

Village News

for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva

August 2016

Country Garden Fête - Bill Prepares for all eventualities



Clockwise from top left: Conta gets a wet sponge; the white elephant stall; well done the bottle stall; Bill opens the fête, with sun hat and umbrella and the Cheese House band.

Pictures by Sheila Collins, Bernard Phillips & Mogs Boon



Since our annual Country garden fête in June people keep asking me how much money was raised. Of course they want to know, some of them put an awful lot of hard work into trying to make the event a success. I am told that £3,647.46 was taken on the day, but this is not the whole story. There are advertising fees and other monies still to be collected. I hope that in the fullness of time we will be able

to publish the final amount and to see how each stall and other enterprises fared and to make a proper comparison with past fêtes. I have been able to find the figures for 2009. It isn't all bad news, even though some stalls made slightly less, there wasn't a Bar or the Chocolate Fondue, which made £100.00; the barbecue made three times as much and it may have been the highest figure ever for the raffle. However, the games and plant stall raised only a quarter the sum and

the overall cause seems to be that the gate was £200 down, the fête was not well attended. Why is this, could it be the weather? There was a thunderstorm and hail about 3.30pm, but we have had very wet weather before. Would it be sensible, as Bill suggested, to move the event to July, statistically the driest month? Or is it just the sheer under-enthusiasm to support the villages? Do people just want to live a vicarious existence with their TVs and computers?

Editor



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CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

Sunday	7th August	8.30am	Holy Communion	Lyddington
	11 th Sunday After Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Bishopstone
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
Sunday	14th August	8.30am	Holy Communion	Bishopstone
	12 th Sunday After Trinity	10.30am	Family communion	Wanborough
		6.00pm	Evensong	Lyddington
Sunday	21st August	8.30am	Holy Communion	Wanborough
	13 th Sunday After Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Lyddington
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
Sunday	28th August	10.30am	Family Communion	Hinton Parva
	14 th Sunday After Trinity	6.00pm	Evensong	Wanborough
Sunday	4th September	8.30am	Holy Communion	Lyddington
	15 th Sunday After Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Bishopstone
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends and Neighbours,
For some years I was involved in the running of the New Forest Show Church Tent. It was a place that specialised in simple hospitality. Tea, coffee and soft drinks were served and there were a couple of ice cream containers that had been turned into money boxes to receive donations. We had entertainment for children including a magician and a clown, badge making and face painting. Over the years it became a known meeting point for exhibitors and show goers alike. The contents of those ice cream containers more than covered our costs and we were able to give significant amounts of money to charity as a result.

Alongside all of this we had a Fair-trade stall, another stall selling Christian Literature and a prayer board to pin up requests for prayer. It all seemed fairly sedentary because the huge amount of energy that went into it was kept very much in the background. And yet this little tent was a key function of the Show's success. We had a couple of maps of the British Isles and of the world and we would ask visitors to the tent to put a pin in the map where the church nearest to their home was. One year the Show Secretary was very interested to note that there were few if any pins

in and around Poole. The next year they launched a massive publicity exercise in the Poole area and as a result we simply could not see Poole or its surroundings on our map, so many pins had been squeezed onto it.

The Show Secretary informed us that they had fired their market research company and saved a significant amount of money as a result, we would get our tent and its supplies for free but on the proviso that we would provide a photograph of our maps at the end of each show. It is amazing how small activities can have a significant impact, the extent of which can be further than we might even dream of. Who would have thought that a Carpenter from a backwater with no more than 480 residents, who had little experience of sheep or the fishing industry would be able to share stories about these things that are still being shared thousands of years later!

More than this, the impact of these stories has had a positive impact on many people's lives over many generations across the world. There are many translations of these stories including two contemporary styles of writing. Namely, *The Message* and *The Good News Bible* and the Gospel of John or Luke seem to be popular places to begin. One day a volunteer arrived at the Church Tent to paint Children's faces.

