

Village News

for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva

April 2015

Congratulations Bishopstone's Biggest Losers



We lost over 75lbs in the first six weeks and so far raised £135 pounds for school playground.

Now we are ready for phase 2, starting Thursday 9th April at 7.30pm. There is a limit to the numbers, so to secure a place telephone 790 785 (call after the 5th April) or email peter@swepan.com. If there is sufficient interest there could be a day time or weekend class.

The programme includes a confidential one-to-one body scan and a group discussion around topics relating to healthy eating and sensible weight control.

As a result some simple changes every single member lost body fat, increased hydration and gained or maintained muscle mass. Some might want more energy toning than actual weight loss. Seven weeks is a short time, still long enough to establish a few good habits.

Out of the £20 participation fee £5 plus £1 per/lbs lost, goes to toward the school.

Walk Stronger for Longer

Walk, jog or run, the goal being 5 kilometres by five weeks. All abilities and number of legs welcome. No charge.

Starting **Tuesday 21st 7.00pm** and **Sunday 26th April 10.30am**. Meet in the Royal Oak carpark.

Peter Svensson



Above: Bishopstone rubbish collectors.

Middle: Hugh found a humungous pipe!

Right: The Hinton gang.

More pictures on the village website .

Village Clean-Up Up-Date!

The village clean-up went ahead as planned on Sunday 8th March. The weather was kind as, unlike a few years ago, the rain held off! Special thanks to those who couldn't wait for Sunday, or had other priorities, and got stuck in beforehand.

A huge amount of litter and assorted rubbish was retrieved and bagged. What is particularly astonishing, nay incomprehensible, is that a lot of what people dump in our hedgerows could simply be put into a domestic wheelie-bin

There was a high level of support and commitment in both villages – next time we will request more litter-pickers! – and it was very gratifying to see new villagers and younger residents getting involved. The Parish Council would like to thank all those taking part (you know who you are) and we hope that you will support the next one as, no doubt, it will be necessary to repeat the exercise

Swindon Council generously supplied litter-pickers, hi-vis jackets, gloves and plastic bags and collected the rubbish in the following week.

Ian Thompson



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CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Thursday Maundy Thursday	2nd April	7.00pm	Fellowship Supper Hinton Hall	Hinton Parva
Friday Good Friday	3rd April	2.00pm	Walk with the Cross	Bishopstone
Saturday	4th April	2.00pm	Baptism	Bishopstone
Sunday Easter Day	5th April	8.00pm	Easter Vigil	Hinton Parva
		8.30am	Easter Holy Communion	Wanborough
		10.30am	Easter Family Communion + Easter Egg Hunt	Bishopstone
		4.00pm	Easter Service followed by tea	Lyddington
		6.00pm	Easter Evensong	Hinton Parva
Sunday 2 nd Sunday of Easter	12th April	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP	Bishopstone
		*10.30am	Family Service	Wanborough
		6.00pm	Evensong	Lyddington
Sunday 3 rd Sunday of Easter	19th April	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP	Wanborough
		* 10.30am	Family Communion	Lyddington
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
Sunday 4 th Sunday of Easter	26th April	* 10.30am	Family Communion	Hinton Parva
		6.00pm	Evensong	Wanborough
Sunday 5 th Sunday of Easter	3rd May	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP	Lyddington
		*10.30am	Family Communion	Bishopstone
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva

*Refreshments served after the service

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

It seems like it is only a few days ago that we were preparing for Christmas and suddenly April begins in the middle of Holy Week as we move towards Easter Day on the 5th. Where does the time go?

Indeed the story of the events of Holy Week and Easter also move along very quickly, but they are days full of meaning. We have just celebrated Palm Sunday, when Jesus rode into Jerusalem to cries of *Hosanna!*, but in a few short days we will be remembering the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples and his betrayal by one of his followers.

His trial follows and then the long walk carrying his cross to the place of execution on Good Friday. It is hard for us to walk with Jesus through these days, to enter into the pain of betrayal, the injustice of his trial and the agony of his cross and death; but if we can undertake the journey we will come to share more fully in the joy of

the resurrection on Easter morning.

And if we walk with the women to the tomb on that first Easter Day we too will look with astonishment at the stone rolled away and the empty tomb. Where is Jesus? And then we look around and he is with us. What wonder and joy fill our hearts.

