

# Village News

## for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva

June 2016

### The School Report

I am starting with a thank you to those that visited our wonderful art gallery which popped up in the Village Hall. Mrs Dent had worked very hard with the children individually and produced some stunning work.

The whole school had spent a magical day at Roche Court near Salisbury. Although it was very damp weather

the wonderful display of sculpture set in gardens had lifted our spirits. Imagine our delight when the Education Leader from Roche Court then came all that way to visit our sculpture exhibition too!! The children held a much anticipated cinema night and we celebrated the Queen's birthday by sending remembrance coins home for every child (I can remember with pleasure receiving the same idea as a child and creating memories is what school is all about!).

Great anticipation was held for the arrival of the *Space Seeds*!! These little seeds had been sent up with Tim Peake, then returned and delivered to selected schools across the UK. Each school has received two packets of seed (the lettuce *rocket* of course). The idea is that the children have to predict which batch has been to space . . . no-one knows the truth until we have returned all the data on how the two batches have grown . . . so



far it's neck and neck. Summer term means swimming, we were saddened that due to

funding cuts the small pool at Milton Road has closed. This has not stopped us attending, but what a tragedy were this wonderful resource and historical building to suffer further.

We have been busy holding auditions in school and have our *finale* of children lined up for the Talent Show. Rehearsals are underway for the *Shakespearean themed* KS2 summer play being held

9.30am on 8<sup>th</sup> July – all welcome.

With all the turmoil that is occurring with assessment this year the school continues to focus on *our* vision of teaching the children life skills that will set them off in life with the ability to follow the path they choose.

As the school continues to grow we are looking forward to our new starters in September, currently we have a full cohort which will bring the schools numbers up to the highest since I have started . . . I have to admit I find that exciting! Enabling these children to become the very best they can be is something that all the staff believe in. We have plenty of excitement coming up soon including a picnic on the island, a trip to Bristol and super exciting . . . our first *school sleepover* . . . let us hope there are no ghosts in our wonderful school or there could be trouble!!

Emma Linsay



*Pictures (above centre) just some of the works at the school art exhibition, see also back page and the Bishopstone School website.*

## Wine & Song Evening

7.30 pm Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Luiza Stanize sings at Hinton Manor  
Come and hear our resident artist & enjoy a glass of wine

Tickets £10 - only available in advance  
from Mogs on 790 626 or Janz 791 286

All proceeds to church



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## CHURCH SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

|               |                                      |         |   |              |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------|---|--------------|
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>           | 8.30am  | Holy Communion  | Lyddington   |
|               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Trinity | 10.30am | Family Communion  | Bishopstone  |
|               |                                      | 6.00pm  | Evensong  | Hinton Parva |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>          | 10.30am | HM Queen's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Service<br>of Thanksgiving | Wanborough   |
|               | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Trinity |         |   |              |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b>          | 8.30am  | Holy Communion  | Wanborough   |
|               | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity | 10.30am | Family Communion  | Lyddington   |
|               |                                      | 6.00pm  | Evensong  | Hinton Parva |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b>          | 10.30am | Family Communion  | Hinton Parva |
|               | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity | 6.00pm  | Evensong  | Wanborough   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>           | 8.30am  | Holy Communion  | Lyddington   |
|               | Thomas the Apostle                   | 10.30am | Family Communion  | Bishopstone  |
|               | 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity | 6.00pm  | Evensong  | Hinton Parva |

### *The Vicar's Letter*

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

It has been wonderful to see plants blooming and even a few warm days too. So soon after Easter and with Whitsun (otherwise known as Pentecost) the Birthday of the Church having just passed, the Birthday theme that we mentioned in last month's letter seems to be continuing. Indeed a number of us were gathered recently to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the lovely Jean Kent. Jean has blessed all sorts of dramatic events over the years, both at the Wyvern and more locally, and still adds a little something to the singing of Evensong each Sunday.

She has also blessed us with two boys who benefit the communities in which they live. One in Canada and the other a lot closer to home. So we give thanks for this. Speaking of closer to home, we look forward to our Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for Her Majesty's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday at St Andrew's on the 12<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am to which everyone is invited. If there are any ladies looking for an excuse to wear a hat, something of a tradition of the Royal Family, then please join us.

People that are never welcome in any community, are those that deliberately remove the property of others. Our farms have been regular targets in re-

cent years and now the Church at St Andrew's has had lead removed from the roof. Given the rate at which technology is developing coupled with the fact that we do not have that many roads in and out of our villages I have to ask; is there the technology, the mood and the interest in getting some kind of number plate recognition system up and running in our villages?

