

# Village News

for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva

June 2015

## Country Garden Fête & Tea Dance

Noon Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Prebendal Farm, Bishopstone

Opened by Lee Stone, BBC Wiltshire Radio's breakfast time presenter

### Stalls

Accessories	Conta & Wanda Criswell	790507
Books	Andy & Caryn Greelhalgh	791 469
Bottle stall	Cheryl & Sid Simpson	791849
Childrens' toys	Karen Walker 790 363 & Mandy Ridler	791 163
Country larder	Shirley Crapper	791 171
Nearly new	Jill White 791 102 & Rachel Blunt	790248
Plant stall	Doreen Cooper	792 965
White elephant	Leslie Coates	790 520

All contributions for the stalls would be gratefully received by the people listed above.

Bishopstone White Elephant donations to Jo at Prebendal Farm.

### Fête Raffle Prizes:

First prize: £100 cash!

Voucher for eats & drinks, Rose & Crown, Ashbury;

£50 clothing voucher, J P Boden & Co Ltd;

Two packs of organic beer;

Superb hair stylist & eyelash technician, Charlotte Bentley Bisopstone

£30 voucher;

Box of organic fruit/veg;

Voucher for eats & drinks, The Royal Oak;

Stone sculptures

'His & Hers' Pampering voucher, Steventon Reeves, Shrivenham;

1 x 3kg box main crop strawberries

Voucher for a meal and drink, The Plough Inn, Wanborough;

Tickets, £1.00 each, are now available from Shelia Collins 790 358

### Fun dog show

Charlotte Bentley 790 344 or Lorna Ford 790 767

Best in Show Prize

Free Health Check and Booster Vaccination for your Dog, Cat or Rabbit at Companion Care Vets, Swindon (worth up to £50)

Class winners receive a £10 voucher from Pets at Home

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners receive a rosette and a goody bag

### Dog Show Classes

12.30 Prettiest Bitch

12.45 Most Handsome Dog

13.00 Best Trick

13.15 Dog Most Like Owner

13.30 Best Fancy Dressed

13.45 Dog Judge Would Most Like to Take Home

14.00 Best in show

More news about the fête is to be found on page 3



### CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	2.00pm	Wedding	Wanborough
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.30pm	Holy Communion	Lyddington
	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Bishopstone
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion BCP	Bishopstone
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	*10.30am	Family Communion	Wanborough
		6.00pm	Evensong	Lyddington
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Wanborough
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	* 10.30am	Family Communion	Lyddington
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	3.00pm	Wedding	Wanborough
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	* 10.30am	Family Communion	Hinton Parva
	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	6.00pm	Evensong	Wanborough
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	2.30pm	Renewal of Vows	Hinton Parva
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	8.30pm	Holy Communion	Lyddington
	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Bishopstone
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva

\*Refreshments served after the service

## The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends

I often used to read a Bible on the train to work and the one day the man opposite said. *You don't believe all that rubbish in the Bible, do you? Of course,* I replied. *What even stories like that bloke Jonah who was thrown overboard and spent three days inside a whale and then was spit out onto dry land? Well,* I said, *When I get to heaven I'll be able to ask him if it's true. What if he's not there and gone to hell?* said the man. *In that case, you can ask him.*

Welcome to the *Ordinary Time* of Trinity. Many people find it difficult to believe that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit can be one person. Three in One and One in Three.

Trinity Sunday was celebrated on the 31<sup>st</sup> May and is one of the few feasts of the Christian Year that celebrates a reality and a doctrine rather than an event or person.

On Trinity Sunday we remember and honour the Eternal God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Trinity is one of the most fascinating

- and controversial - Christian dogmas. The Trinity is a mystery, a reality above our human comprehension that we can only grasp through worship, symbol and faith. It has been said that mystery is not a wall to run up against, but an ocean in which to swim.

Christians believe that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are somehow distinct from one another (not divided though) yet completely united in will and essence. How can this be? Well think of the sight of two eyes. The eyes are distinct, yet one and undivided in their sight. Another illustration to explain the Trinity is the musical chord. Think of a C-chord. The C, E, and G notes are all distinct notes, but joined together as one chord the sound is richer and more dynamic than the notes been played individually. The chords are equally important in producing the rich sound and the sound is lacking and thin if one note is left out.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit working together as one, will I'm sure, eventually make this world a happier place to live in.