That is the good news of Easter – that Jesus has overcome death and he is with us. With us through all the ups and downs of life. With us in our brokenness and despair, with us in our joys and happiness. There is nothing we have to face in life on our own, we only have to ask Jesus to be alongside us, strengthening and guiding us.

I write this on the day when Cyclone Pam has ripped through Vanuatu destroying everything in its wake, and the President is tearfully calling for international help. It is also the day after Comic Relief 2015 when our screens were full of people raising money for those in need and stories of those who have so many desperate needs.

The good news is that people do respond, help is forthcoming, and it

was wonderfully encouraging to see some of the people who have been helped over the years to live a full life. There, I believe, is the story of Easter. There, I believe, is God in action. There, I believe, Jesus is at work today in our lives, in our world. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A very Happy Easter to you all.

Sandy



Our task at Messy Church on 13th March was to make Easter Bonnets for the parade on Easter Day at St Mary's Church, Bishopstone at 10.30am

The bonnets were truly amaz-

ing covered in Easter chicks, eggs and funky shapes.

Sadly Revd Sandy was unable to be with us as she was poorly but we made a bonnet for her and Doug, the church warden to wear at the parade.

Next Messy will be held in St Swithun's Church on Good Friday 4.00pm where we will be making our Easter Garden.

The date for the next Family Service Meeting is Monday 27th April 7.30pm at Katharine's Buckley's, The Old

Inn, Hinton Parva

Marguerite

Beware the Bishop is Coming

Bishop Mike will be visiting the Benefice on Sunday 19th April to take the 6.00pm Evensong at St Swithun's Hinton Parva

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

7.00pm Tuesday 28th April

St Swithun's Church

Hinton Parva

All welcome

Bishopstone Church

Easter flowers

Saturday 4th April 10.00pm



Anybody who wishes to help, turn up at St. Mary's Church or contact Chris Thomas 790 106

Country Garden Fête & Tea Dance

Saturday 13th June

Prebendal Farm, Bishopstone



Don't forget that it is only a couple of months to the fete. So if you are spring-cleaning or moving house start to sort out unwanted childrens clothes, toys, books, accessories and bric-a-brac and save them for the stalls.

From the Benefice Register

Thanksgiving Service

St. Mary's Bishopstone

17th March John Alfred Fredrick Boot

aged85

Cleaning Rota - St. Mary's Church, Bishopstone

April	Maggie Gill & Jane Golding
May	Liz Warrick & Jane Manktelow
June	Jenny Isles & Sarah Best
July	Jill Rankin & Hilary Pitts
August	Mary Darling & Lisa Fitchett
September	Lorna Ford & Linda Matthews
October	Ros Boot & Gladys Jones
November	Fran Shishton & Frances Shone
December	Caroline Brandi & Jill White

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

More volunteers are much needed to help to look after St Mary's – the cleaning can be done at any time, it doesn't take long, and it is 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 .

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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 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	7 th		TQD 7.00 - 800pm	
Wednesday	8 th		Gardening Society 6.30 - 9.00pm	
Thursday	9 th	Mothers & Toddlers 9.00 - 11.00am		
Tuesday	14 th	School 11.45 - 1.00pm		TQD 7.00 - 800pm
Wednesday	15 th	School 11.45 - 1.00pm		
Thursday	16 th	Mothers & Toddlers 9.00 - 11.00am	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	School 3.15 - 4.00pm
Friday	17 th	School 11.45 - 1.00pm		
Sunday	19 th	Party 10.00 - 1.00pm		
Monday	20 th	School 11.45 - 1.00pm		
Tuesday	21 st	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	Ballet 3.50 - 6.40pm	TQD 7.00 - 800pm
Wednesday	22 nd	School 11.45 - 1.00pm		
Thursday	23 rd	Mothers & Toddlers 9.00 - 11.00am	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	School 3.15 - 4.00pm
Friday	24 th	School 11.45 - 1.00pm		
Monday	27 th	School 11.45 - 1.00pm		
Tuesday	28 th	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	Ballet 3.50 - 6.40pm	TQD 7.00 - 800pm
Wednesday	29 th	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	School 3.15 - 4.00pm	Village Hall 6.30 - 8.30pm
Thursday	30 th	Mothers & Toddlers 9.00 - 11.00am	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	School 3.15 - 4.00pm