If this is a practicable suggestion then this would have to have a positive impact on our Insurance premiums. So without swarming inboxes, if there is any interest, please drop a note through the Wanborough Vicarage Letter Box. If there is sufficient interest I would be happy to call a public meeting to move things forward. With examination season well underway this is a tough enough time of year without the added anxiety of whether our property is going to be where we left it the previous night. I look forward to witnessing your response.

With best wishes and prayers

*Bill*

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

telephone - 790 088 or  
email - [villageprayers@gmail.com](mailto:villageprayers@gmail.com)

*Bill*

### Celebration Service for HM the Queen's Birthday



**10.30am Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June**  
**St Andrew's Church**  
**Wanborough**

Please join us. There is to be one big family church service for the whole Benefice as part of the local celebrations.

HM Lord - Lieutenant for Wiltshire, Sarah Rose Troughton, who lives locally, will be telling us about her role. Everyone of all ages from all four villages is most welcome.

St Andrew's is a big church seating at least 200, so let's fill it to the rafters.

Please do all come along for this special and historic occasion The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and feel free to wear a hat!

## News from Hinton

On 24<sup>th</sup> April St Swithun's held their Pet Service. The story of Noah was beautifully read by Grace Stuart Brown. Marguerite told the story of St Francis of Assisi and his love for all creation and how all animals responded to his gentle and kindly ways. We then thought about Jesus and his love for all animals thinking particularly of Donkey's Sheep, Fish, Camels and pigs which all featured in his life and the parables that he told. Jerry and Henry Stuart Brown then lead us in very thought provoking prayers. The children drew some great pictures of their animals and introduced us to them by name. The service ended with the blessing of the animals.

**Family Service** in June *Wedding at Cana.*

In July and August the Family Service team will be taking a break and enjoying their holidays. We will resume again in September with our Annual Harvest Festival on 25<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 with the children taking part with readings and prayers.

Thank you to all for their great support over the past year.

*Marguerite*

**New Bells on display in All Saints' Church Lyddington**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 10.00 am – 4.00pm**

**Bells Project Hallowing Service - Conducted by Rev Sandy Railton**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2.30 pm**

**All Saints' Church, Liddington**

Followed by Refreshments in the Village Hall. Please join us at this significant milestone in the Bells Project for this service of blessing and thanksgiving for the new bells.

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

June - Lorna Ford & Linda Matthews

July - Fran Shishton & Sheila Collins

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

## Country Garden Fête

Noon - 4.00pm Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Hinton Manor

### Stalls

Accessories

Conta Criswell 790 507

Books

Andy & Caryn Greenhalgh 791 469

Bottle stall

Sheila Collins 790 358

Chocolate fondu

Jill White 791 102 & Rachel Blunt 790248

Children's toys Karen Walker 790 363 & Mandy Ridler 791 163

Country larder

Shirley Crapper 791 171

Plant stall

Conta Criswell 790 507

White elephant Conta Criswell 790 507 & Jo Selbourne 790 485



All contributions for the stalls will be gratefully received by the people listed above. Please remember it is very helpful to bring these before the day of the fête

### Attractions

Band; Beer; Bouncy castle; Burger bar; Childrens games; Ice- creams; Julia Radbourne presents, eg patchwork cushions, fairisle knitting and lavender bags; Lardi cakes; Live roosters; Mystery History Quiz; SN dogs; Stocks and Wood turning.....

*For raffle prizes see page 4*

### PCC Meeting

**St Mary's Ringing Gallery**

**Bishopstone**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 7.30**

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## The Village Hall, Bishopstone - June

|                                |            |  |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------|--|------------------|
| The hall is cleaned            | Mondays    |  | 8.30 - 10.30am   |
| Taekwondo                      | Tuesdays   | 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> | 7.00 - 8.00pm    |
| Mobile Library                 | Wednesdays | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>                    | 10.00 - 10.55am  |
| Tanwood Performing Arts School | Wednesdays | 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> | 3.30 - 5.00pm    |
| Mothers & Toddlers             | Thursdays  | 16 <sup>th</sup> , & 30 <sup>th</sup>                                    | 9.30 - 11.00am   |
| School Gardening Society       | Thursdays  | 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> | 3.15 - 4.15pm    |
| WI Flower Show                 | Wednesday  | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 7.00 - 9.00pm    |
| Voting EU Referendum           | Thursday   | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.00am - 9.30pm |
|                                | Thursday   | 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | All Day          |