She stated that she hoped to see a lot of me and I informed her that this was unlikely as I was soon to move to a part of Wiltshire she may not have heard of. *Try me!* was her response. When I did, Pip Sanday went on to tell me that her husband had built a tree house (which is still here to this day) in the front Garden. Rev Robert Sanday is Chaplain to the deaf in the Diocese of Winchester. Small World! August is a time for holidays for some and is defined as *an extended period of leisure and recreation, especially one spent away from home or in travelling*. I do hope you get to enjoy the month of August, whatever you are up to.

With best wishes and prayers
If you have anything that you would like our village prayer group to pray for please:

telephone - 790 088 or
email - villageprayers@gmail.com

Church Wardens Bishopstone *Bill*

With the appointment of Alan Taylor to join John Lowry we now have two church wardens at St Mary's Bishopstone. We and Bill, the vicar, considered that the church was in need of an initial tidy up, the outer north and the south doors which appeared to be painted in fence paint and the notice board was peeling badly. We therefore with the help of

the vicar, have painted the outside of the doors, the notice board and the lamp which is largely finished. The three older doors including the old Norman door in the original part of the church, as well as the West door and the inner north door, will be tidied up and restored as appropriate taking professional advice where necessary. The PCC has authorised the provision of a portalo and Doug Stevens has arranged for one to be installed for July and August. The newly painted doors and the toilet are there if you would like to have a look.

We have listed all the jobs which are known to need doing at St Mary's church, together with a hope list for the future and it has turned out to be a long list. It includes amongst other things repairs to the organ, attention to the roof and installation of a new heating system and possible installation of 3 phase electricity as well as mains water.

In addition to those who carry out a wide range of tasks including clock winding, door opening and locking, cleaning, flower arrangement, playing the organ, ringing the bells and repairs to the bells, for which we are very grateful, we are hoping to get regular work parties for say a couple of hours per month.

We will ask people directly but anyone who would like to volunteer please approach either of us, Bill or any member of the PCC.

The church is one of the major assets of Bishopstone and its up keep is vital.

We hope to make Notes from the church wardens a regular feature.

John Lowry & Alan Taylor



A New Altar Cloth

At the evensong service in St Swithun's on 19th June our new white altar cloth was dedication by John Godfree. This was given in Memory of Elizabeth (Betty) Bentley by her son and daughter-in-law Paul and Denise Bentley. Betty lived in Hinton Parva with her husband Wallace. She played the organ at the Church, and was very community minded and a great needle woman.

It was wonderful to welcome Paul, Denise, Angela and Liz to our special service of dedication. Refreshments were served after the service.

Water into Wine

Our June Family Service continued with our theme of miracles, with Jesus changing the water into Wine at the Wedding at Cana in Galilee. Angus read the story beautifully and with great confidence. Jerry and Henry lead us in prayer.

Our talk centred around weddings, Marguerite asked the children what they remembered about weddings they had attended and then they drew various symbols that reminded them of these. A cake was produced and we all had a piece to take home, also

we made our own water into wine with food colouring and talked about Jesus and how he cared and had compassion for all people and understood when they needed his help. The children then helped with Communion and lead the prayers.

The family Service team will be having a break in July and August.



On Saturday 2nd July we were invited to join Bourton messy for their service and activities. It was a great service officiated by Revd Canon Richard Hancock on the theme of Doubting Thomas.

The children painted and decorated money boxes which they took home to collect 2 pence's in for a chosen charity. They then took part in a treasure hunt around the Church. We are hoping to invite Bourton back to Hinton in the near future.

Marguerite

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Cleaning Rota - St. Mary's Church, Bishopstone

August - Caroline Brandi & Gill White
September - Chris Thomas & Gill May
October - Maggie Gill & Jane Golding
November - Liz Warrick & Jane Matthews
December - Sarah Best & Jenny Isles

Many thanks to all those who have helped to keep our church cared for and clean. Karen Stevens 791 107 and Doreen Cooper 792 965 on standby if anyone on the rota is unable to do their slot but always welcome more volunteers on the rota, if you or anyone you know might like to join us.