Hinton Parva Village Hall - April

PCC	Thursday	2 nd	6.00 - 9.00pm
Bridge	Friday	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th & 24 th	7.00 - 10.00pm
Card Club	Wednesday	4 th	7.00 - 9.00pm
Bridge for Beginners	Thursday	9 th , 16 th , 23 rd & 30 th	2.00 - 4.00pm
Private Booking	Saturday	11 th ,	noon - 7.00 pm
Village Hall AGM	Monday	13 th	7.00 pm
Antiques Road Show	Tuesday	21 st	7.30 pm

Private Parties Catering may be available
Meetings etc welcome Free Parking

The Booking Secretary is Karin Thompson - 790 970
£6.00 per hour for residents of Bishopstone & Hinton Parva
£8.00 per hour for those living outside the parish

Mobile Library

Wednesday 8th & 22nd 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.

Contact: Doreen Cooper 792 965

Ridgeway Link

We would like some more volunteers to join their merry band. We provide lifts for residents of Wanborough, Bishopstone, Hinton Parva and Liddington. Most of our requests are to go to Doctors surgeries, GWH, Opticians and Dentists.

PLEASE don't just consign this to the bin, but seriously consider giving a few hours of your time a month to help someone who perhaps doesn't drive or cannot get a 'bus to their appointment.

If you would like to know more about us please ring:-
Louisa Barnes 790 372 or Gail Hayes 790 037

Thank You

Antiques Road Show

Hinton Parva Village Hall

Tuesday 21st April at 7.30 pm

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Bishopstone Gardening Society



Great to see so many people turn up to hear Alan Christopher, on 11th March, who gave tips on making gardening easier:

Reverse the wheelbarrow in to load up, (ensures one is pointing in the right direction.) Simple!

Always clean garden tools after use, wash, dry and oil them; they'll last for donkey's years. Hang them spade end up – who knew? Stops moisture running underneath the metal bit, so no rust!

Avoid back strain; measure spades before buying. With the spade touching the ground, the handle should be at hip level.

Use a Dutch hoe weekly to a two-inch depth, killing seeds before they germinate.

Alan demonstrated the correct use of

garden tools, then he introduced us to some nifty rechargeable secateurs – absolutely wonderful if you have poorly wrists. Mine's on order!

Looking Ahead

8th April: Damson & Gin

William Parry, The Wessex Wild Plum Co. Vineyard tales, liqueurs and drinks to try and buy. [NB: To be confirmed. Thoughts are we'll have a plant swap and coffee evening if William can't make it.]

Plant Sale: Saturday 16th May

7:30pm Second Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise stated, at Bishopstone Village Hall. Tea/coffee/biscuits/raffle.

Visitors most welcome.

Sheila Collins

The Hocker and the Bench



The Bishopstone Hocker Growing League (BHoGL)* was formed in 2013 launching a two year programme to establish the feasibility of *reviving* Hocker (*Oxalis tuberosa*) cultivation in Bishopstone.

The conclusion of these trials will be reported exclusively here, entitled **Off the Bench**. Hocker Cultivation and the 2013 and 14 harvests. It will also include a sublimation of the many *ad Hoc* hypothesis surrounding the Hocker and the Bench. (The Earl of Essex, the BBC, Conquistadors, The Armada...and much more).

HockerNews: Stimulated by the autumnal equinox, the Hocker trial grounds were awash with yellow flowers. The 2014 harvest has now been gathered, final lifted on the 21st December.

They appeared on the menu at the Royal Oak for the March Hockerfest and will be for sale at MIB proceeds in support of the hall picture rail.

* BHoGL - pronounced Boggle - The Bishopstone Hocker Growing League



Seed Hockers planted about the spring equinox

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School News

Hello to all

Since last month the school has had



a luxurious week off, a spring clean and now has spring chicks hatching in the infants classroom. So far seven have emerged from their eggs bringing wonder to the children and staff, as well as many children trying to work out how to roll up tight enough to fit inside an egg! The children recently spent an afternoon learning some skateboarding *cruise* skills followed by delight when the author *Jack Trelawny* visited us to read his latest book. The children were highly excited to welcome their parents into school for World Book Day, including encouraging them to dress up! Parents spent the morning learning with their children even going out at playtime! A great day was had by all.