Daily School Dinners (not holidays) Subject to bookings 11.45-1.00pm

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 June

|                |          |  |                  |
|----------------|----------|--|------------------|
| Bridge Club    | Friday   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> | 7.00-10.00pm     |
| Private Part   | Saturday | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Day time         |
| Parish Council | Monday   | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 7.00 - 10.00pm   |
| PCC            | Saturday | 11 <sup>th</sup>   | 12.00am - 3.00pm |

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

## Raffle Prizes - Country Garden Fête

Main Prize to the value of £100.00; Goodies from Highclere Castle; A voucher for £25 from Charlotte Bentley; Two books written by Jeremy Clarkson and signed by him; A voucher for lunch or dinner for two with a bottle of house wine at the Queen's Arms in East Garston; a meal for 2 at the Plough, Wanborough; an hour's treatment (massage or reflexology) with Minty Crawley in Chilton Foliat and a £20 Waitrose voucher.

The Mystery History quiz will take place in St. Swithun's Church.

For raffle tickets or any other fête enquiry contact:

Conta Criswell 790 507



## The Race Day Tea Rooms



### Pig Racing Day

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June

The Village Hall Bishopstone

Help Needed

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### Wanborough's Farmers' Market

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June

9.00am - Noon

Wanborough Village Hall

Extra parking is available at the back of the Harrow Inn car park opposite (bread can be bought from the pub). Markets continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month but **not - please note - in August**, owing to a clash with the village show on August 20th. However, some traders are to be found at the show on Church Meadow.

For more information contact:

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### Cats at the Wyvern

Two young ladies from Bishopstone performed in Tanwood Youth Theatre's productions of Andrew Lloyd Webbers' *Cats* at the Wyvern Theatre in April. Laila Nicholls and Tabitha Green gave their all in their roles as kittens and the results were simply stunning. A very proud father of one of them gave his thoughts on leaving the Saturday night performance.

We left the theatre with the sounds of *the Jellicle Cats* still ringing in our ears, surrounded by theatre goers chatter of surprise over what they had just seen. We emerged a little amazed, and slightly relieved, that we were indeed in Swindon and not Leicester Square or Shaftsbury Avenue, such was the assault on our senses from more than two hours of dancing, live orchestra, singing and production effects that we had been privileged to watch. And, not for the first time, we had to remind ourselves that we had been watching children!

Cats had been everywhere – about 160 in total, from ages two up to late teens. Laila danced, tapped and sang beautifully through many of the scenes, including a couple of delicious prowls through the audience as theatre goers delighted in the tactile nature of the show. Being younger, Tabby appeared in the first act only and her commitment to the role was very evident and she sang and prowled with gusto, including some wonderful cat-like pawing whilst they were sitting listening to the older children.

What was very apparent was that the inclusion of the little ones by no means diminished the professionalism of the show: they were beautifully choreographed and truly added to the whole effect.

The male and female leads came from a wider catchment area and not just Tanwood, however the production was Tanwood, and Pollyann Tanner as its leader deserves great credit for the hard work and delivery of such a polished show. Many of these children will be stars of the future, I have no doubt.



Performing arts is a wonderful way for children to learn a number of life skills, to make friends and to build their confidence. We can heartily recommend **Tanwood!**

*Tom Green*

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Performing Arts**  
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07775 991 700

### The Hovel.....



### .....and the Destroyers

Sorry, this is quite old news, by now most of the villagers will have heard of the wanton destruction of Jean Bone's cottage, know as *the Hovel*.

After her death the property was sold to developers who, in spite of being instructed by Swindon Borough Council not to commence, bulldozed the building, threatening violence to the brave members of the Parish Council who tried to stop them.

This rare example of an unspoilt 18<sup>th</sup> century building is irreplaceable. SBC are considering legal action.

*Editor*

### Bishopstone 100 club

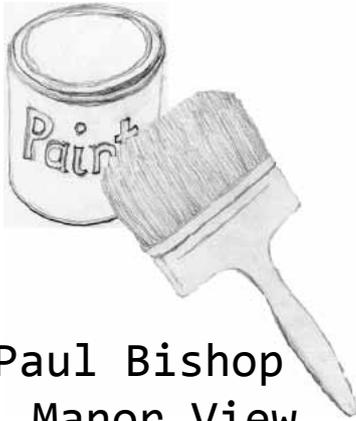
#### May Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> 55 Sue Bone
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 22 Jane Lomax
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 95 Doreen Cooper

Usual moan, subs please £10 per number per year. Cheques to be made payable to Bishopstone Village Hall. Some people have more than one number! Maximise your chance of winning and help the hall. There are several numbers available, so ring Jo 790 485 to nail your favourite.

