

Village News

for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva

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September 2014

Invitation I

Bishopstone's Inaugural Duck Hunt

20th September - 5th October

Bishopstone has always been known for its duckpond, but this September it is welcoming a new breed of duck- the first Bishopstone Duck Hunt. a collection of ducks will arrive in the village, just waiting for eager visitors to guess their names.

Trail sheets can be bought from the school and the Royal Oak for £2.50 and will be available from the beginning of September, there will also be a children's trail sheet available. All proceeds go to the school.
Happy Hunting!

Contact:

Bishopstone Village School 790 521 after 3rd September



Invitation II - Conservation

Some time ago, Rev. Bill asked me to come and see him. A number of people told him about *Harvest Happenings* and *Son et Lumiere*, which were so much fun and helped raise £13,000 to rebuild the church gallery. Bill asked me for some more *bright ideas*, because he wants to encourage Bishopstone people to get involved in church activities again, in the same way Hinton folk have grasped the Family Service and made it theirs.

There is evidence round the Pond, on the Island and in the Village, that local residents are interested in conservation and a *Conservation Project* might give focus to church activities. Wantage Museum has a good display on the Chalk Downland Environment, but that is the closest information point. *But the churchyard is looking beautiful*, you say, and not in need of extra care, so what's the point? By capitalising on Bishopstone's status as a Conservation Area, the church could become a Conservation Centre; a lovely place to hold talks about wildflowers, wild animals and country crafts – and also controversial topics like FRACKING. All things things *bright and beautiful* are shown in the stained glass window above the font. Faringdon has become the *Fair Trade-Town*, why not Bishopstone, the *Conservation Village*? Bishopstone and Hinton Church Wardens support the idea, so now we are seeking your opinion. Would you like to explore the *conservation thought* a bit more with a **church supper** in October, followed by a programme about our church bats? How many Cottage Pies will be needed? We will be grateful for expressions of interests to make planning easier.

There are a number of ways to make your views heard: get in touch with the Editor (deadline 15th September), contact details page 12; speak to Doug Stevens or Marguerite Seaward; talk to Rev. Bill, put something on the community website, or call me on 791 286 to volunteer your help - I live in the garage flat at Curtis House, next to the Royal Oak. I saw Roz Boot at Wanborough church this morning and she chuckled and said, *If you are having another Harvest raffle, I would like to win the pair of rabbits*. We don't have a budget to cover costs, so we will need to *pass the hat* for the meal and the speaker – after we pull out the rabbits, of course.

Jane McCutchan

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Saturday	6th September	12 noon	Wedding	Lyddington
	Allan Gardiner Missionary	7.00pm	Busy Lives Communion	Wanborough
Sunday	7th September	8.30am	Holy Communion.	Lyddington
	12 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion.	Bishopstone
		6.00pm	Evensong.	Hinton Parva
Wednesday	10th September	*10.30am	Midweek Communion	Lyddington
		7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough
Sunday	14th September	6.00pm	Evensong	Lyddington
	Holy Cross Day			
Wednesday	17th September	*10.30am	Midweek Communion	Lyddington
	Hildegard, abbess	7.00pm	Midweek Communion.	Wanborough
Sunday	21st September	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP	Wanborough
	Matthew, Apostle	*10.30am	Harvest Family Communion	Lyddington
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
Wednesday	24th September	*10.30am	Midweek Communion	Lyddington
	Ember Day	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough
Sunday	28th September	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP.	Bishopstone
	15 th Sunday after Trinity	*10.30am	Harvest Family Communion followed by harvest lunch	Hinton Parva
		6.00pm	Evensong.	Wanborough
Wednesday	1st October	*10.30am	Midweek Communion	Lyddington
	Remigius Bishop	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough
Saturday	4th October			
	Francis of Assisi Friar	7.00pm	Busy Lives Communion	Wanborough
Sunday	5th October			
	16 th Sunday after Trinity	8.30am	Holy Communion	Lyddington
		10.30am	Harvest Family Communion	Bishopstone
		12.30pm	Harvest Lunch	Lyddington
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva

