

Village News

for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva

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August 2014

The Prince of Wales Diary



small giggle—what a magnificent day was had by us (farm and pub people) and by the Prince of Wales' 70 guests, all part of the Duchy of Cornwall/Prince's Trust Organic Farming summer school, peaking (we like to think) with breakfast, farm tours and a lovely lunch in Bishopstone, of all places. It was that Thursday, when temperatures peaked at 27°; when the presence of a marquee in the pub gar-



As those of you in the parish know only too well, when the Prince of Wales wants a cup of earl grey with a spoonful of honey (and a drop of milk), you jolly well go and make it. We thought he wanted it at 11.06 am, but in fact it was only required at 12.58pm, which threw the military-style plans for HRH's visit to Eastbrook Farm and The Royal Oak 10 days ago into chaos. The tea was eventually delivered by the Rebekah Brooks look-alike Rosanna Finney, trembling slightly; he took two sips, passed it someone else, and eventually the cup and saucer was seen languishing by the sink as part of Nick Sturmey's massive washing up enterprise.

But this is not sour grapes, just a

den was a blessing; when ice cold water was dispensed on the Ridgeway to all guests by Pete Bond as they passed from discussing one organic farming experiment to another one in the next door field; a day when the Lord Lieutenant Sarah Troughton, from Wanborough, foreign to these parts, gossiped away with Helen Browning's Dad,



who always loves to see how Helen is managing the farm these days—after 27 years... (Don't know why you've got all those pigs, he says very often. And all those people working with you, that must be a problem...). The Red Arrows performing overhead also took most people by surprise. But you-know-who had put in the right phone call to the right person, £5 in the Airmen's Benevolent Fund, and the only disappointment was I'd asked for five aerobatic displays and they did just four.

Enough said—we were all bowled over by this particular trip, his animated conversations with Helen, Henry, Sophie, Dai, David and Clive was all the evidence you'd ever need to understand that he likes the way we try to do things here; and when he heard that our dairy manager was Romanian (stand up, Teo, the best dairy man we have ever employed), he made a beeline for him and chatted away about

those parts of Romania in which HRH has a special interest.

Thanks to our all our neighbours for putting up with us, always; and to

those of you who knew the visit was happening, thanks for staying fairly quiet!

Tim Finney

Pictures, Prince of Wales with: top left - Helen Browning; centre - Sarah Troughton; Clive (wearing hat) leads the tour.

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Sunday 3rd August 7 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am Family Communion, with Christening	Bishopstone
Friday 8th August	2.00pm Wedding	Wanborough
Sunday 10th August 8 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am Family Communion	Wanborough
Sunday 17th August 9 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am Family Communion	Lyddington
Sunday 24th August Bartholomew the Apostle 10 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am Family Communion	Hinton Parva
Sunday 31st August 11 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am Family Communion	Lyddington
Wednesday 3rd September Gregory the Great. Bishop	10.30am Holy Communion 7.00pm Holy Communion	Lyddington Wanborough
Saturday 6th September Allen Gardiner missionary	7.00pm Busy Lives Communion	Wanborough
Sunday 7th September 12 th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Communion 6.00pm Evensong	Lyddington Bishopstone Hinton Parva

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends and neighbours

A good friend of mine asked of me *What do you believe?* So now I am wondering, where do you begin to answer a question like that, and in a way that doesn't send people off to sleep? On the basis that you are never going please all of the people all of the time, what follows is a stab at getting into print, what is at the core of my being, and explained as best I can with the editor's clock ticking tormentingly in the background.

In the first place I believe that we are reflections of the circumstances that we have lived through. Because we have the capacity to think we have both a right and a responsibility to choose as to how those circumstances continue to impact on our lives. We are beings with a spirituality, and what I mean by that is, that while we can copy and learn and perform like any other mammal, there is something else about us. We have an energy, and just as the energy contained within the kitchen table doesn't show itself until it becomes fuel on a fire

so our energy has a way of revealing itself.

