

# Village News

for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva

August 2015

## Now a Ginormous 16 pages

I have now been editing the newsletter since January 2008, first it grew from eight to twelve pages, but for a while I have known, that we should add even more, there was constantly a list of would-be advertisers, unfortunately one can't add just another page, it has to be four, that means two more pages of advertisements (there is now room for a couple

more) and two more pages of copy and pictures. This is where I quailed - where am I going to get more stuff to fill blank pages? Happily help is available. Some



of you may know Sheila from the Bishopstone & District Garden Club (she's also the one who does the occasional cartoon for me). With her husband Phil, she moved to Bishopstone just under two years ago. An arty person who loves penning a few words, (she can type too), so who better to give me a helping hand as a News &

*Views from Bishopstone gatherer?*

**Two heads are better than one** (see picture centre) and we are scratching ours trying to come up with new ideas. If there were a letters page would you write to us? Will you send me your thought and stories, the funnier the better and, perhaps, photographs, *Oh please do*, chaps. Perhaps more views

from younger readers? So if you have anything you'd like to see included in our monthly newsletter, please do let us know and we'll see what we can squeeze into

our new extra pages bumper editions.

**While I've got your attention** - if you haven't died of boredom - the village email seems to me to be a slightly under used resource of communication. For details contact Andy Greenhalgh [agreenha@gmail.com](mailto:agreenha@gmail.com).

*mogs your beloved editor*



## fête news

The total made by the Annual Country Garden Fête so far appears to be £4,253, if anybody has a more up to date figure please let us know.

A couple of water proof jackets, one a child's, were left after the fête.

Contact Jo Selbourne 790 485

*(Thanks Millie Green for great picture of Tabby)*

## Happy retirement David and Jackie

The Village Hall Committee wish to thank David Wray for his huge contribution to the community during his many years as Chairman, Treasurer and Committee member

We wish you both a very happy retirement

[www.bishopstoneandhintonparva.org](http://www.bishopstoneandhintonparva.org) for breaking news

### CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	8.30pm Holy Communion	Lyddington
	9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.30am Family Communion	Bishopstone
		6.00pm Evensong	Hinton Parva
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	8.30am Holy Communion BCP	Bishopstone
	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	*10.30am Family Communion	Wanborough
		6.00pm Evensong	Lyddington
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	8.30am Holy Communion	Wanborough
	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	* 10.30am Family Communion	Lyddington
		6.00pm Evensong	Hinton Parva
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	* 10.30am Family Communion	Hinton Parva
	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	6.00pm Evensong	Wanborough
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> August (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)</b>	6.00pm Evensong	Bishopstone
	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity		

\*Refreshments served after the service

## The Vicar's Letter

Friends and Neighbours,

Firstly, a very big thank you to all who put so much time and effort into our village fêtes and shows. They are a great way, to some extent weather permitting, of enjoying this wonderful part of the world in which we live. They are also a lovely way of spending time with those we know and an opportunity to spend time with those that we hadn't met before. With so many streets in our towns and cities where residents have never spoken to their neighbours our fêtes and shows are a real opportunity for those who live in towns and cities to learn and experience something of life as a community. Thank you too for the time and the conversations that were shared with me at these events. Swindon Town Football Club put a lot of effort into their community of players last season and was rewarded accordingly. With so many changes at the club their community of supporters will be wondering what this new season will bring. Though Southampton Football Club was doomed to relegation at the beginning of last season they proved both pundits and book-makers wrong from the very beginning. So there is always hope. Hope and community are basic building

blocks in many a successful business. They are key to the Christian journey in our family life, our working life and when we come together in prayer. Like the supporters of Swindon Town FC we are called to *have faith and our Bible tells us that to have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see* Hebrews 11:1.

Sometimes this is easier to say than to do and again community can be a great benefit in terms of encouragement. As well as kind words and practical help, prayer is a foundational aspect of the Christian life. Medical journals on both sides of the Atlantic have published research that shows the benefits of praying. Improved heart and lung function as a result of praying a prayer with a rhythm (repeating a favourite verse for example); being prayed for, improved outcomes in a number of other studies. So as well as having benefits for ourselves, praying for others is a duty and a joy for the Christian faithful.