*Refreshments served after the service

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends and Neighbours,
A group of people went off to a village to do some voluntary work. In the evening they went to the local pub for some local hospitality and there they met a villager who was pleased to find some new pairs of ears with which to share some of his well-worn stories. One drink led to another to the extent that the publican had never seen this particular villager so well oiled. Concerned, he asked him to leave. In response, the villager slid into an untidy heap on the floor. The volunteers helped him to his feet and then to the door. When they let go, the villager ended up in a heap on the pavement. The publican informed the volunteers that their new found friend lived in a cottage across the road. They picked

him up, delivered him to the door and rang the doorbell. The villager's wife opened the door and managed to avoid her husband as he made his way from the door to the floor in one swift, and apparently effortless, movement. In response, the volunteers offered to put the villager into his bed, an offer for which his wife was most grateful. Devoted to her husband, the villager's wife arrived at his bedside the next morning with a nice cup of tea. She remarked *Well you had a good night last night!* to which he responded *How did you work that out?* she replied *Well, your wheel chair is still in the pub!* Hospitality has been at the heart of the message of Jesus, and His Bride the Church from the outset; simply because His message and purpose is to restore that common-union that

is at the very heart of our nature. Namely love. It's why we feel good when we're helping another and why we feel bad when we are undermining them, be that in thought, word or deed. God is a three letter spelling of the word love and we can read this in our Bibles (1 John 4:16). Food and drink have been very much a part of Christian hospitality throughout the ages. As well as the many occurrences in the life and times of Jesus they have also been evident in acts of care of others, in family events and in the things that mark key points in life's journey. Hospitality used to be a significant feature in business. The Anglican Communion extends a welcome to the Communion Table to all who are baptised and in good standing with their church and is part of the

reason for my move into the Church of England. It's only when we want to get involved in church governance that full membership is required. Holy Communion or the Eucharist is a vision of the hospitality that will be extended to us in the next life.

The level of hospitality extended to those of our forebears who fought in the First World War can only be imagined. The fact that so many are making such an effort to commemorate this significant moment in human history points to the value of what our forebears have achieved. The hospitality extended to visitors to *The Lost Gardens of Heligan* has a different slant this year. The gardens became lost precisely because of World War 1. Signatures of those who worked the gardens were found in the *Thunderbox Room* before they went to war, and all around the gardens are tributes to each of them. Prince William remarked at the Commemoration Service held at Flanders how nations previously at war were now reconciled. That nations who were foes are now living and working together provides hope for us all. I pray that those engaged in tearing each other apart at this time, will have the chance to reflect and learn from the mistakes of our past and draw hope from the efforts that we have made since.

With best wishes and prayers

Bill

Wedding & Christening Surgeries

11.00am to 12.00 noon

6th September

Village Inn, Wanborough

4th October

The Harrow, Wanborough

St Swithun's Patronal Festival Sunday 20th July

This year the theme was In celebration of marriage. Members of the congregation were asked to chose a hymn which was included in their own wedding service, these were interspersed with poems and a bible reading on the marriage theme. A special thank you to Sophie Ellis-Boon who dressed up as a bride resplendent in wedding dress, veil and bouquet (courtesy of her Grandmother) and read the story of *The Marriage at Cana* most beautifully.

After the service everyone enjoyed wedding cake and a glass of wine in traditional style.

Thank you also to Mogs and her team of flower arrangers for the superb floral arrangements, Brian and the choir for their anthem *Jesu Joy of Man's desiring* chosen by Jim and Joy Ball. Rev Bill for taking the service, Myra Binks for her very amusing poem and again, especially Sophie who helped to make the service memorable.

Marguerite



The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th September 8.00pm at Katherine Buckley's, opposite Hinton Village Hall We are planning to discuss Family Service, Messy Church and Donkey Service please come along and give us your ideas.

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Cleaning Rota - St. Mary's Church, Bishopstone

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:

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Vicar of Bishopstone with Hinton Parva (1961-66)

I previously reported the death of Rev. John Prior and we have now received this information from his son, Simon.