Enjoy the five months of Trinity which ends on All Saints Day 1<sup>st</sup> November

John

## Village Prayer Line

Recently, a group of Christians who attend various churches in the area have been meeting together each week to pray for those living in Bishopstone, Hinton Parva, Lyddington and Wanborough. Because the Bible says that when we pray, God listens, it is their belief that prayer changes things and they would very much value the opportunity to pray for you either when times are difficult or if you have something that you would like to give thanks for.

Please contact us, either by phone or by email, and briefly explain what you would like us to pray for. Any details that you choose to share will be treated confidentially and will remain within the prayer group. If you would like us to pray for you please ring:

01793 790 088

Email: [villageprayers@gmail.com](mailto:villageprayers@gmail.com)  
With many thanks, best wishes and prayers.

Bill

PCC Meeting  
7.30pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June  
St Mary's Ringing Gallery  
Bishopstone

**Please, please can you help?**

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

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

June	Jenny Isles & Sarah Best
July	Sheila Collins
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.

**Fathers' Day Service**  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
**10.30am**  
**St. Swithun's Church**  
**Hinton Parva**

**Contacts**

Any enquiries:

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**School Report**

A short round up of what's been happening at Bishopstone School over the past few weeks.

We were delighted (not sure that is the first word that came into our minds) to have a visit from OFSTED in the final week before Easter, and have been graded **Good**. This is a fantastic achievement for the staff, children, parents and community. The bar has risen even further making the judgement of *good* even harder to gain. The inspectors comments were very positive, highlighting areas where we are reaching into *outstanding*. Our Easter service was enlivened by the most amazing bonnets that the children had decorated. See our website for pictures!

As a school we continue to enjoy new challenges and since returning to school we have had skateboarders in to teach new tricks, been in the Evening Advertiser twice, created sparkly art work for the front garden with local artist Helen Cooper, visited the Corinium museum in Cirencester and had assembly visits from the water company and parents. We are thoroughly enjoying having Revd Bill with us on Tuesday mornings, where he is kept busy with hearing children read and activities with the EYFS.

On a sad note we had to say good bye to our wonderful cleaner Mrs Whitman, who decided to retire after being with the school for over 23 years.

We hope she enjoys some time to relax but we will long remember all the tales she told of how the school used to be, complete with roaring fire!

We still have a vacant position of MDSA at lunchtimes and lollipop lady, if there is an interested and willing villager interested, please contact the school directly on 01793 790 521.



Emma Lindsay

*Fête news continued from front page*

Only a couple of weeks to go, so you will all be busy getting ready. Hopefully some of you will be flogging raffle tickets, we have a thousand to sell.

Perhaps you are just looking forward to the day?

Starting off with Lee Stone's opening you can have lunch of a burger and may be a pint then a wander round the stalls, listening to the Cheesehouse Band.

All afternoon the dog show will have it's various classes.

Newly introduced this year, you can dance the afternoon away with a String Quartet and Dancing Band. or if you need a rest, enjoy the music while you have a cream tea.

There wil be plenty for the children to do, cheer them on as they have a tug-of-war, give them cash to play one of the many games or amuse themselves on the bouncy castle and do buy them an icecream.

Another innovation is the stocks, not sure what that is all about?

As always there will be other stalls: lardi cakes; Julia Radbourne hand-crafts; Punch and Jackie Mitchell's antiques and, of course, Bob Bigg's herbs.

With all this to do don't forget to come to visit us archaeology and history bods in the church, admire the flowers and talk to Karin and Paul about their books **and** we have



an exciting interactive map with which you can play. Remember there is still time if you wish to help with the fete. Please could you contact: Conta 790 507

## Bishopstone Village Hall - June

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.

Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	TQD 7.00 - 800pm
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers & Toddlers 9.00 - 11.00am School 11.45 - 1.00pm	School 3.15 - 4.15pm
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup>	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	TQD 7.00 - 800pm
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	<b>Gardening Soc. 6.30 - 9.00pm</b>
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers & Toddlers 9.00 - 11.00am WI 11.30 - 5.00pm	WI Flower Show 7.00 -9.30pm
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Fête	
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	TQD 7.00 - 800pm
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers & Toddlers 9.00 - 11.00am School 11.45 - 1.00pm	School 3.15 - 4.15pm
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup>	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	TQD 7.00 - 800pm
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Mothers & Toddlers 9.00 - 11.00am School 11.45 - 1.00pm	School 3.15 - 4.15pm
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup>	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	School 11.45 - 1.00pm	TQD 7.00 - 800pm

## Hinton Parva Village Hall - June

Bridge	Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 - 10.00pm
Private Booking	Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am - 5.30pm
Gospel Evenings	Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 - 9.00pm
Card Event	Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 - 1.00pm

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

Private Parties  
 Meetings etc welcome

Catering may be available  
 Free Parking

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

Our Annual Show is gearing up for a great Show this year. The show is open to residents of both Hinton Parva and Bishopstone. This is an opportunity to share some advance information with you.