This energy has two extremes, either love or it's opposite and there are a range of opportunities for expression in between. This energy, this love is the life force that exists in us, exists throughout the world and the universe. It is an essential part of our DNA as it were, and is the reason why we feel better when we are loving another than when we are angry with them. During a recent conversation I was informed that physicists have to work on the basis of probability, for this reason the Bible has to be acceptable to a level where it is more than a collection of fairy stories.

Similarly, the guy that the Bible points to has to be more than a work of fiction. Jesus' life fulfilled more than 300 prophecies spoken by a variety of voices over 500 years, including 29 major prophecies fulfilled on the same day – the day He died. Within its pages we can learn from the Bible that God is a three letter spelling of the word love and that we are made in God's, in love's image. The Bible teaches us that Jesus

is the Son of God and that He is our template for a fulfilled life, should we choose to do what we are designed to do rather than what we choose to do.

Little wonder that we all benefit when we think as much (no more, no less) of others as we do ourselves and is why we feel so much better about ourselves when we care for other people. Doing what we are designed for is a way to some sense of fulfilment, though it will never be complete. The rest of the gap is our capacity to love and to be loved. In other words it is a God/love shaped hole. The Bible goes on to say that we were known even before we were formed in the womb and that there are great plans for each and every one of us.

These plans come with the promise that we will be together again free from pain and anxiety, next time for ever. So our fulfilment is more a question of our willingness to join in with love and love's purposes. That mistakes happen and that they are always an opportunity to learn is the reason that Jesus died. He died once, for all of our misdemeanours and I believe that His promises are to be

relied upon. In short, life with Jesus is an endless hope while life without Jesus is a hopeless end.
 Speak soon.
 With best wishes and prayers

Bill

The Baptism of Edward Harry Buckley

We held this very special event on Sunday, June 22nd at St Swithun's Hinton Parva where Edward's family were encouraged to take part in the service. His brother Angus read the story of the baptism of Jesus by John and his second cousin's Harry and Bryn Duncan composed some special prayers especially for the day. His brother Jamie showed the congregation a beautiful picture he had drawn for the occasion, a budding artist there me thinks.

Rev Bill invited all the children up to the altar to help him with the communion preparation.

Afterwards everyone stayed and chatted enjoying a glass of wine and nibbles.

It was a truly great occasion welcoming Edward into the family of the church.

Marguerite

Thank you also to Shirley for making sure the flowers looked particularly splendid for the occasion.

Editor



The first messy Church took place on 11th July in Hinton Village Hall. As the children arrived they made straight for the craft table filled with glitter paper felt pens and a variety of goodies.

The aim was to produce pictures for The Hinton Craft and Flower Show and all the children got to work. They had no time to stop for refreshments so ate whilst producing their masterpieces.

Rev Bill was chief laminator and a queue soon formed. With pictures

completed he told the story of *The Walls of Jericho*.

Everyone agreed that the first messy had been a great success and are looking forward to the next one.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th September 8.00pm at Kate

Marriott's, The Old Rectory, Hinton. We are planning to discuss Family Service, Messy Church and Donkey Service please come along and give us your ideas.

Marguerite 791 242

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From the Benefice Register

Baptism

St. Mary's Bishopstone

3rd August Rupert Male

Cleaning Rota - St. Mary's Church, Bishopstone

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:

Sarah Bally 791 121 .

Bishopstone Village Hall - August

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.

No Hall bookings for August

Hinton Parva Village Hall - August

Bridge	Friday	1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd & 29 th	7.30pm
Parish Council	Monday	4 th	7.30pm
Card Club	Wednesday	6 th	7.00 - 9.00pm
WI	Thursday	14 th	7.30 - 9.00pm

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 Flower Show

Saturday 9th August - Prize Giving at 4.45pm

Do you Bake, make Jam, grow Vegetables or Flowers? Paint, Sew or have a Hobby?