Sarah Bally 791 121

The Village Hall, Bishopstone - August

The hall is cleaned	Mondays	8.30 - 10.30am
WI	Thursday 11 th	7.00 - 9.30pm

All bookings for the Village Hall Bishopstone will be taken via Bishopstone CE Primary School. In term time, call 01793 790 521 and speak to Sue Tremlin or leave a message on the answerphone. During school holidays there will be a message giving an alternative number to contact. We look forward to receiving 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.

Hinton Parva Village Hall August

Bridge Club	Friday	5 th , 12 th , 19 th & 26 th	7.00 - 10.00pm
Parish Council	Monday	1 st	7.00 - 10.00pm

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 Catering may be available
 Meetings etc welcome Free Parking

Hinton Parva Village Hall

Our Village Hall is looking good and like all Halls, the people who run it eventually have to move on. In consequence the Hall needs to evolve and attract new folk to help with the challenges of organising and getting events up and running. A good friend of mine recently said that in life, you should find out more about yourself - not by looking in the mirror but by looking out the window to find out what else you can do.

This village is our home and the Village Hall is the only public recreation building. I urge you to find out more and join our happy band to keep up with the different demands and suggesting new and ever changing modes of hobbies and entertainment.

Vacancy exists for both Minutes Secretary Hall Bookings Secretary. Please contact me on 791 171 or through Committee Members.

We would love to see you. Its a great way to meet new friends.

Howard

Bishopstone Craft Fair Thursday 24th November Bishopstone Village Hall

....which may seem like ages away now but it will be here quicker than we all want or believe!

I will start taking bookings from Bishopstone & Hinton Parva stall holders at the beginning of August and from the surrounding villages from September. Please ensure that you book early to avoid disappointment as I try to allocate just one table per product-type as this ensures that the fair is more interesting for its (and your) customers.

So start getting crafty and creative!

Best wishes.

Chris Thomas 790 106 littlecot2010@hotmail.co.uk

Wanborough's Farmers' Market

There will be no Wanborough Farmers' Market in August. This is due to a clash with the village show on Saturday 20th August, although some traders will be found at the show on Wanborough's Church Meadow. Markets resume on Saturday 17th September and continue on the 3rd Saturday of every month.

For more information contact Sue and David Birley

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The Wanborough Show Society 85th Summer Show

Saturday 20th August

The Flower and Produce Show

It is the season for Flower and Produce Shows across the country. But forget Chelsea and Hampton Court with their expensive, high profile show gardens. It is time for some good, old-fashioned fun at our very own Wanborough Flower and Produce Show.

We can promise you the excitement of a beautiful set of runner beans, the very best dahlias, delicious jars of lemon curd, fascinating mobile gardens and much, much more.

Not only can you come and wonder at the amazing entries to the show but you can take an active part as well. So whether you are a gardener, photographer, artist or artisan, flower arranger or cook, there is bound to be something you can enter. Age is no object either. The Children's Show has loads to showcase the talents and creativity of our young people.

You could experience the sheer joy of seeing your hard work rewarded with a prize card or trophy and the delight of knowing you have won!

So look out for the schedule in the Wanborough Show programme coming through your door or go on line to

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to find out more details and how to enter.

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Lyddington Bells Project

The New Bells are here

After nearly two years of planning, the big day arrived when the new bells were delivered to All Saints Church, on Friday 1st July. A brief stop was made on the way at Wanborough Village Hall for those at Wanborough Playgroup to see. The bells were carefully unloaded at Lyddington church, and lined up in the traditional style for the group photograph, before being taken inside. Donors, villagers and bell ringers turned up to the splendid sight of a new peal of bells, something you don't see very often, perhaps once in a hundred years.

The bells were also on display in church the next day, where they had been decorated with flowers, greenery and ribbons, by local flower arrangers. Again many people dropped in throughout the day to view the new bells and some brave souls ventured up the tower to see their new home.