In the coming weeks, you may be out and about with your Camera. The photographic section is asking for images

of either **Markets** or **Something Unusual**. Perhaps even a combination of both! Click away when you can.

Cake making is a great tradition and fun part of the Show. The set recipe Cake this year is Maderia Cake. A delicious recipe and I can vouch that it is well tested.

In our Fun Section, we are asking for a pot grown Sunflower with the most heads. Multi headed sunflowers come from seeds often referred to as Colora-

do or Helianthus Floristan. It would be a good idea to get this planted in June.

The Show Schedule will be published very soon. Look out for it, keep it and use it.

*Howard*

Bring & Buy  
 Coffee Morning

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June  
 Cheney Thatch, Bishopstone

Please park by the pond or village  
 hall car park if possible.

All enquires: Roz 790 508

Proceeds to Bishopstone village hall

*For more village hall announcements  
 see page 6*

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## Bishopstone Gardening Society



13<sup>th</sup> May: A fascinating evening from Peter Biggs, (self confessed plantaholic), from Wanborough Herb Garden. He brought along a huge diversity of unusual deciduous and evergreen plants which we passed from person to person as he chatted about each one.

Sheila

### Potted Schedule of Events 2015

**\*\*\*24<sup>th</sup> June (6:00pm)**

Visit to Eastleach House Gardens, Cirencester, followed by a very short walk to The Victoria Pub for a meal or drink.

**8<sup>th</sup> July**

Mike Burgess: *Getting the best from your veg plot*

**August** (no meeting)

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September: Village Flower & Produce Show

The five photography categories are: Shed(s); Pretty things; Shadow(s); Insect(s) / bug(s); A single flower. (Any size. Mounting optional)

**\*\*\*Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Trip: Perrycroft Garden & Malvern

Michaelmas daisies

**14<sup>th</sup> October**

Jon Mason, Highfield Garden World: The talk lots of you have been waiting for: *Lawn care & mole deterrent!*

**11<sup>th</sup> November**

Quiz Night & Chile con carne supper

\*\*\* Places still available. email or telephone if you would like to be included in any of the visits. Non members who wish to go on the trips can join the society (£5.00). The visit to Eastleach is free but the pub meal is not covered.

The Society meets 7.30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise stated, at Bishopstone Village Hall. Tea/coffee/biscuits/raffle.

Visitors most welcome.

Contact:

Chris 790 106

Doreen 792 965

or Sheila 790 358

[gardensoc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gardensoc@hotmail.co.uk)

### The Hinton Parva Village Hall Management Committee .....

.....are pleased to announce the completion of installing a new wooden floor. We wish to convey our sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed recently and over the years to enable this vital work to proceed.

I am writing to ask for your assistance in maintaining the new floor by avoiding point loading. Wooden floors do mark easily and we ask that high heels are best left at home. This may come as a disappointment to some men, but seriously we want to get the message out that Flat Shoes are best. No one wants to have to question the

choice of footwear on the door. If in doubt, leave them out!

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

### Mobile Library

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May

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

### God's Trees

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 3.00 - 5.00 pm

Christ Church Community Centre, Old Town

Trees, forests and wood in the Bible, Bible Lands and how they were used

An illustrated presentation by Professor Julian Evans OBE, President of the Institute of Chartered Foresters

Tickets £5 with tea & cakes

Tickets & details please contact Parish Office:

522 832

[parishoffice@christchurch.co.uk](mailto:parishoffice@christchurch.co.uk)

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## Bishopstone's Forgotten Murder

140 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1875, Bishopstone's village bobby, PC Andrew Hancock, was buried in St Mary's Churchyard. He was the first Wiltshire policeman to lose his life in the line of duty, and left a widow and five young sons ranging in age from ten years to five months. Four of the Hancock boys were pupils at Bishopstone School. However, no local records of the circumstances of PC Hancock's death have survived, and were it not for the persistence of his great grandson, Clive Gray, this story of public service would have been lost for all time. Part of the reason for the collective amnesia may be that the incident leading to PC Hancock's injuries took place in 1870.