My father's first incumbency was the parishes of Bishopstone with Hinton Parva. When he arrived, the centre arch of Hinton Parva church was collapsing, and the church was too dangerous to be used. He raised the nec-

Bonfires in Bishopstone

Throughout this wonderful warm July weather, we have been experiencing frequent bonfires in our proximity, the smoke from which has been spoiling our enjoyment of this fabulous summer. It generally begins between 5.00 and 6.00pm, when I have washing drying outside, doors and windows open (as our homes get very warm, single storey, slate roof tiles), and plan to eat outside, as our kitchen is the warmest room in the house! It particularly upsets my Mum, who at 82 finds the heat very difficult to cope with, so has her French doors open most of the time.

I have spoke to Lesley Drewett, re the official stand on bonfires, and it would seem our only official course of action is to report the culprit to the council, for polluting the air, however, try as we might, we have been unable to pinpoint the source of the smoke.

There really is no need for anyone to have garden bonfires, as we now have the option of a Garden waste collection, but if it is really necessary to have a bonfire on a hot Summer day, could they please do so after dark and check which way the wind is blowing. I am sure that we are not the only household to have our evenings spoiled.

Luckily, when our village was recently visited by A Very Important Person, the bonfire that day began at 5.30pm – thank goodness it wasn't earlier in the afternoon, when the guest was having lunch in the garden of the Royal Oak!

Fiona Finlay

essary money to pay for it's restoration, new altar furniture and stopped the church from being made redundant and being demolished.

Pictured left: the Rev Prior with Bob Wilson and Jane McCutchan's aunt, Mrs. Mant, retiring headmistress.

No Commemoration

On Monday 4th August I was very saddened to discover that was no service of Remembrance, on the hundredth anniversary of the First World War at any of our four churches - was there no guidance from either of our two bishops suggesting a service? We have become used to having four services on a Sunday, but not on that day of all days.

It is fortunate that those of us who have televisions were able to share their thoughts with the nation.

I think that I will send a copy of this letter to our bishop.

How may local inhabitants know that a Victoria Cross was awarded to a man who was born and lived in Wanborough, for his service in World War I?

From an old man with thoughts of the past.

Toby Ford

Mobile Library

Wednesday 10th & 24th September

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

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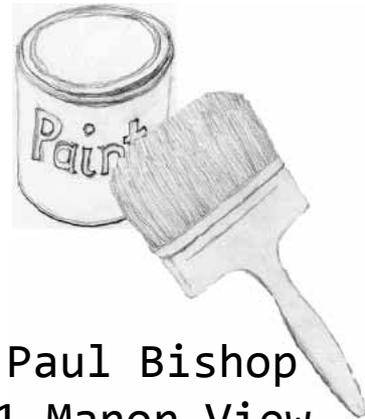
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Hinton Parva Flower Show - 9th August



Marion was presented the Perpetual Challenge Cup by Joshua Cooke - photographed by Jonathon Boon

Trophy Winners

The Charlbury Perpetual Cup 37pts
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Lesley Coates

Perpetual Challenge Cup 15pts
Highest points in Vegetable Class

Marion Peck

Duffield Challenge Cup 22pts
Highest points in Flower class

Lesley Coates

Duffield Trophy 13pts
Highest points in Ladies Class

Helen Evans

Roberts Memorial Cup
William Archer
Best exhibit in Vegetable Class
Carrots

Banhan Memorial Cup
Tomato Chutney
Best exhibit in Ladies Class

Helen Evans

Dianna Morris Perpetual Cup
Shoe Box Castle
Best Children's exhibit
Sophie Ellis-Boon
Tallest Sunflower (2.160 m or 85ins)
Hillsborough Nursery

A record 42 people and the children of Hillsborough Nursery took part in this years Summer Flower and Produce Show held in Hinton Parva Village Hall. There were so many highlights and too many to mention. Suffice to say that esteemed Judges were amazed at the quantity and quality from a small village. The Cookery section was sublime, the Arts section fantastic, the needlework was amazing. The fruit and vegetables were far better than anything in my garden. The organisers would like to thank everyone who took part and also extend gratitude to all those who assisted in promoting and setting up and dismantling the Show.

