

# Village News

for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva

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October 2014

## communication

Email Data Base – Hinton Parva & Bishopstone

The Hinton Parva Village Hall Committee is inviting villagers from Bishopstone and Hinton Parva to be included on their email data base. It is proving to be a successful and environmentally friendly way to let people know what is happening at the Village Hall as well as other village matters. If you would like to be included on this data base send an email to [hintonparvavillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:hintonparvavillagehall@gmail.com). This data base is only used for relevant village information and we will never pass on details to another party. Emails are sent in a way to ensure that your address is not able to be seen by other members of the database to ensure confidentiality.

For more information contact:

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The Village Website.....

.....hasn't been kept up to date, Thing 2 blames me for not sending him items, it's a catch 22 situation, nobody posts things so not many people look at the site, well at least I don't think that they do. In future we will make a great effort, starting with pictures of the two village Flowers & Vegetable Shows. Promise me that you will check out [www.bishopstoneandhintonparva.org](http://www.bishopstoneandhintonparva.org), and perhaps send some of your photographs of the village?

Editor

Two Letters to the Editor

Re Conservation Proposal by Jane McCutchan

As someone who has an interest in

building up parish churches as centres of community activity I was pleased to see interest in creating a conservation project centred on the Bishopstone Church. The local church serves a broader section of the community than either schools or pubs and often provides a useful green space where other public green spaces have been lost to development, or in your area, I am assuming, farming. The setting of the church in its' grounds can be a focus for the parish as a source of voluntary effort or stewardship as well as fun events and teaching opportunities in conservation. There is so much to teach children about God through nature. Even adults could learn new ideas about God and nature through book readings. Harvest Festival too do you still have that in England? It is hard to keep up traditions of the land as the villages turn into dormitory suburbs. All sorts of arts and crafts must be being lost where people lose their connection to the land. Growers markets are very popular here to make that connection to real food. People use spare land for community food growing too. I think a conservation project has very important possibilities as a struggle for the soul of life links with God and the land. Good Luck.

Scilla Stack Perth, Western Australia.

Dear Editor,

We noted Toby's letter in last

month's issue about the lack of World War 1 commemorations in the Benefice and would like to put the record straight for Bishopstone.

**Remembering Bishopstone Lads at the Beginning of World War 1**

Robbie Selbourne had been reading his grandmother's War Diaries, and noted that a bell was rung in Bishopstone on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 1914, the exact date our brave young men left the village to head off to war. Robbie made a point of asking me if the bells could be rung again, 100 years later to the day. A visiting side rang our 'Heavy 8' most beautifully during the afternoon, then there was a minute of chiming on the Sanctus at 7.00pm, and at group practice that evening, local ringers had all eight bells ringing again. The significance of the date was not lost on the ringers nor the people in Bishopstone, and we held the brave young lads in our hearts.

Doug Stevens, Church Warden  
St Mary's, Bishopstone



*Intersmoke too slow?*

### CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Lyddington
	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Harvest Family Communion	Bishopstone
		12.30pm	Harvest Lunch	Lyddington
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	12.30pm	Wedding	Wanborough
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP	Bishopstone
	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Wanborough
		6.00pm	Evensong	Lyddington
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9.30am	School Harvest Festival	Wanborough
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP	Wanborough
	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	*10.30am	Family Communion	Lyddington
		1.00pm	Baptism	Wanborough
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	*10.30am	Family Communion	Hinton Parva
	Last Sunday after Trinity	2.00pm	Baptism	Bishopstone
	Bible Sunday	6.00pm	Evensong.	Wanborough
<b>Friday</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	1.00pm	Wedding	Wanborough
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Lyddington
	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent	10.30am	Family Communion	Bishopstone
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva

\*Refreshments served after the service

## The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

It's that time of the year when things around us are changing – it's no longer summer and not yet winter. It is an in-between time.

As I look around the garden and greenhouse there is not much bounty left to harvest. The absence of the bright red tomatoes and long deep green cucumbers leave a sense of sadness. The greenhouse is bare at the moment, but it won't be too long before the bench is back in ready for seed trays, the geraniums and dahlias under the bench ready to conserve their energy until after the winter.

The vegetable beds are bare except for the onions and leeks; gone are the long runner beans and their red flowers, the deep purple of the beetroots and the vibrant greens and maroons of varieties of lettuce. And it feels quite sad.