On the evening of 9<sup>th</sup> September PC Hancock, armed only with a stave, responded to shouts of *murder!* and went to quell a fight between four men. In so doing, he was set upon and suffered the injuries that eventually led to his death five years later. Two of his assailants appeared in court within a week, the other two went on the run but were picked up in Hounslow within three weeks. All four were charged with assaulting P.C. Hancock in the execution of his duty at Bishopstone, and sentenced to six months hard labour. Evidence against the men was given by Mr William Dore, of Manor Farm at the west end of the village.

When PC Hancock died on 31<sup>st</sup> October 1875, his death was linked unequivocally with the 1870 attack. The offenders escaped the death penalty because the law of the times stated that a charge of murder could only be placed if the victim's death occurred within a year and a day.

None of the four assailants were from the parish although one, Richard Yardley, had married a Hinton lass four days before the fatal fight, and another, Daniel McCarthy, lodged initially in Nell Hill after his release from prison. Richard was a bricklayer, born in Windsor, and Daniel a

bricklayer's assistant from Ireland. No trace remains of the whereabouts or occupations of the other two, William Quick and William West, but it is tempting to think they were passing through the parish when the trouble started.

Although PC Hancock's widow later received gratuity of £50 from the Wiltshire Constabulary's Superannuation Fund, she faced raising five children without her husband's support. Hancock family legend maintains that there were insufficient funds to pay for a headstone, but even so it is regrettable that no details were recorded either in the burial register or other parish papers. It may now be possible to rectify this, as sources to fund a plaque or similar memorial within Bishopstone are currently being explored.

More information about PC Hancock and his family can be found online at: <http://www.wiltshire-opc.org.uk/Items/Edington/> or by googling "PC Andrew Hancock Bishopstone".

*Karin Thompson*

## The Lyddington Bells Project



Last year I wrote about the new plans for the bells at All Saints' Church, Lyddington. Much has happened since then and the Project is on the verge of getting full approval by the DAC. The plans are different to those submitted. It soon became obvious that permission would never be granted to retune the existing five bells, so the plan is to install a new peal of six bells in a new metal frame

under the existing installation which will be preserved in a good state for future generations.

The DCC have decided to name the six new bells after the Saints of the Benefice churches together with St George and Elizabeth II, our Patron Saint and Monarch.

There is a very rare and unique opportunity to donate a new bell and secure a place in history.

- Each bell donated can be personally inscribed with your name, your family, company, business or local organisation.
- Each bell will be hung in the church for hundreds of years.
- Visit the Bell Foundry and witness your bell being cast.

The cost of each bell can be found on the Project website.

The church tower will be open on Lyddington Fete Day, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June, where there will also be two portable mini-rings of bells (*see picture, centre*), used to promote ringing and recruit new ringers. Another ten ringers are needed to make up the Lyddington band. Bell founders John Taylor & Co of Loughborough have been selected to supply the new frame and bells, and subject to the DAC giving us full approval, casting of the new bells should start in the summer, and installation later in the year. Keep up to date with all of the latest news at <http://lyddingtonbellsproject.moonfruit.com>

*Tony Pullan, Project Manager*  
01793790 904,  
[nickyandtonyp@gmail.com](mailto:nickyandtonyp@gmail.com)

## Help! Marshals Needed!

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
9.00am – 1.30 pm

### Ridgeway Revenge Half Marathon & 10km Trail Run

*needs your help to marshal on the day if you can help please contact:*

*Jennifer: 07779 018 296*

*Patricia: 07710 456 572*

<http://www.ridgewayrevenge.co.uk>



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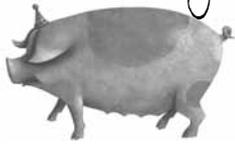
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## The Royal Oak Diary

I dedicate my sermon this month to the house builders and developers who will be descending on these villages over the next few months and years looking for spaces large and small to fill with beautiful executive housing, in the wake of the stunning Cameron (and on and on) election triumph. Land is business, mark my word. Mind you, Labour would have been no better with their wishy washy, cliched and confused views on business and hard working families. As for the SNP supporters in the villages, and I have seen and heard two of them lurking under small rocks, we look forward to the difficult financial arithmetic that will ensue for Ms Sturgeon and her shoal. Not like me, is it, to lay into that lot? We have better things to do. Quantas is an expensive airline, but it's worth a small fee to deliver the laconic **Jim Maxwell of Test Match Special** to Bishopstone on **29<sup>th</sup> June**. Using one word when most would use two, this laid back Aussie commentator will bring his own perspective to very important issues, eg England vs Australia at cricket, which starts the first week of July. Joined as ever by the balding Radio 5Live opinion-meister **Pat Murphy**, the two of them will tell us over a glorious supper what's going to happen; and we (me included) can chunter away about how we disagree. Maxwell is a great catch, and it will be worth every penny of the £45 to eat and listen and chat. We've sold 20 spaces already—another 30 would be great, then we can afford to send Mr Maxwell home as well. He is the modern (Australian) equivalent of John Arlott—pensive, dry, politely barbed as required. He's covered more than 300 Test matches, so has been round the block a few times. His stories from dark dressing rooms will be illuminating. Before that we have the slight disruption of **Pig Racing on 31st May**, kindly sponsored this year by Mr F