*Jo. X*

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# Bishopstone Gardening Society

The Old Rectory Gardens near Wantage

The visit to John Betjeman's Old Home on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April proved to be a lovely day out. The gardens had many different areas, but the one that stood out for me was the meadow of Magnolias with narcissi under-planting. They have another open day on the 12<sup>th</sup> June with the NGS open days: well worth a visit then as the gardens will be in full bloom.

*Sarah Bally*



**8<sup>th</sup> June:** Come along to the village hall and confound **Jon Mason** with your imponderable gardening-related questions. Jon, a brave man methinks, will be here for **Gardener's Question Time**. I asked him if he would like a list of easy-peasy readily prepared questions and he answered, *No, challenge me on the night*. Indeed, we will Jon. He has thrown down a garden-themed gauntlet! So come on folks, say it with flowers; bring along a wilting Wistaria or a peculiar Pelargonium, some strange saplings or perplex him with your powdery mildew problems. I'm relying on you!

**13<sup>th</sup> July:** **Peter Biggs**, from Wanborough Herb Garden will give us a talk on, **Late summer garden flowers**. Peter always bring along a great selection of unusual plants for us to buy.

**1<sup>st</sup> September, Thursday:** Join us on an evening trip to **The White Horse Garden Club in Uffington**, where wildlife gardener, writer and artist, **Jenny Steel** will be speaking and showing slides on, **Making a Wildlife Garden**. Jenny has appeared on several TV programmes including BBC *Gardeners' World*, *Horizon*, and *Wild*.

**10<sup>th</sup> September, Saturday: The Annual Flower & Produce Show**

Photos categories (which can be of a singular or plural theme) are:

- 1) Seasonal change: *Two seasons* (two photos of the same spot in two different seasons)
- 2) Plant or soil Texture(s)
- 3) Garden creepy-crawlies
- 4) Fungi
- 5) Natures plant pattern(s)

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm start, at Bishopstone Village Hall, unless otherwise stated. Friendly bunch of people, tea/coffee/biscuits, raffle.

*Sheila*

The B&D Gardening Society can be contacted at: [gardensoc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gardensoc@hotmail.co.uk)

## Blunsdon Open Gardens Weekend 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> July

Blunsdon will be opening selected gardens to the public. Free parking will be available at the Blunsdon House Hotel and breakfasts will be sold at the Village hall from 10.00am and refreshments being available all day. St Leonards Church will host floral displays depicting the life of the Queen. Make your own Miniature garden from recycled materials at a workshop at the Village Hall. Plant Sales and tombola amongst other attractions. Scarecrows and Gardens will be open from 12 Noon until 5.00pm by ticket admission only.

Open Garden Tickets available for sale from the village hall £5.00 per adult including a minibus service to reach the gardens for the less active. Small extra charge for Scarecrow competition. Proceeds to St. Leonard's Church and participating Blunsdon Community Groups.

For further details contact:

Julie Allen 01793 721 429

## Summer Breeze



**Liddington Warren Farm  
25<sup>th</sup> June**

Set in the rolling countryside of Wiltshire, our popular musical garden party is returning to its roots and will be a more intimate and exclusive affair. With our pick of quality acts on two stages, the family-friendly event is back with all the excellent music, kids entertainment, popular food options and stalls that you have come to love!

We open on Saturday at 12 noon with a packed schedule to keep you dancing until midnight in your wellies/flip-flops (delete as applicable)!

All profits will be donated to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

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move a fallen tree. The water appeared shallow enough just for wellies, but two steps in and it was up to my knees!

### Island Clearances

Thanks to all who turned up on a Sunday morning for a May Day spruce up of the Island. eight willing volunteers donned their wellies and gloves, wielding strimmers, chainsaws, loppers, pruners and secateurs to give the Island a really good tidy up in readiness for the summer. Special thanks go to Stuart McGuigan for volunteering me to paddle in the stream beside the island to re-



Thanks again to all. Hopefully

Oxon Place residents will appreciate our efforts even though they all appeared to be having a Sunday morning lie in!! See you next time.