With best wishes and prayers have a great summer

With best wishes and prayers

Bill

### Prayers

If you have anything that you would like our village prayer group to pray

for please telephone:

01793 790 088 or

email [villageprayers@gmail.com](mailto:villageprayers@gmail.com)

### St. Swithun's Family Service

In June had a Father's Day theme. The story of Jesus the Good Shepherd was beautifully read by Angus and appropriate Prayers in thanks for our Fathers were read so clearly by Patricia and Lucy. The children were asked to give one thing that they loved about their Dads this varied from lots of hugs and kisses to playing games and reading stories. We are taking a break now for summer and will resume again in September. Happy holidays to all. Thank you to Kate, Charlie, Harry, Monty, Katharine, Angus, Jamie, Edward, Lucy, Edward Sophie Sam and Arthur for all your support excellent reading and prayers throughout this year and, of course, Richard for providing our music.

Marguerite

### Family Service Meeting

7.30pm Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

The Old Inn  
Hinton Parva



the flowers, not only for the church, but also the village hall, which had been decked out by a friend of the Bentleys and looked spectacular (there will be pictures on the village hall website). Thank you to Linda and Lorna for helping with the arranging.

**Renewal of Vows**

On a sunny Saturday afternoon in July Denise and Paul Bentley came to Hinton to celebrate their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a short service at St. Swithun's Church and then tea in the village hall.

Paul grew up here just a few doors away from the church, as his father worked at Little Hinton Farm.

We were thrilled to be asked to do



If anybody would like to join our flower girls (no flower competence certificate needed) get in touch:

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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September  
4.30 - 5.30pm

Hinton Village Hall  
*Harvest Theme*

PCC Meeting  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 7.30pm  
St Mary's ringing Gallery  
Bishopstone

St Swithun's Harvest Service  
10.30am Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
followed by lunch noon -12.30pm  
in Hinton Village Hall

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*From the Benefice Register*

**Renewal of Vows**

**St. Swithun's, Hinton Parva**  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July Denise & Paul Bentley

**Funeral**

**St. Mary's, Bishopstone**  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July Evelyn Walkley aged 72

**Cleaning Rota - St. Mary's Church, Bishopstone**

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.

Sarah Bally 791 121

## Bishopstone Village Hall - August

A vibrant Friday evening in July saw a close contest between nine teams vying for the first Annual Skittles Trophy at The Village Hall, Bishopstone.

Early promise from the *Flat Earth Society* turned out to be two-dimensional. *Genesis* looked like edging the first round ahead of *the Ginger Ninjas*, home favourites *Pond Works*, *the Hoofs*, *the Newbies* and *the Baahs*. Then came along the Rotary-led *No Hopers* who despite their name took a strong lead.

With the Ramsbury Ales and wine bar in full swing, it was time for a breather and a generous ploughman's lunch was served to all.

With everyone of the 61 present enjoying a good social time it was time to open the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round.

It was a very close contest between the teams with the *Average Joes*, *Pond Works* from the School and *Baahs* all improving on their first round scores. *The Newbies* set a good target, but were just edged out of the Semi-Final by *the Ginger Ninjas*, *Average Joes*, and *Hoofs*, who had a remarkable comeback with a combined score of 30 from two team members, and leading the pack, *the No Hopers*.

The raffle was well supported and there was even a bowl-off for lowest score with the prize of a particularly difficult 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle. The Semi-finals proved very close, but *the Hoofs*, a Bishopstone-based team and the Rotary-led *No Hopers* with Rev Bill O'Connell in their

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**. 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.

Parish Council	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5.30 - 7.30pm
W.I.	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 - 9.30pm

team advanced to the Final. With the bar still doing well there was much interest to see who would be the first winners of The Village Hall's Annual Skittles Trophy. In the end the *No Hopers* belied their name and won by 17, with the *Hoofs*, after a courageous effort, falling at the final fence.



Stewart Bell accepted the Trophy on behalf of the Rotary Club of Swindon Old Town, and vowed to defend it next year. This is a challenge the Village will do its best to accept and overcome!

