to buy or make a safer box to keep them in, and it was suitably inscribed. Thinking of church towers, Bishopstone has a flag pole on the church

tower. The sexton at the time was Arthur Wall – I believe he was nicknamed Bunny – I could be wrong, on special anniversaries he was expected to climb up to the tower and fly the flag. To get to the tower you had to climb through the belfry and then up a metal ladder attached to the wall, with one hand still clutching the ladder, lift the lid of the trapdoor (it was covered in lead weighing about 20lbs) and clamber onto the roof. Bunny was aged about 70 at the time, again no health and safety. I might say the lid was soon replaced by roofing felt.

Another memory of Hinton church, the floor on the left of the entrance was made of wood was affected by dry rot. It was removed together with the pews and concrete laid and covered by redundant tomb stones. Of course, we had to get permission, now the bier stands in that corner. The money to pay for this work came out of the Saunders bequest which was founded by the Saunders family (who used to farm where Richard Cooke lives) and gave the field behind where our dear editor lives to St Swithun's,

a very generous bequest. One of its stipulations is that the Saunders' grave in the cemetery is kept tidy. We have tried our best over the years.

I wrote about trees in February 2012 now, of course, the three trees have been felled (by permission to show up the beauty of St. Swithun's church, *see picture below* there was also a large tree stump by the gates that was taken out and the wall rebuilt.

In St. Mary's churchyard I can remember trees on the right of the path – on the bank – being planted to celebrate some national occasion. Can anybody remember which occasion?

Toby Ford



And Finally.....

A while ago our washing machine, evilly flooded the kitchen, my rescuer requested a mop to remedy the matter and was amazed that it didn't own one, had never used one. She rushed out and bought one, complete with natty bucket what a clever invention, perhaps I'll use it one day. But spring is really here, Inspired by a couple of sunny weekends and having our house elf paint the porch - yes it now is an awesome glossy design space, I have cleaned all eleven kitchen cupboards and two sets of drawers. Be impressed, be very impressed, by the time that the newsletter hits the street my kitchen should be painted as well. Then the rest of the house, it mostly hasn't been painted for at least 25 years. Bring on



the social services and those dreadful women of the television programme, there will be guided tours with everybody wearing sun glasses. By the way those rumours of me moving house, where did they come from? You don't get rid of me that easily. Happy Easter

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