Their Hallowing Service was held on Sunday 3rd July, was conducted by bell ringers Revd Sandy Railton, and assisted by her husband John, both, whose reading from *Akenfield* by *Ronald Blythe* was well received. About 70 attended this special service of thanksgiving and celebration where each of the six bells were blessed. Traditional ringer's hymns were sung and proceeds from the collection went to the Bells Project.

John Taylor's bell hanger Andrew Ogden is at church throughout July to install the new peal of bells, assisted

by local bell ringers to help keep costs down. Other jobs will be completed in August and September ready for the Dedication Service on Saturday 29th October at 2.30 pm conducted by the Bishop of Bristol. Keep the date free.

Get the latest news from the Bells

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lyddingtonbellsproject.moonfruit.com

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Picture above Malcolm Barnes, project manager, ringer at Wanborough and former employee at Taylors Bellfoundry and Tony Pullan, project manager, tower captain at Wanborough.



Are you Dementia Friendly?

More than 1.6 million people have committed to improving life for those who have dementia, and their carers, through the Alzheimer's Society Dementia Friends programme. This aims to change perceptions of dementia and to transform the way the nation thinks, talks and acts about the condition.

Dementia touches the lives of millions of people across the UK; Dementia Friends was launched to tackle the stigma and lack of understanding that means many people with the condition experience loneliness and social exclusion.

It's easy to become a Dementia Friend - you just need to attend an information session hosted by a Dementia Friends Champion (there are lots of us up and down the country). Once you've learned more about dementia and the small ways you can help, you're asked to commit to taking one action to make your community more dementia friendly. The action can be anything from the simple (such as choosing to be more patient in supermarket queues) to the more challenging (such as pledging to fundraise by emulating Eddie Izzard's marathon exploits) - the choice is yours.

Dementia Friends sessions can be delivered just about anywhere, from boardrooms to beaches, so if you think your business / charity / social club/ sports team/friends would be interested in learning more and adding to the 1.6 million, please give me a call.

In September, I intend to offer a couple of Dementia Friends sessions in Hinton Parva village hall. If you'd be interested in attending one of these, it would be great to hear your preference of weekday/weekend, daytime/evening.

Fiona McAnespie 07894 665 703

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Bishopstone Gardening Society



13th July: Peter Biggs, Wanborough Herb Nursery: Late Summer Garden Flowers. Peter and Bob's Specialist Herb Nursery is situated on the outskirts of Swindon in an old chalk quarry. The Nursery was set up to grow herbs, herbaceous, unusual and hard to find plants. Peter and his father grow as much as possible using peat free composts and with no chemicals. Peter, one of our favourite speakers, had beautifully displayed many stunning plants, some with medicinal, culinary or aromatic uses

which were eagerly snapped up by the Garden Club after his talk.

Coming up: **Thursday 1st September, Jenny Steel:** will be speaking and showing slides on *Making a Wildlife Garden*. Jenny has a Master's degree in plant ecology from Oxford and a depth of knowledge of wildlife. She is a prolific writer has appeared on many TV programmes including *BBC Gardener's World*, *Horizon*, and *Wild*. For this talk, we will be making the short journey to Uffington, to join in with the White Horse Garden Club. (Many of us will be happy to car share.)

Saturday 10th September: Our Annual Flower & Produce Show is open to anyone within a ten-mile radius of Bishopstone - and you don't have to be green-fingered to enter! There are categories for Photography, Art & Crafts, and one of my personal favourites, the Domestic section; featuring this year will be Mary Berry's recipe for *Very Best Chocolate Cake*. There's something for children of all ages too. (Please do encourage the younger ones, that way they'll be more likely to carry on this lovely tradition through the generations). This year we've liaised with Bishopstone School for the children to paint pictures entitled, *Let's go fly a kite* and/or to build *My Dream House* from Lego. For the seniors (12 - 18yrs) we've asked them to design six small Cup Cakes and to ice them imaginatively - who knows what they'll come up with! Please do take part and come along on the day; bring the children to see their work displayed. There are prizes and trophies to be won.

