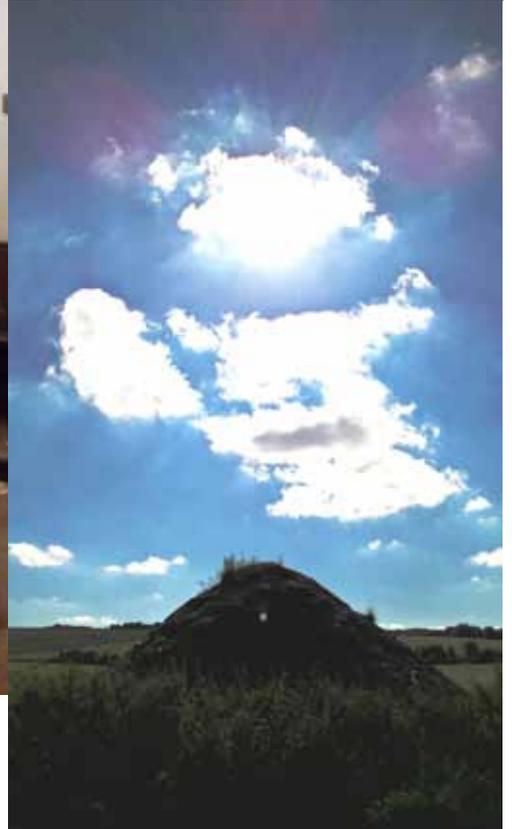


Village News

for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva November 2016



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The Village Hall, Bishopstone - November

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Mobile Library	Wednesdays	2 nd , 16 th & 30 th	10.00 - 10.55am
Mothers & Toddlers	Thursdays	3 rd , 10 th & 17 th	9.30 - 11.00am
School	Thursdays	3 rd , 10 th & 17 th	3.15 - 4.15pm
Private Party	Saturday	5 th	10.00 - 2.00pm
Parish Council	Monday	7 th	5.00 - 7.00pm
Village Hall AGM	Monday	14 th	5.00 - 7.00pm
Craft Fair	Thursday	24 th	All Day
Private Party	Sunday	27 th	10.00 - 2.00pm
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 November

Bridge for Beginners	Wednesdays	2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd & 30 th	6.45 - 9.15 pm
Bridge Club	Fridays	4 th , 11 th , 18 th & 25 th	7.00 - 10.00pm
WI	Thursday	10 th	7.30 - 9.30pm
Quiz Night Special	Saturday	19 th	7.00 - 10.30pm
WI	Thursday	24 th	2.00 - 5.00pm
Band Practice	Thursday		Evenings

The Booking Secretary is Howard - 791 171

£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

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Hinton Parva Village Hall

Harvest Lunch at Hinton Parva

The Village Hall Committee was pleased to accept the invitation to provide a Sunday Harvest Lunch. Roast beef, yorkshire pudding and roast potatoes immediately came to mind and what a feast we enjoyed. For those not such inclined, there was a choice of nut roast or vegetable lasagne.

The Hall was beautifully set and guests soon relaxed into the comfortable ambience. Our Vicar said grace upon this special Sunday. Tempting aromas wafted from the kitchen as the waitresses brought in the plates of food. We are indeed blessed with great gifts of delicious food and talented chefs.

Puddings were donated by terrific villagers. By jove, you should have seen the unbelievable variety of sumptuous sweet dishes. A queue developed for second helpings - and why not?

As we rested ourselves, Peter Cook ran an interesting series of power point images of the recent harvest. Long gone are the times of tied wheatsheaves and wooden rakes. Today, farming is an industrialised business which uses the power of computer controlled tractors, harvesters and GPS positioning, to ensure even seed drilling and even automatic control of the harvester blade. With an ever increasing population, this evolution and progress in farming techniques is justly required.

The Village Hall Committee enjoyed

The Village Hall Bishopstone AGM

To be held on Monday, 14th November, at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

Please come and join us and share your ideas for events and activities that we can all enjoy and at the same time continue to raise funds for ongoing refurbishment of the hall.

BISHOPSTONE CRAFT FAIR

The Village Hall
Thursday 24th November
6.00 - 8.00pm

As well as the usual favourites there will be some new and different stalls ranging from original crafts to home/locally made produce.

A great opportunity for Christmas Shopping and there could be a special visitor!

For more information please contact:

Chris Thomas 790 106

littlecot2010@hotmail.co.uk

hosting this event and even made a modest profit toward the Hall funds. Thanks for all the help and support.

Bin it !

The Hinton Parva Village Hall wheely bin has been subject to dumping. Our bin is purely for waste generated from the hall.

It has been noticed over several months that motor spares, clothing and garden waste from elsewhere has been placed in the hall bin.