Doug Stevens

### Bob's Observations:

Our unique Island Mole population is booming and an explosion of mole hills is evident. The Island mole *Talpa bishopaea* appears to have taken full advantage of the bridge over the stream and has clearly benefited from some added vigour in its limited gene pool. As refreshment was later taken nearby some debate ensued as to whether the interlopers might be classified as *vermin*? For example the grey squirrel has been thus classified. Sensibly the prevailing consensus was let nature take its course, we probably wouldn't be able to tell them apart anyway, particularly as no one could lay claim to have actually seen *Talpa bishopaea*. (Squirrels are easy grey v red). We suspect Darwin would have had a view on this but was unavailable for comment.

Bob, roving report, unpaid



G'day \*Bruce was delighted to see the humans tidying up his island

[\*It was discovered that 'Bruce' was in fact a distant cousin of Justin the mole. Countless millennia had seen a mole sub-species flourish on Bishopstone's little island. There were many similarities between the cousins, but Bruce's species had morphed into a 'Bushmole', which is a cross between a mole and a Womble. Bruce had a tendency to wear Australian cork hats.]

## Bishopstone with Hinton Parva WI

7.00pm Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June Bishopstone Village Hall

At our April meeting Gillian Barber and Philader Richards from The Olive Tree Café and TWIGS gave an inspiring talk on their work helping people in a practical way to recover from mental health issues and return to work. Our competition table was bursting with colour with *Blooms of the Month* and the Item Competition *A cup and Saucer* looked absolutely fantastic with a wonderful display of different china.

Our June meeting is *the Annual Flower and Handicraft Show* where the WI Members are able to demonstrate their many wonderful skills, needle craft, floral art, paper art, paintings, photography, cookery and more are all on display. The show is open to the public from 7.00pm and well worth a look. Future events in hand include Aston Pottery Demonstration, Art Appreciation visit to Compton Verney, Canal Trip, Guided walk around Ashbury, Wyvern Theatre Russian State Ballet performing *Sleeping Beauty*.

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.

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### Dickie's Diary - Trees



Resisting the temptation called Referendum, instead I turn to our trees, the lungs of the countryside and surely our oldest living things and how lovely they look in May. A yew in Dartington, S. Devon is reputedly 1600-2000 years old. The Kings Oak at Blenheim is dated 920 years old and at Savername beside the A346 there is the venerable Belly Oak. In Hinton and Bishopstone we have our own fine but younger examples. This year the Ash is definitely behind the Oak so that suggests a soak, if we believe the old saying.



there are several others coming on; indeed, secluded in Little Hinton wood is another fine example,



To be controversial I would put the the Copper Beeches at Church Farm, Hinton, near the top of the list but

tall and straight as a gun barrel. We have several old pear trees, one in a cow paddock at The Forty and nearby another in our garden at



garden is a venerable Acacia. We have several Limes, one in the church yard supports a single bunch of mistletoe high up. But perhaps our villages are best defined by the length and height of our roadside box hedging that could be as old as the trees themselves.

*Richard Green*  
(Top left a oak tree; top centre a yew and above, a horse chestnut).

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Glebe off the High St, Bishopstone. The evergreen Holm Oak has given its name to the house *Greenoak*, off New Town Lane and is a fine specimen. There are several Walnuts of note; a fine one below Hinton, a shapely young one in the Mankeelow's garden and another in

### The Newsletter Reaches Swindon

Hello, the internet is a wonderful tool but sometimes you find out sad news and I have just been reading the article about Joan passing away in your October 2015 newsletter.

To explain further Joan was a relation of my mother and she and Les kept in touch with my father in the way of Christmas cards. He was worried he hadn't received one last year and wondered if something had happened to either one of them.

I'm so sorry we didn't find out 'till now as both of us would have liked to attend her funeral and pay our respects. Our condolences albeit belated to Les.