Then this is your chance to shine. Enter the Show now,
See Schedule for details

Please return entry forms by Wednesday 6th August

If you grow it - show it

If you make it - take it to

the Village Hall before 10.30 am on the day

Your support is very much appreciated, Good Luck

Tel 791 171

Mobile Library

Wednesday 13th & 27th August

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

Learn to Play Bridge

Calling all those who would like to learn to play bridge. We are having another meeting 3.00 -5.00pm

on 4th September in the Hinton Parva Village Hall. We would like to find out what the demand is and at what level. Please email Conta Criswell on contacriswell@hotmail.com if you would like to come. We aim to meet once a week and if another day would be better for some then please let me know.

News from Foreign Parts - Idstone

As harvest rapidly approaches and at least a week earlier than usual I am daily faced with an important early morning decision. Do I don shorts or long trousers. Long trousers give some protection to stingers and brambles and in the old days when we were physically handling many

small bales, some protection to one's knees. Shorts are more comfortable and at one time when I was young I would tolerate the scratches from kneeing wheat straw bales all day into the barn. The first day your knees would smart in the bath that night but they soon toughened up to give no trouble and you saved patching your trousers over succeeding days. Another trouble with shorts is the legacy of grass seeds that can accumulate in one's socks that need picking out laboriously by hand. Of course, our ancestors not so stupid, they wore leather leggings.

Apart from the approaching harvest there was an unnecessary drama on the farm recently when a party of one hundred walkers let out forty two cattle from a downland field near Rusley. The tradition in hunting circles when passing through gates is to shout back *gate please* which this party could have done well to emulate. Two beasts for some reason best known to themselves, when they had a massive landscape on offer, decided to navigate into the centre of a large heap of sewage sludge which the good inhabitants of London send us to fertilize our fields. They ploughed on and got stuck in the middle of the heap. We were away but Dan who works for Robbie Sellbourne, Martin Orchard and Peter Cookson got them out with a rope round the head and a pull from a telescopic handler. Cattle can stand this but I am informed never do the same to a horse. Horses would have to be helped with a body sling or you can try water into their ears for a final effort. Now back to harvesting. It looks good but the prices are horrible.

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Little Hinton Educational Foundation makes grants to support the education of local young people, up to 25 years of age. For example, we might help with the cost of buying books, software and materials or paying for field trips and travel. In certain circumstances, we can make donations to support youth group activities or older applicants.

If you are a student at school, college or university, and live in this parish, or if you organise young people's educational activities in the parish, and would benefit from a little financial help, please write and tell us what you need.

The grants committee meets in September to consider applications, so please contact us by the end of August.

Write to:

Mrs Valerie Brodin
The Coombs
Hinton Parva, SN4 0DH

Bishopstone 100 club

July Winners

- 1st 75 Jane Manktelow
2nd 60 Jane McCutcheon
3rd 21 Jane Le Coyte

How about that!

This will probably never happen again:

Name and shame time:-

No.2 Chris Thomas; No.5 Roz Boot;
No.7 Ian Thomas; No.9 Cheryl Keen;

No.12 John Richardson; No.39 Jim Mitchell; No.42 Sue Walton; Nos.61 and 90 Doug Stevens; No. 73 Adrian Dent; No.74 Jim Ball.

Subs are due again in January, why not pay for next year now and help the village hall finances!

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

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Jo

The winners of the Hinton Parva Dog Show are as follows:-

Prettiest Bitch – Dora the Black Cocker Spaniel owned by Wendy

Most Handsome Dog – Bertie the Cockerpoo owned by Pat

Best Six Legs – Weasel the Lurcher/Labrador cross with Sorrel

Dog Most Like Owner – Maisey the Labradoodle with Nicholas

Best Fancy Dressed – Freya the Black Labrador with Alan

Dog Judge would most like to take home –Mila the Whippet owned by John

Best in Show – Dora the Black Cocker Spaniel. Dora's owner Wendy very kindly donated her prize of a free Health Check and Booster prize (donated by Companion Vets, Swindon to the value of £50) to The Westie's Re-homing, Registered Charity. Thank you Wendy.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners received a Rosette and a Goody Bag, a big thank you to all donations received and to all our entrants, we couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you to everyone who contributed with setting up the day and to our wonderful judge Alison Richardson and her helper Tia.