But then I look around at the trees

where leaves have turned all the beautiful colours of autumn, where rich deep glossy conkers are excitedly gathered by children (and some adults too! - when will I grow up?).

And suddenly I don't feel sad anymore, but filled with a sense of expectation. All of nature – the trees and the flowers, the birds and animals, and we human beings too – need the rhythm of the seasons, the light and the dark, the sun and the rain, the warmth and the cold to flourish.

So, taking a lesson from nature we could slow down a bit during October and take stock of life and our part within the life at home, in our place of work and in the wider community. Where have we been able to flourish and blossom, able to bring joy and gladness to the life of others around us? What have we learnt from the past few months, how have we grown in our understanding of life and our place within it? Where have we

recognized God at work?

Have we stopped to see him in the wonder and beauty of creation? Have we seen a glimpse of him at work in others? Have we grown in our knowledge and understanding of his awesome wonder and power. Have we shared his love in our relationships with one another? Have we spent time with him in prayer and silence?

I, for one, know that I have not always stopped enough, that I haven't always given God the time that I need to spend with him in order to be refreshed, strengthened and renewed. Let us all take notice of nature and make sure that we make time to stop and just 'be' – so that we may be ready to blossom where God has planted us. Then we will be able to add to the beauty of the creation around us and share God's love with one another.

Sandy



**Harvest Festival Decoration**  
 10.00am Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October  
 Bishopstone Church

Everyone is welcome to come along to help decorate Bishopstone Church for Harvest Festival

Please bring any greenery, flowers or fruit that you can spare

Experience not required, just a sense of humour!!!

Contact Chris Thomas 01793 790 106

**Wedding & Christening Surgeries**  
 11.00am 12.00pm  
 Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October  
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 Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
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**Cleaning Rota - St. Mary's Church, Bishopstone**

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 .

**Family Service Meeting**  
 8.00pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
 The Old Rectory  
 Hinton Parva

**Family Service**  
 10.30 Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> October  
 St. Swithun's Church, Hinton  
 all about Noah

**PCC Meeting**  
 Hinton Village Hall  
 7.30pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**Donkey Service**  
 6.00pm 17<sup>th</sup> December  
 Hinton Parva

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## *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 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 11.45 - 3.00pm			
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mothers & Toddlers	9.00 - 11.00am	School 11.45 - 3.00pm	WI 3.00pm	
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>		School 11.25 - 1.00pm			
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>		School 11.45 - 1.00pm			
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>		School 11.45 - 3.45pm	Ballet 3.45 - 7.00pm	TQD 7.00pm	BADS 8.00pm
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>		School 11.45 - 3.00pm		Gardening Society 7.00-9.00pm	
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers & Toddlers	9.00 - 11.00am	School 11.45 - 3.15pm		BADS 7.30pm
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>		School 11.25 - 1.00pm			
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>		School 11.45 - 1.00pm			
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>		School 11.45 - 3.45pm	Ballet 3.45 - 7.00pm	TQD 7.00pm	BADS 8.00pm
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>		School 11.45 - 3.00pm			
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers & Toddlers	9.00 - 11.00am	School 11.45 - 3.15pm		BADS 7.30pm
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup>		School 11.25 - 1.00pm			
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>		School 11.45 - 1.00pm			
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>		School 11.45 - 3.45pm	Ballet 3.45 - 7.00pm	TQD 7.00pm	BADS 8.00pm
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>		School 11.45 - 3.00pm			
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mothers & Toddlers	9.00 - 11.00am			BADS 7.30pm
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup>			Ballet 3.45 - 7.00pm	TQD 7.00pm	BADS 8.00pm
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup>					BADS 7.30pm

## *Hinton Parva Village Hall - October*

Bridge	Friday	3 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm
Card Club	Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	7.00-9.00pm
Bridge for beginners	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>	3.00-5.00pm
Private Booking	Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	All Day
Private Booking	Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	All Day
Private Booking	Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00-3.00pm PCC 7.30pm
WI	Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30-9.30pm
Messy Church	Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	4.15 -5.45pm
Private Booking	Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	2.00-5.00pm

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

### **Caretaker Required - Bishopstone Village Hall**

The village hall committee are looking for a responsible person to assist with the care and maintenance of the village hall.

Hours are flexible to suit applicant.  
 For further information please telephone: David Wray 791 125  
 or Carol Sarchet 791 453

### **Bishopstone Village Hall Annual General Meeting**

7.00 pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
 Bishopstone Village Hall

The committee is giving a lot of thought to the future management of the hall and decisions taken at this time may lead to significant changes taking place which will affect all who use the hall. Please come along to this meeting and give your views and support on the way forward.