On a very sad note we are saying good bye to Mrs Rousell on Friday 27th March. As you are all aware Mrs Rousell has worked for the school

for over 23 years and has seen many changes take place. I would like to say a huge thank you to all that she has done for children, parents and staff . . . I am sure there are many in the village who she has interacted with over these many years. We wish Mrs Rousell all the best in her retirement and I have no doubt we shall continue to see her around the village.

Emma Linsay

June James

June was a valued Member of the W.I. for 28 years retiring as Treasurer in 2009 and helped to run many events here locally.

Tennis was one of her hobbies and she won the W.I. Lawn Tennis Championship in 1973. Golf was another of her hobbies. Also she maintained the Scrap Books of the W.I. which have eventually become Village treasures.

Her own scrap books of her jaunts across the Continent in a car with the other girls (when they were considered quite young to travel in those days) were interesting.

Latterly life became more isolated and she was glad of a big dog, but you would often see her car outside of local homes as she enjoyed visiting people.

Well June was a Village *character* in the nicest sense and she made a difference in a good way we miss her and could do with more people like her to make country life better for us all.

Hazel Cooke

Bishopstone 100 club

March Winners

- 1st 26 Laurie Manktelow
- 2nd 8 Pam Deal
- 3rd 96 Caroline Brandi

The annual reminder, that some of you did not heed in 2014, subs please. £10 per number per year, it may be a footling amount, but it helps keep our great village hall going. You know who you are! I'll get you at the village fete on 13th June.

Jo (scary) Selbourne. X

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

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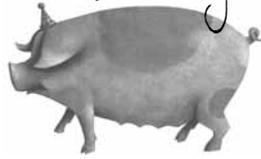
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The Royal Oak Diary

I wish to concentrate my sermon this month on **The Royal Oak**



Politics Night, planned for **17th April** at **6.00pm**, running thro to **9.00pm** if people can stand it. In the pub if the weather is poor, in the garden marquee if it's reasonable or better. With a sound system being provided by the ubiquitous Keith Newton, and straw bales by the local farmer H Browning. Chaired by me with some trepidation. There is a chance of me being irritable, apparently.

With enormous hard work, I have secured pledges from Tory incumbent Buckland; Labour local grandee Snelgrove; UKIP chair Short, Lib Dem Hooton, and The Greens' Ms Green-Green (Swindon South), or her colleague Ms Green-Green (standing for Swindon North). I am being a little lazy and disrespectful here, unintended, but both are double-barrelled and I can't recall every detail as I write this, and I apologise. All five are the (serious) prospective parliamentary candidates for Swindon South, and as a politically interested and quite active pub and community, I am hoping that our local population MIGHT be interested in finding out more about these people, and why they might be an asset to our rural community.

The plan is simple, they always are: each of the five gets 7-10 minutes to pitch for your vote; that will take an hour, and possibly a couple of pints. Then it's, as they say in non Arkells' pubs, a free house, or an open house; I will be hoping that there are enough interested and bold people with us to get some good questions and debate moving. Whether this is about coalitions with SNP, bankers' outrageous bonuses, Mrs Rousell's bus service, the NHS, freedom to drink more beer, or immigration, the pros and cons; or anything else that impinges on your reasonable life, that's up to you. What threat is ISIS to Bishopstone and Hinton Parva? Je suis Charlie, as I believe they say in Wanborough

and other foreign parts. Would you put men in boots on the ground there? (Wanborough, not Syria of course).

It would help me enormously if there were some of you out there who were attending and who had clearly thought out questions beforehand, that you might like to send to me at tim@helenbrowningorganics.co.uk, since then I could pretend to be an amateur D Dimbleby and look authoritative and say, 'yes that woman there in the pink shirt, you have a question on...?' I think it's important that we look like a professional audience, since they are all giving up their time only 3 weeks before the General Election to speak to a rural bunch who might not be their priority when it comes to garnering votes.

The bar will be open throughout; we will be handing out free simple food for the entire evening, all finger style; and if you are coming, see if you can get here on time. I'd hate to start with 20 of us. And I have no idea whether this event will attract 50 or 250, so be prepared. Bring along your politically interested mates—we're quite lucky to have a reasonably well functioning democracy, when you look around the world and see the mess there is in too many places.