Copies of the Show Schedule will be delivered soon. If you would like extra copies for friends, please contact me in Bishopstone, Mogs Boon in Hinton Parva or through gardensoc@hotmail.co.uk

We generally meet at 7.30pm, second Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise stated, at Bishopstone Village Hall. Friendly bunch of people, tea/coffee/biscuits, raffle. Newcomers most welcome!

Email gardensoc@hotmail.co.uk for more info.

Bishopstone with Hinton Parva
WI

7.30pm Thursday 11th August
Bishopstone Village Hall

In 19th June of our members visited Aston Pottery and thoroughly enjoyed a demonstration on how they make and decorate their pottery. The wonderful lunch and cakes in their restaurant have ensured that there will be return visits.

Our Guest Speaker for August is a local photographer. We are all looking forward to learning new tips on how to get the best from our cameras and how to take the best possible snaps that will show case our memories.

Our newest Sub-Group - Art Appreciation and led by Trish Wells has proved extremely popular amongst members. Trish Wells has put together some interesting and informative Art Study Days with Jenny Lyall from Marlborough College. Our Members have thoroughly enjoyed exploring various artists and their works of art and the study days are accessible to everyone whatever your level of knowledge within the art world may (or may not) be. As well as further study days Trish has arranged a visit to the *Award winning* Art Gallery at Compton Verney in Warwickshire, and also a Film afternoon on Vincent Van Gogh. So apart from our monthly meetings and guest speakers our Sub-committees offer something for everyone.

We still have lots of other additional events planned for this year, our next trip out is a *cruise* on the Kennet and Avon Canal followed by lunch.

We would love to see new faces at our meetings, come along and have a chat with us, our members come from several different villages and also Old Town and we are a very friendly bunch.

For more information please contact:

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School report

Schooooooolllls out for summer!! Well nearly, just over a week to go as I write this. An amazing year in school with so much going on. The last few weeks continued this. We were lucky with the weather and held our traditional Sports Day at Prebendal Farm, such a beautiful setting, we are very lucky that they are happy to put up with our cheering and galloping, we also added an *Olympic* themed twist this year. We have completed our swimming sessions with some children clocking up some serious mileage and gaining some of the highest badges awarded. Year 4,5, & 6 were busy cooking for their parents, yummy pizza was made and served to their lucky parents and demolished within ten minutes . . always a positive sign of a well-made dish! Thank you to those in the village that have donated Sainsbury vouchers,

they have now been submitted and our request for equipment put in, I will keep it a secret until it arrives! The children have been raising money for the NDSC by facing a fingerspell challenge, which they all took very seriously. KS2 presented a mind blowing

Shakespearean performance, full of *ye olde English* and very long lines to be learnt, this was followed by some *Cinderella Rockerfella* singing. Hard work put in by both children and staff which was highly entertaining for the community. School held its first sleepover . . soooo if you were walking past and wondered why the lights were on at midnight then there was a reason! I am still puzzling over the terminology *sleepover* as we would vouch from a staff point of view a more apt name is *awakeover*. So much fun from marshmallow burning, murder mystery hunt, dvd and hot chocolate . . . and of course minimum sleep.

Our year 5/6 children have whizzed off to a weeklong residential in Wales where they will be abseiling, gorge walking, caving through to watersports. Year 1 and 2 will be singing their hearts out tonight in the Wyvern and we finish next week with a presentation of the 'Junior Prince award' being made by HM Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire Mrs Sarah Troughton to yr4/5/6, Leavers Service and thena well deserved break! See you all in September!

Emma Lindsay



Educational grants for parish residents

Little Hinton Educational Foundation is a village charity that makes grants to support the education of local young people, up to 25 years of age. For example, we might be able to help with the cost of buying books, computer equipment, software and materials or we might pay for field trips or educational travel. In some situations, we can make donations to support youth group activities or to assist older applicants returning to education. If you are a student at school, college or university, and live in this parish, or if you organise young people's educational activities in the parish, and would benefit from a little financial help, please

write and tell us what you need.