*Carol Sarchet*

## *A Word from the Chairman.....*

.....when we choose to move to a small village it is often because we prefer countryside to town. This often provides the opportunity to put down roots in the community in which we live. What better way than by joining the Village Hall Committee. You will soon know most people in the Village and enjoy helping with the occasional social event. Our next Committee meeting is on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

Please contact me for details.    Howard 791 171

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**Bishopstone**

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*Another date for your diary .....*

7.30pm Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> November

***A hundred Years On***  
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Hinton Village Hall

- a talk and presentation
- an exhibition
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*More information to follow*



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## Bishopstone Gardening Club.....Flower & Produce Show



with their beautifully painted pictures. Matthew English and Thomas Whitaker won first prizes for their excellent interpretations of *Seaside*: Matthew's sailing ship and happy family scene, (top left); Thomas's beautifully

ting the pot of lemon curd which we all bid for at the auction. It was hard work for some. Thank you to everyone who helped. We had fun. Let's do it again next year!

*Sheila Collins (who also supplied the photographs)*

You are indeed a very talented lot! Many people supported this year's Show. As people jostled to set up their produce, tables were soon festooned with flowering plants of every colour and rose perfume wafted through the hall. We had a bumper crop of entries and competition was fierce. Newcomers and keen gardeners from Hinton Parva added extra excitement with their entries, the atmosphere grew tense as Keith our chairman, read out the winners and handed out cups & trophies.



The youngsters from Bishopstone Primary School had been busy, the village hall looked bright and sunny

detailed Palm trees caught the judge's eye. (Maybe next year we can encourage more children to enter & come along on the day to collect their prizes.) In no particular order, highlights of the Show for me: Russell's entwined carrots; Josie's subtle pink Gladioli; Margaret's beautiful orchid; Doreen's Dahlias; skilfully cooked cakes, quiches, jams & chutneys, not forget-



*Guess who's peeping around the flower arrangement?*

### The winners are:

Vegetables	Keith Gibbison
Fruit	Ian Thomas
Pot Plants	Doreen Cooper
Flowers	Doreen Cooper
Floral Art	Chris Thomas
Domestic	Cheryl Keen
Photography	David Wray
Arts & Crafts	Chris Thomas
Infants	Heather English
Juniors	Thomas Whitaker
Trophy for Potatoes	Jackie Wray
Trophy for Single Rose	Doris Brown
Overall Winner With	
Most points	Doreen Cooper

### Forthcoming Events

#### 8<sup>th</sup> October

Alan Christopher will be giving us an interactive talk on *Winding down for winter*. Alan has over 50 years of gardening experience. We may learn something from him!

#### 12<sup>th</sup> November

AGM & the very popular Quiz Night & Supper. More info to follow ....

### Meetings

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

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## The Royal Oak Diary

Bottleman is back. Yes, two Tesco bags with wine, whisky and beer, about three weeks ago. All empty, sadly, otherwise we might have recycled it. Other extraordinary things that enrage me, and it's not just confined to our pub car park—the godly habit of picking up one's dog's mess is indeed godly, but the less godly aspect is then leaving said plastic pouch in exactly the same place, but now full; or even more fun, hanging it from the nearest low hanging branch. We even have pub customers who decide to change their babies' nappies in the car park, quite sensibly in private, although we also encourage them to a spare room we have, if they ask—and then leave the nappy for us to clear up, often in that space under where their car was parked. I feel an ill-tempered sermon coming on, probably not the only person in the parish contemplating letting off a bit of steam! From what I've been hearing...

Anyway, keeping it brief for a change, and no reference this week to Josie, Kate K, Mr Greenhalgh and the glorious parish council, or the *True Heart*...two events that ought to tickle the parish's tastebuds and sense of humour and history

**2<sup>nd</sup> October, Village Feast/Harvest supper**—three courses, £15, all welcome from 7.00pm. No choice on the menu (there won't be one) but plenty of choice when it gets to your plate. Please book—this is amazing value. There is another harvest supper somewhere some time, but people I've asked don't seem to know. We're working closely with Westmill organic garden, near Sevenhampton—they provide 90% of our veg all year round. Picked in the morning, served in the evening.