After the successes of the Barn Dance, Made in Bishopstone, and the Bring and Buy Coffee Morning, this was another wonderful event for Bishopstone Village Hall. All these

events, which is hoped will be fixtures in our Calendar, are raising funds to upgrade the Hall. It is anticipated that the Skittles evening has brought in excess of £500 to add to the sums raised at the other events. We will update everyone shortly on the progress of both the total amounts raised and the upgrading itself.

Special thanks for the evening must go to the efforts of Russell Hatch, Carol Sarchet, Doris Brown and the rest of the team, Rick on the door and score board, and Andy and Ian with the Bar. Look out for future Village Hall events and please come along and enjoy the activities.

It is your Hall.

Mike, chairman

## Hinton Flower Show Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August

There is still time to enter but now is that moment when entries should be registered with the Show Secretary by Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August and final preparation made to your items. The Show is open to residents of both Hinton and Bishopstone. All Children's entries are free. The Hall will open at 8.30 am on Show Day for the staging of entries. Please complete staging by 10.30am as our Judges will be arriving soon after to start their vital work. Good Luck with all your entries. It will be fun. See you there. It's time to Shine.

All details are available on:  
the Village Website  
the Schedule and Entry form can also be obtained by calling Howard  
791 171

## Hinton Parva Village Hall - August

Parish Council	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Evening
Bridge	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 - 10.00pm
Flower Show	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	All Day
Private Booking	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	All Day
Private Booking	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00 - 2.00pm

The Booking Secretary is Karin Thompson - 790 970  
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# Bishopstone Gardening Society

24<sup>th</sup> June and perfect weather for our first Garden Club outing of the season. A short drive just north of Lechlade through pretty twisting lanes and quaint villages brought us to the beautiful Cotswold village of Eastleach. It's the sort of tranquil place where time seems to stand still; mellow Cotswold stone buildings nestle comfortably in the Leach valley against a backdrop of woodland.

You just want to get out of the car and explore.

Setting out on foot, we headed over Keble Clapper Bridge, which spans the crystal-clear River Leach.

This simple clapper bridge is named in honour of John Keble, one of the founders of the influential Oxford Movement. (Keble College in Oxford is named after him.)

Taking a short cut through 12<sup>th</sup> century St Michael & St Martin's Churchyard we

gathered to do a quick head-count before walking up the wooded driveway to meet Stephanie Richards. She and her husband moved to Eastleach House in 1982, when they started the long process of transforming

the run-down house and dark forbidding wilderness of overgrown tangled gardens.



colour wheel reach their peak in July. Shrub roses mixed with perennials and flowing shrubs filled borders with scent and soft colours. Cleverly arranged vistas lead the eye to the Downs some twenty miles away.



We were left to our own devices and had a great time exploring. My favourite bit was the rill, which divides the slope with thirteen steps, the water falling into a round pool. Herbaceous borders planted in the

Thoughtful seating had been provided for the weary (most of us were) and we had time to sit and enjoy the evening birdsong before heading off to the Victoria Inn for a bit of supper and a pint.

Many thanks to Sarah Bally for organising such a fab trip.

*Photographs of Eastleach House gardens by Sheila & Phil Collins. Look for more of them will be on the village website*

### Potted Schedule

August: No meeting  
 12<sup>th</sup> September: Village Show.  
 7.30pm Second Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise stated, at Bishopstone Village Hall. Tea/coffee/biscuits/raffle. Visitors most welcome.

*Sheila Collins*

**Bishopstone & District Gardening Club**  
**Village Show**  
 3.00pm Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
 Bishopstone Village Hall

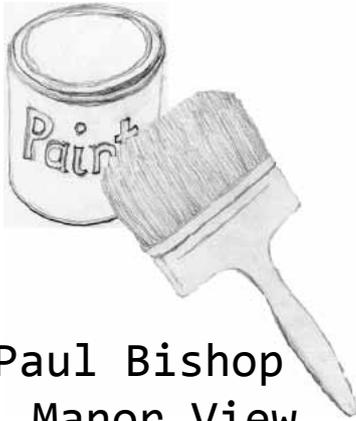
It's time to plan and prep your fruit, flowers & veggies, handicrafts, paintings, cookery, jams and jellies

Photographic categories: pretty things; shadows; insects/bugs; sheds; a single flower

Encourage your children to be involved - get them baking, painting and writing. They can even make a miniature garden in a seed tray - how cool is that?  
 Children's painting category (all ages): my favourite toy

Schedules available from: Doreen Cooper, Keith Gibbison, Cheryl Keen & Sheila Collins

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## Dickie's Diaries - July

Richard (Dickie ) Green is to contribute articles on the countryside and farming.