Write to:
Mrs Valerie Brodin
The Coombs
Hinton Parva, SN4 0DH

Goddard, Coker and Edmonds Educational Charity

This charity exists to assist people under the age of 25, living in Bishopstone for 12 months or more, with the costs of books and equipment for further education. Those interested in applying for a grant should contact the clerk to this charity, Alan Taylor: R2attayloralan@aol.com or 791 666

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Dickie's Diary

Some of the best pubs are hidden away and want some finding. If we ever get some summer and you feel adventurous, a drive out one evening to any of these four could be rewarding and leave you with a sense of achievement if you are successful. My own experience is that many find difficulty in locating our local, *the Royal Oak* in Bishopstone, which unlike the four is actually in a village!

The Hatchet at Lower Chute south of Hungerford.

The Tunnel House near Coate, Cirencester.

The Harrow Inn at Steep, near Selbourne, north of Petersfield.

The Daneway Inn near Oakridge, west of Cirencester.

Most of these happen to be sited close to outstanding sites usually owned by the County Wildlife Trusts where rare butterflies and wild flowers may be seen. *Daneway Banks*, [Map ref. SO937034] half a mile west of Sapperton, just up the road from the *Daneway Inn*, is a site where the large blue butterfly was reintroduced in the 1980's after this species became extinct nationally in 1979. The reintroduction has worked and there are now nine active sites in the country for this blue butterfly with black markings on its upper wings. It flies in June and

July but disappointingly it is only just a little bit bigger than the common blue which can be seen around here on our downs. The large blue has a remarkable life cycle. Eggs are laid on the seed heads of wild thyme and wild marjoram, both prolific at *Daneway Banks*, where the larvae burrow in to the seed heads. When they reach about 4 mm they drop to the ground and secrete a special honey gland which attracts red ants which take them below ground into their chambers. The Daneway site is covered with raised ant hills. Below ground the larvae feed on ant grubs and hibernate there before pupating in the spring with the newly emerging adults crawling to the surface in late May

before expanding their wings to fly in June. Despite three attempts this wretched summer my luck has been out but I have spoken to others who have seen a good many of this rare butterfly at the Daneway Banks site.

Richard Green

Bees

In St. Swithun's we are overrun by the little critters, who live and die in their thousands all over the church. We don't wish them any harm but wonder if there is an expert out there who could advise us on rehoming them?

Mogs Boon

Please Note

It is reported that the Parish council may not be considering ways of reducing the visual impact of the

new mast erected at the forty. The rumoured *design competition* is completely unfounded.

You may be slightly disappointed or not bothered at all, however, and without prejudice the Village News would be happy to publish any ideas. Two suggestions already submitted. (Maybe indigenous species would be more suitable?)

Bob (un paid etc.)

The editor thinks that disguising it as a giraffe would be eminently suitable.

Spring Cottage, The City, is going to be re-thatched in the Autumn, and the work may last for 12 weeks (subject to the weather). This will involve scaffolding around the cottage, with possible inconvenience to villagers and walkers on the footpaths in the area. We would like to apologise in advance for any disruption or inconvenience that this may cause.

Carol & John Hillier

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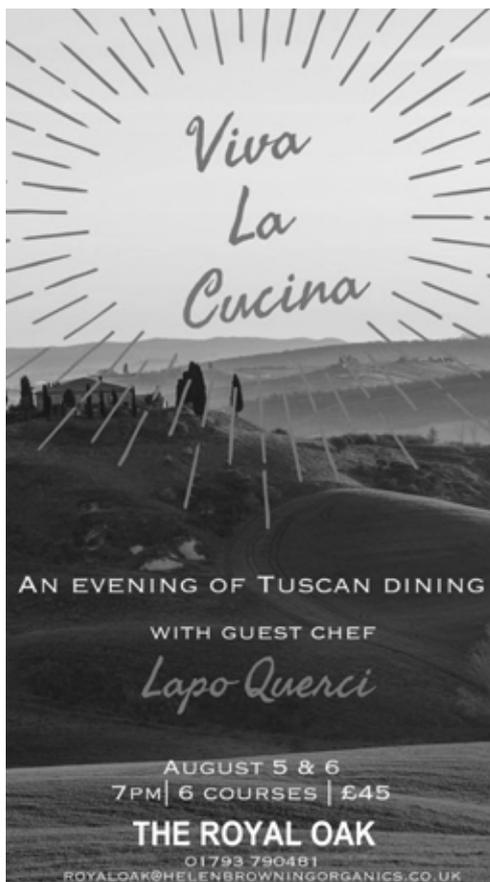
The Royal Oak Diary