*Natalie and father Roy from Swindon*

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## The Royal Oak Diary



There's been another erection at Eastbrook, but only a small one (although too big to get it all in the photo...); not really our work, but the combined efforts of Sir Andrew Greenhalgh, parish councillor, and God, aka The Church Commissioners. Between them they have organised the erection of a broadband mast in that part of the farm known as The Forty. I can't tell if it's working or not just from looking at it (as they say), but it's very big and should be sending out lots of rays very soon. I assume broadband comes in rays? That's all the serious news I have, really. The rest of it is the usual, annual warning to Cues Lane residents that **pig racing** is about to disrupt them for a few hours on **5<sup>th</sup> June**, while we construct the race track, race on it, wander about aimlessly, then take it all down. Racing will be between about 1.00pm and 2.00pm; with a final race soon after 3.30pm, when the live music has stopped. We're not going to drag it on for longer than we have to, are we? Just because there's beer and food to sell in the garden, and a potentially world class Celtic rock band Hunter and the Bear to listen to; they have fans as far away as Worcester I am told, and there's a busload coming down! It's the usual day of daftness; pigs are in training, all bought by good fun loving types anxious to get their names in the programme (and give to charity, the Swindon and N Wilts Deaf Children, again, because I love them). Betting will be on the VIP lawn, aka The Greens; and children under two can only bet if their younger sibling is with them. Parking will be scattered round the village, including some opposite Prebendal, since the Bishopstone (Made in) people have organised that bit. Full health and safety certificates available on request, officer. I hope you'll bear with us. Other than that, try to eat or drink at

one of our two outlets—both pretty busy, currently, and selling some lovely beers at both places. The garden at Royal Oak is a beautiful wild spring time thing, with as you know minimal effort from me. The marquee is there for you to use as you wish—in a perfect world, you'd get your food and drink from the Oak, of course. Private party anyone?

We'll have the Euros on the telly, while any of the Home Nations are involved



at least; especially the Welsh on this occasion, with the remarkable Bishopstone connection. I'm still trying to get someone to debate BREXIT with me in front of you all. As you know,

I'm in, all in; but those of you over 70 seem to think I'm joking. At the other end of the age spectrum, my intelligent children (they take after their mother) can't even understand why we're having this debate. And when Boris Johnson starts on his Nazi Germany thing, as he did in mid May, you know the **Brexitters** are desperate (and pathetic). If Johnson wins, I'm off. (*Come on Johnson*, I hear you shout).

There ends the party political broadcast, you'll be pleased to hear. No news on my Fawltly Towers hotel plans, but the multi storey car park will have its foundations dug soon. I expect three floors will be enough.

Pip Pip

*Tim Finney*

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## News from Bishopstone Pottery

### Episode 23 - Goodbye for Now

We have been planning a very special project in the pottery this month. My mum, who lives in Sussex, will be 90 on 9<sup>th</sup> June this year and we are organising a celebration party for her. She often compares herself to the Queen (without the money and attendants) as she was born in the same year and married in the same year. So to commemorate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday we are making ceramic medals for her to present to her ten great grandchildren at her party. They are still in the design stage and working that small is not something we are used to but hopefully by the 9<sup>th</sup> they will be complete and adorned a ribbon each.

Apart from that most of this month was taken up with completing the sculpture project I was working on with the children from Bishopstone School. Each year group completed a different type of sculpture in a variety of materials but, being a clay fanatic, I wanted to do one clay art installation that reflected the school community.

So parents, staff and children each made a small figure of themselves without any facial features. All the figures in this sculpture were made from the same size piece of clay to suggest the equally important contribution each person makes to the school community. Each figure carries an object or objects special to them and that reflects an individual interest or defines them as a person. The 60+ figures were then seated in two tiers on two lengths of wood, each 2.5 metres in length. These were then exhibited in the village hall alongside all the other sculptures (*see also front page*) I was really proud of what the children had achieved.

Well this is to be our last report for the newsletter for the time being. We have enjoyed sharing our passion for pottery with you. We have taken you from the faltering start of our amateur career in pottery to the current day. Still faltering and amateur!! They say it takes ten years for a potter to develop his or her skills and find a style they are happy with. We have been potting for over ten years now and we are still learning from our mistakes and from others and long may it last.

So now we are hanging up our newsletter pen and heading back to the pottery for some more playing with clay, fire and water. Ah, bliss.....

*Sue and Adrian Dent*



### And Finally.....

Huge thanks to Sue and Adrian for their *News from Bishopstone Pottery*, we've all enjoyed their interesting

articles, now they feel it is time to take a break - *SO* who will replace them? Any bright ideas? Answers please on an email or possibly a postcard

Re dickie's diary (*page 12*): In February 2012 Toby Ford wrote an article about trees. The whitebeam on the Hinton's very small green was planted by Bruce Newman and the maple at Hinton Spings by Wiltshire County Council to commemorate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. However, the cockspur thorn which doesn't impress Dickie, was a puzzle, to commemorate the Queen's silver jubilee the sign informed us that it was a red oak, which



it patently wasn't. Howard Crapper and the village hall committee had a new sign made - but what happened to the oak tree? Nobody knows.

*mogs*

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