He now lives with his wife Penny in Bishopstone after 39 years farming at Rectory Farm , Idstone.

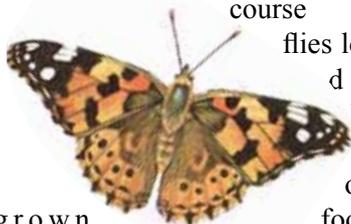
On the farm, July sees us loading the last four loads of bread wheat destined for Warburton's mills in the north, but unusually, this year we shall carry forward several unsold loads because the forward prices are higher. We had one load rejected this year because of

contamination with grain insects so we must pay extra attention to hygiene in making sure our stores are clean for the next crop.

Summer mastitis is a disease spread by flies which can make cattle ill and we had a case against the woods of Ashdown Park. It can affect dairy cows and also non milking beef cattle with a teat swelling to cause general toxicity. We managed to catch this beef heifer and treat it back in our buildings. A friend tells me that ravens which until ten years ago were unheard of here have, once more this year, nested in the woods at Ashdown.

It is one of the best butterfly months. We just missed a reported surge of *painted ladies* (below) coming up from Africa with the wind taking them towards Denmark. Of course butterflies love our downlands and overgrown footpaths.

The path opposite Bishopstone West End Cottages to the ridgeway is a good site. This



track currently has many examples of wild flowers including greater knapweed, ladies bedstraw, scabious, birdsfoot trefoil and common vetch which attract many *marbled whites* (middle left) and *ringlets*. Budleas have not yet flowered but when they do watch out for *red admirals* (above), *peacocks*, *commas* and probably *painted ladies*. My quest to view the rare *purple emperors* in Bentley Woods east of Salisbury has once again failed but we did spot the *orange-brown silver-laced fritillaries* and *white admirals* had been seen by others.

Dickie Green

### *We need food, rest and exercise.....*

## Bishopstone Weight Loss (Body Composition) challenge

.....*goes marching on*

We started in March, the plan was to do the seven weeks, but by July we were still going, during the summer we make use of peer support, seeing good results, both in weight and health. It's about finding a way to eat, exercise and rest so there is no need for a *diet* just *healthy, happy eating*.

The body needs macro nutrients carbs, fat and protein, vitamins and minerals and trace elements, water and some of us the occasional pint of Arkell's or a splash of red. Food: Some say its better than sex (this attitude tend to increase with age for both genders, just willingly admitted by one). One amazing statistic: 70% of all visits to the doctor are nutrition related, who would have thought? Amazing stat: The body's got about 100Trillion cells, each of these cells need 114 DIFFERENT nutrients, not occasionally but regularly, to even keep making descent copies of itself. Over the last decades many fats and protein have been vilified as real bad-dies at the same time carbohydrates have become comparatively cheaper and tastier. And, obesity has doubled

since 1980...Thinking about it, when we eat less fat and protein we're hungry every few hours (fat & protein burn slow) carbs quicker and refined once even quicker than Chris Evans can say Top Gear. (we say carbs burn fast, but actually its just partly burning most of it is converted and stored as fat. (Unless its broken down slower, see tips below for how to manage that). A good ratio is 30-40-30. 30% of the calories consumed from protein, 40% from carbohydrates and 30% from fats. In my experience the ratio is often 10-20% Protein, 70-80% carbs and less than 10% fat or in those regions, (this mean low or uneven energy and often weight gain).

Tip: Eat some protein with every meal (also many vegetarian options available) Eat more healthy fats like dairy, animal, olive, coconut, (avoid low fat options and vegetable oils). Increase carbs from vegetables, especially the above ground once, try to reduce wheat a bit if you eat a lot then aim for just once per day of now only 2-3 times /week maybe reduce to once a week. Try it and see what happen.