If however, politics does not float your boat, try **Easter Egg Hunting**

here at Eastbrook on **Easter Sunday, 10.15am** farm offices, tractor and trailer to the valley. £10 per family/car, half of it to charity (Prospect this time); come and get some of our **Free Books** on the evening of **23rd April**; or drag your classic car/bike from the garage and bring it to **Drive it Day** here on Sunday **26th April**. **Organic Wine Tasting** on **25th March**, but I suspect you won't read this in time!

Pig Racing, 31st May: all 10 pigs now sponsored. I have written to Hills, the people building the two houses in the village, west end, and suggested that they could be world famous for ever if they wanted the day called 'The Hills International Pig Racing Festival' and it would only cost them £1000, all to charity. They wrote back. *No thanks*. Slightly po-faced, to be honest.

Arkells' plans to merge *The Royal Oak* and *The True Heart* into an international spa and resort and multi-storey car park (only a bit of a joke) will be available to view one afternoon in the village hall (date to be decided), and there will be free beer!

Eastbrook is offering a free lunch to anyone who helps with **hedge planting** on the farm on **28th March**—contact Sue Stringer, sue@helenbrowningorganics.co.uk if you wish to take part.

Hope we see you

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*Barn Dance
May 9th Prebendal Farm
more details next month.*



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News from Bishopstone Pottery

Episode 10 Time for a Manicure

It has been all systems go in the pottery this month as we prepare some new pieces for the *Made in Bishopstone* exhibition and sale in Bishopstone village hall on Sunday 31st May. I have been busy throwing some slightly smaller pots than usual for me and Adrian has been making tiles. These pieces have all had their first firing to 1000 degrees and are now lined up waiting to be decorated.

I had to make a new batch of glaze this week. This can be quite a laborious task as the ingredients for the glaze have to be put through a sieve with a mesh of 120. This means there are 120 holes per inch of screen so that only very small particles can pass through and it takes quite a long time to *coax* a reasonable quantity of glaze through these tiny holes. A glaze is made from three basic elements: silica, alumina and flux. The silica forms the glass, the alumina stiffens the melted glaze and hardens the fired glaze and the flux controls the melting temperature of the glaze. Simple really!! In other words glaze is made from finely ground rock and it is pretty abrasive, as I know from bitter experience.....

On a previous occasion when I was sieving glaze I got a bit fed up with using a spatula to push the glaze through the sieve and so I resorted to using my fingers to do this job instead. This all went really well and was a very efficient method until the ends of my fingers began to feel a little sore. On closer inspection I realised that the fingernails on one hand had been worn paper thin and begun to disappear completely. The glaze had acted as the ultimate in emery boards and had almost destroyed my nails. Quite a manicure and something I have not repeated when making glaze since.

For those that read this news regularly, I am sure there must be one or two of you, you will know that we preparing some local clay for making pots. This has also now been sieved through increasingly smaller mesh sieves to get rid of stones and large particles, without loss of nails, and will shortly be allowed to dry a little and be wedged up ready for use. We cannot wait to see how well it will throw and fire.

Breaking news

The Bishopstone Pottery website now has a link to our pottery facebook page. I have not got a clue how to use it but I am sure I will get the hang of it one day! Our website designer says that we need it and I have to ask everyone I know to *like* it. So I wondered if you could do that please?



Sue Walton and Adrian Dent

And Finally.....

Hi chaps, yup I participated in the village weight loss challenge, not because I was several stone over  but the pounds were beginning to creep on and I felt flabby. Soon diagnosed as my fat to muscle ratio was wrong (too much fat), not drinking enough water or eating enough protein. Not hard to correct, and no starvation. Now eating regular meals and drinking pints and pints of water, the hardest thing about it is remembering to eat and to my astonishment I've lost half a stone! I feel full of bounce and energy.....just as well, there was a huge disaster on Sunday, my Abode InDesign the computer programme, the one in which I was putting the newsletter together, went mad. It sort stuck on a strange

mode, like a print preview. Complete panic! After trying unsuccessfully to cure it, the only solution that I could think of was to open a new document and re do the whole thing. Can anyone out there give me InDesign lessons? If it goes wrong, I have no plan B.

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