Hucker, one of our customers. We're likely to get close to £800 for charity (Alzheimer's Swindon and N Wilts Deaf Children) if the tote goes as well as we hope. Cues Lane will be closed mid morning to about 5.00pm, telephone box to car park entrance, and we apologise now for any disruption and excessive enjoyment and stupid parking. All food in the garden, big bar in the garden, two enjoyable live bands, and pig racing itself from about 2.30. Three simple races, all day betting. It's in your diary? 31<sup>st</sup> May in case you're free.

Other than that, only one report of the bottle man—thanks, a couple of bags for us to recycle, we seriously thought you'd stopped drinking; and the incident with the dog in the night time/village footpath was sorted amicably, you will all be pleased to hear. One bottle of wine was sufficient to placate the villager who'd had a bucket of cold water thrown over him because of the snarly activities of his brown-ish dog. Sid and Cheryl Simpson laid on a spectacular Scottish country dance night at Prebendal for Village Hall funds, very few injuries to report, and much laughter. T'was great, Mr and Mrs S.

### Open Farm Sunday

Noon - 4.00pm Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
Strouds Farm, Lambourn Woodlands

The open day is part of a national scheme to open up farms and invite local people onto the farms to see what is happening. We will have tractor & trailer rides, animals to meet, a farm trail, large farm machinery on show, crafts, teas, coffees, burgers and lots more. Entry is free.

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### Ridgeway Link

It is a shame we have not had the response we had hoped for volunteers, as the more volunteers we have the less they are called upon. Being a volunteer is particularly suitable for those who are working from home, part-time or retired with a few hours available a month.

So, we will just continue with our faithful few to provide lifts for those in the villages of Wanborough, Liddington, Bishopstone and Hinton Parva who are unable to get to Doctors Surgeries, GWH, Opticians and Dentists etc.

If you are still undecided and would like to know more, please do call:

Louisa Barnes 790 372 or  
Gail Hayes 790 037

### Bishopstone 100 club May Winners

1<sup>st</sup> 1 Gill May  
2<sup>nd</sup> 10 Nick Best  
3<sup>rd</sup> 29 Carol Sarchet

*Jo Selbourne X*

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Bishopstone with Hinton Parva WI  
Annual Handicraft & Flower Show  
7.00pm, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June,  
Bishopstone Village Hall.

This is a great opportunity to come along and join us for a chat and a cup of tea while having a look at the various crafts and floral art. There will also be an auction of cakes and flowers.

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, including talks on Birthstones, The Theatre, and an opportunity to learn some Belly Dancing or Circle Dancing. We have many exciting events coming up including, a visit to Quenington **Fresh Air Sculptures on 18<sup>th</sup> June**, a Garden Party, a Cream Tea at the New Calley Arms, an Autumn visit to Westons-birt and a pre-Christmas visit to Aston Pottery to name a few.

We look forward to seeing you.

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## And Finally.....

Tim mentioned the barn dance at Prebendal Farm, yup, it was great fun, I actually managed a couple of dances, not bad at the Gay Gordons and the Valetta but we made a bit of a pig's ear of Strip the Willow, (I had to get up in the middle of the night to Google it to find out where I'd been going wrong - not your fault Cheryl, we joined in after you had explained the steps). Please, please can we have another barn dance? I recall a great one in Toby's barn with a harvest supper - could the powers that be organise something like that again? Thinking of Prebendal, Jo pointed out that **first** prize in the May Bishopstone Hundreds Club winner was Gill **May** whose number is **1** - even **more** spooky is that it happened last year



also, conspiracy theorists and UFO believers make of it what you will.

I expect you were all disappointed that we didn't have our monthly *News from Bishopstone Pottery* because Adrian is in hospital. We wish him well and look forward to more articles in the future.

*mogs X*

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