Now, ladies and gentlemen, if you're going to build a house, don't think you're up to the job if your schemes are based around Blue Peter, sticky-backed plastic and sellotape. The only reason I say this is because it patently didn't work for the previous owners of The True Heart—or rather, it did work for them, just; but for the new owners, Arkells, and us as operators, that sellotape just won't hold the back of the building together, no matter how much we apply.

In fact the sellotape was covered with render, either paint based or painted over; and of course the paint then kept any moisture trapped inside, which rotted much of it; and when the render started to come off, so did large parts of the wall. Familiar with old buildings, anyone?! The photo on the bottom right of the page shows you where the back door wants to be (about six feet from where it's going to be).

And you don't have to go very far inside, or look very carefully, to see that generations of occupiers at this grand old building have used a combination of cowboy builders, sellotape, sticky backed plastic and any other useless material to create a most remarkably ghastly interior, which has not improved over 8 years of neglect and six years, effectively, of cannabis growing squatters. Did I really say that? One of the toilets appears to have been designed in the dark ages, and last flushed around the same time!

Anyway, to be serious: we, Arkells' and Helen's business, will be doing everything in our power to minimise the inconvenience to anyone in the village—neighbours, walkers, drivers. We have already asked the boys on site to mind their language and keep their radios turned down. And we are trying to get all major deliveries/skip removal lorries etc to use the most sensible short term route, which is either from the bottom of Cues Lane (not the top) or direct off the High Street. There will be some short term aggro with this, I am fair-



ly sure. If any of you have any other comments, please contact me direct (tim@helenbrowningorganics.co.uk) and I will try to handle.

Be very careful if using the site as a short cut thro the village—the health and safety people do not want unauthorised people on site during working hours, and the site will be security gate-locked at both ends when working staff have finished for the day.

Parking will be an issue for some of you—there will be no PERMANENT vehicles or containers parked outside the front of the True Heart, although there will be the occasional van or similar. BUT I do ask that people are careful about parking their own vehicles at the front of the True Heart during the day, since large vehicles will be turning in and need plenty of turning space. The builders are asking for the council to adopt temporary yellow lines, but I would rather we tried to work with people constructively. If needed, peo-

ple can use the Royal Oak car park, although it's always nice to be asked so we know that after it's been there three days we don't need to use a forklift on it (see previous videos). We expect the building work to be in full flow from August till December; with work on the Royal Oak mods starting around the end of the year (a much shorter job). Thank you for bearing with us. The Pigsty at The Royal Oak (or the Queen of the Hills, Josie) will, we hope, bring added entertainment to the village, and some nice jobs.

Currently, we're going through some event changes at The Royal Oak itself as we adapt to a wet summer—so Pigstock is no more (I must remember to tell the bands I have booked...), postponed for a year to allow us time to get it back to being a farm based party, rather than music in the garden.

But instead we bring you *a weekend of superb Italian food, 5th & 6th August*; Lapo Querci, who runs the show at the School of Gastronomic Science in Turin, will do two evenings of full on Tuscan dining, six courses, £45; 40 people per evening. MUST book. I am trying to organise an organic wine tasting in parallel, so there might be more than one good reason to come along. We're getting pretty full of Italians currently, with Valerio in the kitchen and working with livestock; and Claudio's mozzarella palace about to flow. Don't tell the new prime minister that these people work very hard, speak perfect English and do excellent jobs; it would destroy the post Brexit stereotype some of the country has decided to believe.