Question: What is free and make your body & mind happy each time? H2O - We all know hydration is important, and how much water did you drink yesterday? (yes other drinks count but still need plenty of water) one little tip is to train your self to start the day with a pint, no not at the *Oak*, but as soon as you get out of bed fill a pint glass an start to sip away at it, within 2 weeks you probably will do (a half) bottom up, before even thinking about your regular morning brew. If you drink lots of other drinks try adding a glass of water between each one. Both well worth the extra effort.

NEXT Challenge starting on *3<sup>rd</sup> September* open to anybody who like to trim some fat? Gain muscle tissue? Gain more energy ? Get back to feeling more fit and healthy?

We are limited to 12 participants so if you are thinking about joining or are just curious give me a call.

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## Bee on your Bonnet

What would you do if you went out to your car to find it covered with bees?!



This happened to us a couple of weeks ago and unfortunately the timing couldn't have been worse as we were due to go off on holiday. A young queen bee had been turned out of her hive by the dominant queen bee and she had flown off with her own swarm of workers to find a new place to live. Why she chose our car we will never know. In fact it could only happen to us. However, we are told that this is a great honour – a somewhat dubious one!

A passing beekeeper tried to help but he used a *smoker* with the result drove the bees down into the car through the vents and they finally made a home for themselves behind the offside wheel arch. We drove the car around but the bees seemed quite happy to stay in their new found home. We were going to the Isle of Wight. Imagine driving onto the ferry with a swarm of

bees attached to the car. What if they decided to come out!! (*You might get fined for smuggling bees?* Ed)

Things were getting a little desperate and Den finally decided to remove the wheel and the wheel-arch cover to see if he could get at them. This he did and found the bees happily clustered in the cavity. He swept them gently into a cardboard box with a soft brush and they obligingly clustered at the bottom of the box. Bees were flying around everywhere and yet he was not stung once in spite of the fact he hadn't ever worn gloves. Soon every bee was out of the cavity and either in the box or flying around. The wheel-arch cover and the wheel were replaced and the car belonged to us once more. The beekeeper took the box to put the bees in a spare hive he had but unfortunately when we got back off holiday we learned the bees had not wanted to stay with him.

*Penny Alston*



Bishopstone with Hinton Parva WI  
7.30pm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
Bishopstone Village Hall

theWI  
INSPIRING WOMEN

***A Funny Way to Make a Living*** – tales of 35 years in the theatre with Lynda Warren is our entertainment for this evening. This should be an informative and amusing account of life behind the scenes!!

Our friendly group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month and we have an interesting and varied selection of speakers or activities to enjoy on those evenings. We also have various other interest groups that meet including Skittles, Scrabble, Whist and a Reading Group as well as trips to the Theatre, Gardens and other events. Please come along and meet us – new members are always welcome.

For more information please contact Hazel Cooke 01793 790 621.

## The Wanborough Show Society 84<sup>th</sup> Summer Show

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

### ***The Flower and Produce Show***

All over Wanborough and the surrounding villages gardeners are busy nurturing their longest runners beans or prettiest sweet peas, artists are busy finishing off their creations, photographers are searching for their best pictures, cooks are practising their favourite bakes and children are making sure their handwriting is perfect.

So why is there such a hive of activity? Well they are busy preparing for the ***Annual Flower and Produce Show*** in Wanborough. They love the bustle and fun of the *Green* tent and understand the pleasure of taking part and maybe winning that cherished certificate or trophy.

Adults and children can showcase their green-fingeredness, imaginative streak and creativity by entering the numerous classes. There is something for everyone including you!

***The Mobile Garden:*** This year we are delighted to introduce a new competition to make a mobile garden. You can use your imagination to create a living garden - all in the confines of a wheeled conveyance about the size of a wheelbarrow. You could, for example, use a pram or even a wheelbarrow itself! The theme for this first year is: *Wildlife in the Garden*.

***Children's Show:*** The Flower and Produce tent is also home to the children's show. There are lots of classes for children to enter that give them the opportunity to show their talent. Whether you plan to enter prized flowers, vegetable, culinary or floral masterpieces, photos, or arts and craft, you can find useful tips from the judges and how to enter on the website:

[www.wanboroughshow.org](http://www.wanboroughshow.org)  
or in the show programme which will have come through your door. We cannot wait to see what you have got!