Charlotte Bentley

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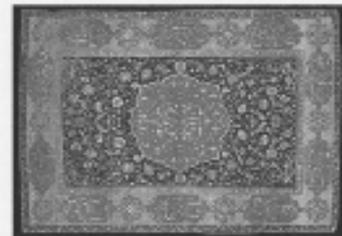
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Bishopstone Gardening Club.....



6th July: On a pleasant sunny Sunday afternoon our Garden Club posse drove (or cycled) to the picturesque village of Ewelme to enjoy a guided walk beside the Watercress Beds and Nature Reserve.

The chalk stream running through the village was dammed and widened to provide large beds of shallow, slow-running water under which the cress was planted until 1988 when production ceased. For four years the site was left to nature until The Chiltern Society made efforts to start restoring the beds. At the Cress Centre, a saddle-sore Dave and the rest of us took a breather and enjoyed delicious homemade cake and frothy coffee. The two groups chatted about the birds and butterflies we had seen. Also a rare orchid, lots of pretty *Corn cockle* and *Yellow Rattle*, a plant which is helping their ultimate quest of a wild-flower meadow, making grasses less vigorous and allowing other plants to establish. (Allotmenters take note!) This medieval village has connections to Geoffrey Chaucer and Jerome K Jerome (buried in the Church grounds). As we had an historian with us we thought it appropriate to take a

look at the beautiful 15th Century cloistered almshouses (still run as a charity today by the Ewelme Trust). They were established in 1437 by Alice



de la Pole, Duchess of Suffolk, the daughter of Thomas Chaucer, Speaker of the House of Commons and granddaughter of the poet Geoffrey Chaucer. She and her father both lived at Ewelme Palace which once stood in the village and they are both buried in St Mary's Church, which adjoins the almshouses. Mogs was spellbound.

Sheila

Flower & Produce Show Saturday 13th September Bishopstone Village Hall

Entries received between **8.00am and 10.45am** on the morning of the Show. Open to public at **3.00pm** for presentation of the awards, auction of exhibits, refreshments and raffle. The five titles for this year's photographic section are: Puddles; Animals in the Garden; Chimneys; Birds; Clouds.

8th October

Alan Christopher will be giving a talk and slideshow entitled: *Winding down for winter.*

12th November

AGM/Quiz Night

Meetings

7.00pm second Wednesday of each month unless otherwise stated, at Bishopstone Village Hall. Tea/coffee, biscuits. Come & join us!

For more details contact:

Doreen Cooper 792 965

Chris Thomas 790 106

Sheila Collins 790 358

email gardensoc@hotmail.co.uk

Great War Commemorative Programme

Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to respond to our survey about possible Great War activities.

We will use your views in an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, and to plan a programme of events over the next four years to suit the tastes and interests of all.

If our Lottery bid is successful, we can be more ambitious and also obtain some useful legacy resources for the villages in the form of projection and exhibition equipment for use in the village halls and churches. We also want to supplement the activities for the pupils at Bishopstone School, giving them the chance to explore what life was like in the parish 100 years ago and the impact the war had on local families.

Please get in touch if you want more information, want to get involved or have more suggestions about what to include in the parish's Great War Commemorative Programme.

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The Royal Oak Diary

What a stunning month - the weather brings people out here, the food rolls along with the weather—ribs, salads, burgers, steaks, pork fillets, pizza oven roaring away; the beer is clean and cold; the Prince of Wales pops in for the odd... (well actually, if I tell you, I have to kill myself, but the royal drink last month was... a tin of Pimms, delivered to me in a hermetically sealed plastic bag with some mint and fruit), if we could provide the ice, that would be marvellous. It's the second royal visit we've had, you know, this year-Prince William popped in for a day in March, to further his agricultural education.



Anyway, serious stuff, let's talk about *Pigstock*, or *Don't wake the Pigs*; our mini festival of beer, bees (our first honey was bottled last week), birds—did you see that day when we estimated 25 red kites and buzzards hovering and swooping as we cut silage above the Ridgeway? And books—possibly one or two authors, local and topical; and of course some music, all local, so Hangfire, Crimps, Cheesehouse, Cause for Concern, Jo Selbourne and friends, Bob Bowles Band; room for

one or two more, ideally younger, if you are out there. Farm tours and everything—all on Saturday 30th August, you can camp almost anywhere if you wish to; and beer—Arkells, Donington, and one or two others, great food, all in the garden if we can. No entry fee, as usual. Come and enjoy it. Nothing pretentious, as ever.