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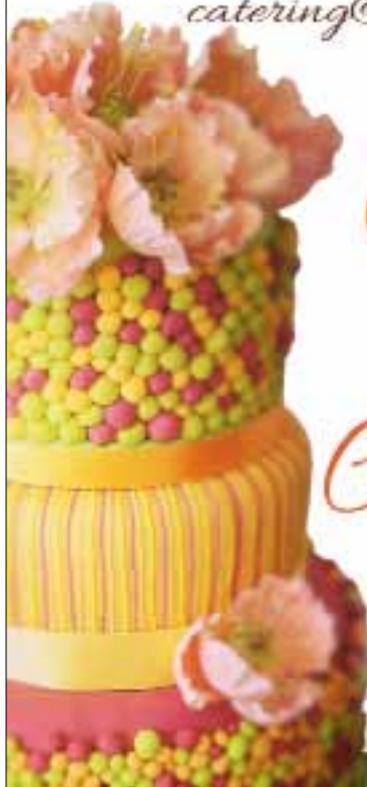


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Just as Downton's dowager duchess famously demanded to know *What is the Weekend?*, I'm keen to learn the nature of Spare Time To Sit In The Garden. I can understand the concept; I just seem incapable of achieving it in practice, particularly in those months when it would be lovely to use some of this mythical beast Spare Time to laze about outdoors, enjoying a long glass of something cool, with a book in my hand and a large umbrella blocking the blazing sun out of my eyes. (I know, I know – but the weather's a whole other issue . . .)

Not only has Spare Time To Sit In The Garden been in short supply, but I've also had a particularly wearying few months. I've played umpteen football matches (Iceland and Wales proving trickier opponents than I'd anticipated), I've rowed along the Thames (thankfully, in the Oxford boat, so I kept my feet dry), and am currently battling it out on Centre Court with Serena and Angelique. No rest for me tomorrow, as I'll be back on court with Andy and Milos. Then I'm hoping for a quick lie down before rushing off to the Stade de France, where I hope to see some Gallic flair and Ronaldo brilliance. Failing those, I wouldn't

object to a reprise of the spine-tin-gling Icelandic clap (if you haven't seen it, check it out on YouTube).

I think there's an argument for moving various sporting tournaments to those countries which enjoy decent weather at an altogether different time of year from us. A faux-Boat Race on the Nile in January, for example, might offer us not just the chance of a Summer afternoon enjoying the garden, but also the opportunity to watch an even more exciting sporting spectacle. Stroke rates would undoubtedly increase if the Oxford or Cambridge cox were to shout *crocodile* . . .

Could it be that UEFA have spotted the need to think again about dates – is the seemingly bonkers decision to hold the 2022 World Cup in Qatar the first move in a shift to a Winter

fixture which would free-up some much needed garden downtime in the Summer for us all?

The medical benefits of this plan would be immense; those of us who emerge from a sporting Summer pasty-faced and podgy, with a dearth of Vitamin D, could instead get off our potato-couches and do outdoor-things (responsibly, of course, with sun cream and sun hats).

Before I pen a strongly lettered word to the sporting powers that be, I must just pop out and do a bit of training. If you see a short, red-faced, exhausted looking person ploughing up and down The Lane in Hinton Parva, do say hello. And excuse me if I can't summon up the breath to reply; I'm preparing for the Olympics. . .

Mrs. Mantelpiece



And Finally.....

I knew I had discovered a new team member when I received a response to an email in which I



was pondering why somebody had come silently into my house and, no not stealing something, but leaving money on my kitchen table.....

Maybe the tooth fairy had been at the sloe gin; somewhere, a small child is holding a milk tooth and sobbing? . . .

Mrs.Mantelpiece speculated. The sub and I cunningly invited her out for coffee and, while under the influence of cappuccino, signed her up - welcome aboard Mrs. M.

Apart from that I'm feeling sad, the fête was not well supported, the Hinton flower show abandoned because of lack of interest, now it seems very

likely that we will lose our mobile library of which It have always been a great advocate, *use it or lose it*, they say, it looks as if we will.

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