And **15<sup>th</sup> October**, 7.00pm for 7.30; raconteur Richard Green from Idstone, now living in Bisby, talks about his book, the history of the Old Berks Hunt. Plenty of anecdotes, some interesting facts, a little bit of mischief, we hope. I want hunt en-

thusiasts and lots of neutrals that night—I have a very soft spot for ancient cultures that have survived the politically correct times we are living in. £20 for two courses, it will be lovely.

Otherwise, Arkells continue to sell better and better beer. Despite the occasional upturned nose—you'll never know till you try it; and we keep it very well. We scraped back into the Good Food Guide, with a 3 again, making us well within the top 500 places to eat in the UK—not bad for a little old village on the edge of Swindon.

And finally—offers invited for a delightful, rare red French sports car, made by Alpine at Dieppe. Often seen driving slowly thro the village. Only 21 of them in the UK. The landlord is happy to listen to offers but not above £6000! Ho ho

TF

## Wanborough Handbell Ringers

### **New Team Members Needed**

The Wanborough Handbell Ringers have one new recruit, but are looking for more team members from the Benefice for the 2014 Christmas season.

Practices are held every Sunday at 2 The Beanlands, Wanborough, 7.30 - 9.00 pm, starting on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October, and take place until just before Christmas when we start our performances.

Our music, is written in numbers, not staff notation, and is easy to learn. No musical experience is required.

Come along and have a go, or telephone / e-mail Nicky or Tony Pullan for more details.

01793 790 904

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## Stop press!

The play this year will be:

## Natural Causes by Eric Chappell



Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December -  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

*Details to follow*

## Mobile Library

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

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

## Bishopstone 100 club

### September Winners

1<sup>st</sup> 1 Gill May

2<sup>nd</sup> 28 Angela Edwards

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Jo

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## News from Bishopstone Pottery

### Episode 4 : At the Gallery

It has been a frantic few weeks for us leading up to our exhibition in the New Brewery Arts pop up gallery in Cirencester. We had a target to produce a set number of raku pottery pieces....and they had to be our best!! The trouble is the process of raku is unpredictable and we did have some tense moments when our resist slip seemed to stick to the pots. This was solved when we discovered we had incorrectly made up the latest batch!! We also managed to drop one of our larger pots on the concrete floor when taking it red-hot from the kiln. Miraculously it did not break or make a mark on the pot and served as a reminder to me to remember not to wear sandals at this point in the process!! The car was loaded and we set off to begin to set up the gallery on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August ready for opening on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We met the other two artists exhibiting with us to discover that the previous artist had not cleared the gallery and the key was nowhere to be seen. Only mild panic set in at this stage. Time for a coffee and lunch. The key had still not turned up and it became increasingly clear that we were not going to be able to set up until midday the next day. We now had half a day to get ready but with loads of help from friends and spouses we made it ready for the opening on Tuesday.

We were really delighted when over 60 people turned up for our preview evening. It felt really special and we were touched that so many friends from Bishopstone came, together with other friends from as far away as East Sussex and Devon. Thank you all for supporting us.

The exhibition is now coming to an end and has been very successful for us all but what we mostly enjoyed was meeting so many new people in Cirencester from the artists who already work in New Brewery Arts to the lovely lady who just came in for the free sweets (as long as they had soft centres!).

Latest news from the pottery:

Pigeon update: The pigeons who nested in the pottery and were relocated to the wisteria have produced their brood of two babies – not the prettiest chicks I've seen. They have now flown the nest but remain around the garden. So I guess that will be more mouths to feed on the veg patch.



*One of the raku pots exhibited at the gallery*

*Sue Walton and Adrian Dent*

## And Finally.....

Well, well, who would thought we had a world-wide readership? Actually I do know that we have readers in Ireland, the Cotswolds and the Midlands, as well as Australia.



While it was admirable that the bells were rung in Bishopstone to commemorate WWI, the point is, did anybody know at the time? Perhaps next time church bells are rung for some important reason we should be informed before hand?

The village email is brilliant, very useful for all sort of things from looking for lost cats to information about a certain Harvest lunch that somebody forgot to put it in the newsletter.

The village website is also a rather under used resource which, hopefully,

will soon be remedied, but Andy, remember that Hinton is part of the parish.

Being interested in wild life, I have already put 24<sup>th</sup> October in my diary to go bat spotting. When my boys were small we used to go and sit in Hinton churchyard looking for bats.

*mogs X*

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