Hugs all round for those providing teas on the day and for making it so welcome and enjoyable day throughout. Most grateful for the donation of the raffle prizes. The raffle money goes a long way in paying for the cup engraving. And finally a big hello and thank you to the fourteen children who so bravely exhibited their paintings, handwriting and meticulous modelling skills. The most popular class this year was the photographic section which saw an incredible 19 entries and all worthy of a prize. See you all again next year. Its part of summer.

Show Secretary

Bishopstone Gardening Club.....

Bishopstone & District Flower & Produce Show
Saturday 13th September 3.00pm Bishopstone Village Hall

It's been a wonderful summer so far, a bit dry for a while but glad of the recent rain. On that note, it's time to give thought to preparing your favourite / longest / biggest / heaviest / shiniest / oddly shaped fruit & vegetables, potting up the jams, or perhaps having a practice cooking session. There are plenty of choices for the children too: just how many items can they fit into a small matchbox? Don't forget the photographic competition! Themes are: Puddles; Animals in the Garden; Chimneys, Birds; Clouds. Photos can be any size. Mounting is optional. Schedules are ready for collection from Doreen, 7 The Wyncies, 792 965, Margaret, 8 The Wyncies, 790 979, Chris, Littlecot, High Street, 790 106, and Sheila (2 Poveys Place, 790358). Entry forms to be also given to Keith Gibbison no later than Tuesday 9th September please. Entries to be in the hall between 8:00 - 10.45am on the day of the show. There will be tea & cake, a raffle and some of the produce will be auctioned. I know you are a very talented lot! Please do take part, come along and support the show by putting in as many entries as you can. Everyone welcome. Good luck!

Sheila

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The Royal Oak Diary

Local talent all round dominates the pub's sixth running of **Pig-stock, Camping with Pigs, Don't Wake the Pigs**, whatever you'd like to call it...starting with Bishopstone's own femme fatale and ace dog trainer Jo Selbourne, she of Prebendal fame, and hostess of the village's other best music festival. Jo and her friends are part of a star line up, including the stunning **Hangfire** (Highworth), second best newcomers at this year's Marlborough Jazz Festival, or so they say; **Redwing**, hill-billies from Lechlade; **The Crimps**, bluesy-stuff from Faringdon (lots to be blue about); **Bob Bowles** and his new ensemble, a driving dance set late on; **Cheesehouse Band**, ably led by Dave Whitaker, still upsetting the neighbours with their late night weekend practising down at the Eastbrook offices. Music from about 3.30pm till just before 11.00, all being well. I'm telling you this because either you will want to come along and enjoy the party, or you will choose to leave the village for the evening. It's **30th August**, in case you wondered.

If you do come along, you can also eat stupendously, hopefully off the BBQ and pizza oven in the garden; romp on straw bales; take a hedgerow walk with a white witch, and put things in your mouth your mother told you not to; farm tours with tractors and trailers, see our beautiful, award winning, lovely tasting saddleback pigs; learn about the amazing bird life, and the bees, at Eastbrook; drink gallons of superb real ales and ciders in the garden. Everything kicks off about mid-day, and the more the merrier—gently organised chaos, if you like that sort of thing. If it rains, we are not sure, but something will happen. (ps all the bands have to be over 50 years old in order to qualify for this event, and from what I have seen there is plenty of life in these spring chickens).

Time for my round up of village people again, because some of you have said you'd prefer to be talked about than not talked about. Mr Greenhalgh



the parish councillor is working wonders for you people who need broadband to be better; and the farm here is in conversation with providers about a trial mast site that will make your access to t'internet about 100 times quicker, as you all apparently want; although not Josie Rousell, who says the internet is already fast enough for her. She has been in the village since 1957 and she says the internet now is a lot faster than when she got here. She has lost 4 stones now, and as I've said before, all without going to the gym. She reminds me she was part of the group in the village that saved the school from closure around 1890. Ian Thomas also of this parish is keen to find out more about the True Heart and Arkells and this so-called village asset, so if anybody knows anything, please tell him. Tom Green and Clive Hill are looking for actors and actresses (not very pc, that term, is it, these days?) as they strive with support from the pub and the farm to put on the next village play—a black comedy we have been threatened with, rehearsals start 16th September, and the performance itself is first week December. Don't be shy, although if you're a woman (and there are several of you out there, I can smell you), you don't have to kiss Tom Green very often, and most of the time his pants stay up.