Sue Dent 01793 790246

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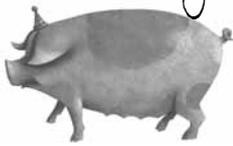
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# The Royal Oak Diary

Oh, the rants you could have about the lunacies and inconsiderateness of some people and organisations. We've all got our little personal blindspots, but watching Thames Water's valuable resource running down Ickneild Way for the past four weeks--ever since the whole village was cut off for a day—does seem like watching an immoral act. Thames Water knows there's a problem—two of their high viz jacketed operatives came and looked at the manholes for



a couple of hours at the end of June, and then left, no-one any the wiser. Then there's litter (see Turner prize winning photo, left). As I walk my killer dog up and down the bridleways of this parish, despite the great annual Ridgeway litter picking day, it astonishes me what some people decide to leave behind them. This little ensemble of tissues, wipes, Kleenex wrap-



pers, Tesco carrier bag, coffee cup and water bottle has been left, mostly, by a couple whom I would recognise again only if I saw the whites of their...ankles, and the soles of their feet. Enough of such prurience; do what you like, within reason, just take it home with you when you've finished. (by the way's it's a silvery blue Peugeot 306 or similar, only two doors, not of this parish). And of course, associated, my minor rant about dog mess and little poo bags last month has brought its own rewards; couple of little bags left on Royal Oak front steps end of last month, as a thank you I suspect. Those of you who wish to rant about

me and my peccadillos can do so in this space at any time.

Matters Royal Oak and Eastbrook Farm; the slow gestation of the wildlife photography hides is coming to an end—Elliott Neep, international wildlife photographer of renown, backed by Helen Browning, seems to have finally secured his hides against cattle, dogs, and all other potential intruders. He is now marketing them, and his own tutorial skills, to anyone who wants to capture quintessential

English wildlife on camera. This parish has it all—hares, deer, badgers, raptors, songbirds, owls of various sorts (see our little owl above right); foxes that have escaped the Government, again; and amazing insect life while we're on the subject—go and look in the valley, an astonishing array. Anyway, Elliott's business is Prohides, so why not go on line and be one of his guin-

ea pigs? And if you do, tell us what it's been like for you. We're offering a £500 annual prize for best photograph using the Prohides hides. Geddit?

Our garden marquee will be erect until the end of September—time for any of you to have your own party there although we'd be pleased if you did not bring your own cans of extra-strength lager and sandwiches. We'll cook for you off the BBQ and wood oven, and serve you increasingly good, and well kept beer.

Farming wise, expect the combines in the parish to start rolling by the time you read this; and you'll be delighted to learn that Eastbrook's pork is now



sold on a weekly and monthly basis to Germany, Holland, Italy and... Denmark. I always enjoy that trip.

Happy to see that Adrian and Sue got married after years 'living over t'brush', as my mother used to tell me.

## Pigstock; and Sleep with a Sheep

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
& Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August  
The Royal Oak**

Talent or enthusiasm? You can't have both, as we have discovered after seven years of trying to break this immutable law of physics. Nevertheless, we persevere with Pigstock, adding to the line up every year, building a stage and a dancefloor and putting some lights on for a change. Saturday afternoon and evening; and Sunday lunch from noon, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August, Royal Oak garden. Hangfire, The Crimps, Ragged Edge, Lisa Dorsch, Cheesehouse, Bob Bowles, and Cause for Concern, all booked. Great beer and food in the garden; a farm tour or two if you want one; and if you want to sleep in a tent (unfathomably) football field is available (primitive); the woolly creatures there will make you welcome, and leave you the occasional gift. No booking needed; no entry fee. Slightly organised.