Wildlife hides for photographers now being put in place, six of them; stunning organic lambs (dead, butchered) now for sale off the farm (contact farm office, 790 460); land rover still working hard collecting customers; the valley (Eastbrook) stuffed with stunning wild flowers, take a walk up there; and while about it, lie down on the sweet smelling grass and look up and listen to the skylarks. And wonder, just wonder, how it could be

that 40,000 a day were delivered to dead to markets in London just 100 years ago, so we could all (actually, probably not all of us) feast on larks' tongue—pie, and in aspic, of course. Thanks to Mrs Roussel for continuing to wave at me, to Mrs Keller for making herself so thin I keep not noticing her; to Mrs Sturmeay for recovering from her broken hip; and to Sid for helping to make the World Cup such a success through his company's generous sponsorship. I'll come with you next time, Mr Simpson, pretty please.

TF

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News from Bishopstone Potter

Episode 2: In the potting shed

Having been inspired by our Millennium pit firing, which was featured in the last episode, we set about converting the tiny garden *potting shed* into a *pottery shed*. We installed a small kiln and a potter's wheel, then ventured to Bath Potter's Supplies, an Aladdin's cave for potters, and bought our first clay, powders and potions for making glazes. They say it takes 10 years for a potter to find his style but I can honestly say that at this stage we just wanted to try everything! The new pottery was practical if a bit cramped but it was so cold in the winter. One memorable snowy day we found our newly thrown wet pots frozen and swollen up with ice crystals. Hmmm, we had not thought of that.

Adrian had had some lessons on throwing pots on the wheel with the potter, Chris White, from Westonbirt. I was a complete beginner - but Adrian was able to teach me all that he knew! (Please note that this is not a reference to the film 'Ghost').

There were some spectacular failures



with both throwing pots and firing. We managed to overfire our glazed pots melting them into one large lump of igneous rock - never to be removed from the kiln shelf! A lesson learnt. However, our skills did improve and we were soon throwing fairly passable pots, as well as handbuilding and tile making - and all in our spare time around our full-time jobs. We even managed to sell a few pieces at craft fairs and to our *kind* friends. As time went by we were both increasingly drawn to the excitement

And Finally.....

Hi chaps, I'm back from Dublin, in fact it seems like ages ago. Thank you to all who asked, I had a wonderful time with my first born hanging out with musicians in pubs, rehearsing for Glastonbury (them) and drinking whiskey (me). The weather was amazing, like the Mediterranean sitting on Killiney Hill gazing out over Dublin Bay.

Yes, it's true, Mogs was spellbound by the almshouses and church at Ewelme, *see the Garden Club trip page 8*. It was a very interesting afternoon.

Now, when I have finished writing this, I have to don my flower arranger's hat and commence my flower sourcing, actually more like beg borrow and stealing, flora for the St.



Swithun's day service. For future reference if anybody has an abundance of blooms in their garden, we will always be happy to take them off your hands.

Thanks to Finney for the front page, and I hope that you all enjoy the August edition of the newsletter.

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of smoke fired pottery and raku pottery. A chance for more child's play with water, clay and fire - but I will leave that until the next time when you can find out more about *naked* raku and Adrian's big ceramic balls.

Latest news from the pottery

We are working very hard at the moment to produce ceramic raku pieces for an exhibition at the pop-up gallery in the Brewery Arts Centre, Cirencester from the 1st - 14th September. The exhibition is called *Oil, Clay and Thread*, joining up with textile artist, Chris Burton and painter, Ruth Britton to showcase our work together. Please come along if you can.

Sue Walton & Adrian Dent

Pictures: top centre *Adrian on the wheel*; bottom right *One of Sue's pieces for the gallery exhibition*.



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