There's a lot more to be said, but I'm running out of time because of the daft deadlines set for this magazine! *Grrrr*. (leave them wanting more, that's my motto)

TF

The Ridgeway Link

We are very pleased to welcome Rachel Hale as our new co-ordinator. Rachel took over from Gail on 4th August. Our telephone number remains the same so if you need a lift ring Rachel on 791 192.

We would like to put on record how very grateful we are to Gail, who has been our co-ordinator for the best part of ten years - thank you so much Gail your contribution has been invaluable. Never one to let an opportunity go by can I please again ask anyone who would like to join us to contact myself 01793 790 372. We need more volunteers drivers but it is important that they are available during the daytime. We do not have a minimum commitment and we do not query it if the volunteer cannot help but unfortunately I do have a couple of forms which have to be filled in as I cannot just put someone on our list of drivers.

Louisa Barnes

Bishopstone 100 club

August Winners

1st 32 Mike Clay

2nd 5 Roz & John Boot

3rd 74 Jim Ball

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

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Jo

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News from Bishopstone Pottery

Episode 3: Naked Raku!

In episode 2 I promised to tell you about *naked raku pottery*. First, however, I need to explain raku pottery and what naked means in this context – sorry if I disappoint you. Raku pottery is nothing new! It developed in Japan in the late 16th century and was closely associated with the tea ceremony. In essence raku is taking a red hot pot from the kiln at temperatures as high as 1000 degrees C and doing *something* with it.

Our interest in raku was really awakened when we attended a fantastic course in France with Dave Roberts, a leading potter who has pioneered it internationally. It was particularly good because of the long sunny lunches with great wine! We quickly became hooked on the exciting process of *naked raku*, which means the pots do not have a glaze and the designs and effects are formed on the *naked clay*. We love this process that starts with making the pot, burnishing the clay with a pebble until it shines like glass and then firing it for the first time. Then it is sprayed with a layer of clay slip and a clear raku glaze.

A pattern or effect is carved through this resist layer (*see picture*) and then then it is fired to about 950degreesC. At this point, dressed in face masks, leather aprons and firemen's gloves, we take it red hot from the kiln and plunge into a container containing sawdust or newspaper. Now the magic begins: the sawdust ignites, the container is sealed and the smoke is absorbed into the areas of the pot not covered with resist. After just a few minutes we take the pots from the container, splash them with water and watch as the resist falls away and the amazing pattern is revealed. The process is unpredictable and the joy for us is in the *happy* accident which teaches us something new. We are constantly experimenting and in pursuit of the 'imperfect' perfect pot – the search continues.....

Latest news from the pottery;

Pigeon trouble - two friendly pigeons decided to build a nest in a box of borax frit (an ingredient in glaze) on the top shelf in the pottery. How sweet you might be thinking but can you imagine the damage they can inflict on pots when flying around. 3 broken pots later they were unceremoniously evicted. Happily they have built a new nest in the wisteria by the front door.

Don't forget our exhibition at the pop-up gallery at Brewery Arts Centre starts on the 2nd September for two weeks. Please contact us on 01793 790 246 if you want more details.

Sue Walton and Adrian Dent



And Finally.....

Thank you to everybody for the interesting variety of copy for the September newsletter.



As I write this, summer appears to be winding down rather too early and I'm shivering.

Also I'm doing a lot of wondering.

Reading Jane McC's article, wouldn't it be great if a small portion of all the churchyards could be managed to encourage wild flowers to grow to help our precious bees?

Wonder II - what is the criteria for winning the various classes in the flower shows? What are the attributes of the best carrot/handicraft/egg? When you enter a photograph, do you have to have been the photographer? Where can we discover these things?

Wonder III - what is secret of Josie

Rousell's successful slimming? Perhaps she could submit an article to give us guidance on the subject?

Wonder IV - I'm completely intrigued by the School's duck Hunt, are ducks going to feature on the Royal Oak menu? Now just going to get my gun, I'm again duck hunting.

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