TF

## Bishopstone 100 club July Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> 61 Karen Stevens
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 96 Caroline Brandi
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 8 Pam Deal

*Jo Selbourne X*

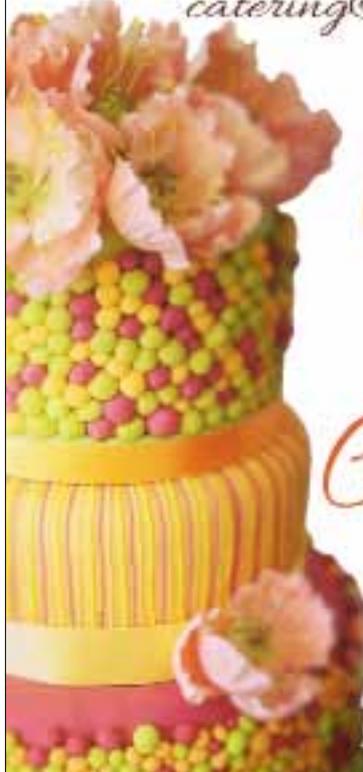
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## Fête Fun Dog show



The Best in Show went to the **Green family** with their dogs **Dino and Ridgeway**. They also won the **Best Fancy Dressed** with their amazing theme of **101 Dalmatians** (picture above). We were very lucky to have our judge Tania from Companion Care Vets (based at *Pets at Home*) who also donated some generous prizes – A big THANK YOU to her and to *Pets at Home* for their wonderful Gift Card Donations. Tania was delighted to see that the Green family were brought together by their dogs and made a real family effort to have a great day out. We were particularly pleased to hear that the family had been planning their theme since last year's dog show – let's hope we have some great outfits next year! Another big THANK YOU to everyone that helped on the day and to everyone who entered their much loved dogs into the show – we hope you enjoyed it.



Winners of the classes were  
 Prettiest Bitch – Willow (picture bottom left)  
 Most Handsome Dog – Weasel  
 Best Trick – Buzz (picture above)  
 Dog most like Owner – Ami Ford with Bella (picture above right)  
 Best Fancy Dressed – Dino and Ridgeway  
 Dog Judge would most like to take home – Maya  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Dog - Rubix with Becky Ford (picture right)

Charlotte Bentley

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## News from Bishopstone Pottery

### Episode 13 The Potters' Outing

It has been a particularly quiet time in the pottery this month. We had quite a few other priorities this month, including getting married – so I am happy to announce that it is Sue Dent from now on!!

However, we did find the time to go and visit another pottery for a bit of inspiration and the chance to buy yet another pot for the garden. We went to Whichford Pottery near Hook Norton in the Cotswolds, where they mostly produce beautiful frost-proof terracotta flowerpots.

What made the visit to Whichford special for us is that you can wander around the large old pottery and watch the potters throw pots, see the massive kilns and the decorators adding the final touches to the finished flowerpots. They operate on a somewhat larger, more commercial scale than Bishopstone Pottery having recently had to complete orders for 7000 small flowerpots celebrating the birth of the latest member of the Royal Family, Princess Charlotte. Throwing 7000 identical pots by hand is no mean task but some of the decorators did say they would be glad when they had finished.

The highlight of my day was watching one of the potters throwing a really large pot. This requires both strength and technique. This particular young man was throwing 60lb of clay on the wheel and made it look easy. The largest amount of clay he throws at a time is 90lb. To put this into perspective our largest pots are only made from between 5 and 7lb of clay. The fact that he was bare-armed, bare-chested and wearing just a pair of dungarees did add to my enjoyment, awe and wonder. Very impressive indeed!

The pottery also boasts a lovely little garden and a rather good eco café made out of straw bales with its very own compost toilet. There is also a gallery where they sell other handmade ceramics and crafts. All in all it was a grand day out.

Hopefully we will be able to spend a little more time in our own pottery over the next month and get on with some of the projects we have just in our heads at the moment.



*Sue and Adrian Dent*

*A very large pot, indeed*

### And Finally.....

Oh bum! I was hoping there wouldn't be room for me to write an editorial, lazy is my middle name, and there are a couple of things that I want to say.



Very excitingly I have a new computer, you don't know what a relief! The old one was getting worse and worse randomly switching itself off and being exceedingly reluctant to return to life. Thank you James Matthews for all your advice and help. Even more exciting is that I am welcoming Sheila to the team, now we'll have representation from Bishopstone, an ideas person to help me find articles for the extra pages.

Next apologies to Bishopstone School for not putting your copy in this edition, even with the two extra pages, it did come in after the deadline, but will

be in the September issue, promise.

Finally, many congratulations to Mr and Mrs Dent, so take your eyes off semi-naked young potters Mrs D now you're a married woman.

And finally, finally don't forget to check our village website, we do keep it up-to-date.

*mogs X*

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