The result of this is that the local authority is threatening to remove the collection service from our hall.

Actions have consequences. Whoever it is - please stop. It is not fair.

Painter wanted for small job- Must have own extension ladder & transport. Work to paint wood treatment to window frames - inside and out. Materials supplied. Dry weather required for exterior works.

Telephone Howard

791 171.

Bishopstone Gardening Society

As November's Newsletter edition gently glides through your letterboxes like a multicoloured Autumn leaf, B&D Garden Club members will have been busy bees, exercising both body and mind. Firstly, on 15th October, a revitalising walk around Silk Wood at Westonbirt Arboretum, Tetbury, (see photo to the right); followed on 29th October by a brisk exercise of the gray matter. [Writing prospectively] Quizmaster Cheryl will have tied us in knots, trying to retrieve facts and curious snippets of information we knew would come in handy one day but now are irretrievably snuggled somewhere inside our noggins; if only we could access them at will, we'd probably be candidates for Mastermind!

Wednesday 9th November from 7.00pm there will be an informal **end-of-the-gardening-club-year evening get together**, along with a laid-back AGM. We intend holding this at our very own Royal Oak in Bishopstone, when we can discuss your ideas for next year's schedule. Ever keen to encourage new members/visitors, plans are afoot for 2017 to hold some of our meetings at Hinton Parva Village Hall and I'm thinking that a few of us may want to visit Highgrove Gardens next year. Should be a good evening!

This will be our last meeting for 2016. News on what's planned for 2017 will be in January's Parish Newsletter. Newcomers most welcome!

New email address:

banddgardeningsoc@gmail.com

Dickie's Diary

Sheila

With livestock, inevitably there comes a time when you get deadstock and I share our recent experiences. We have had a good spell lately but the risks are less in our beef system. With no breeding cows, we are buying stores, usually yearlings and then growing them on to sell fat. Lately we have had two deaths. We reckon that the first casualty which we discovered dying on our downland was as a result of ragwort poisoning. Usually cattle and horses avoid eating these poisonous leaves which can prove toxic



to the liver. Many years ago we had a Simmental Bull which was losing weight and I put this down to ragwort before sending him away for slaughter before he became noticeably ill. I surmised that perhaps there was an inbuilt tendency to eat wild flowers so prevalent in the Alpine meadows from whence the breed traditionally came. We have taken steps to reduce the prevalence of ragwort next year.

Our second recent casualty should never have occurred on our farm. The agent who buys our cattle delivered a Charolais steer, clearly with some endemic lung damage. We cannot really blame the agent who only has seconds to decide whether to bid; it was cheap and he took a chance. We soon contacted him reserving our position that we were not inclined to take this animal. We did our best for it, but it did not respond and after a month it has been sent to the Old Berks Hunt kennels. They perform this useful service to farmers clearing up fallen stock to feed their hounds. I do blame the vendor and perhaps the auctioneers at the livestock market for accepting this animal in good faith to be sold in an unsatisfactory state.

These casualties have been balanced by an unexpected birth. An Angus calf was born to a small Angus heifer

that came onto our farm last January with a passport that declared it only 13 months old at the time of her calving. Going back the nine months to conception means that the mother was only 4 months old then, which is barely possible. In the circumstances the authority which was asked to issue a passport for the calf, understandably has asked for confirmation from the breeder. It is good they have now issued a passport, without one the calf would be worthless. It is suckling and doing fine and the men call it Jack which is a little strange because its female! There could be two explanations for this mystery. Either and more likely the breeder has, (perish the thought), been economical with the truth on the mother's birth date so that she was in fact older than declared, or the mother could have been covered on our farm by a rigg. I did notice a steer exhibiting some testosterone signs whilst grazing in a bunch with the mother in late March. This rigg was immediately yarded and found to still have one testicle intact but had he indeed been potent, the calf would have been born well before full term and this did not seem likely either. These little insights show the challenges and joys of livestock farming.

Richard Green

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BBC Upcoming Meetings

All welcome to join the now well established Bishopstone Book Club for our informal monthly meetings as follows:

Thursday 13th October - Kate Atkinson *A God in Ruins* billed as *her finest work* to date

Mid November (date to be confirmed) - Fiona Barton *The Widow* reviewed as *a gripping psychological thriller*.

It's a double whammy - you get to have a good read and then a great conversation. Come join us!

Contact Cheryl 791 849

Bishopstone with Hinton Parva WI

7.30pm Thursday 10th November

Hinton Parva Village Hall

Our Guest Speaker this month is Viv Kynastan. She is a member of the Bradford on Avon Fairtrade Town Group and has been a member of the National Campaigner Committee at the Fairtrade Foundation. Viv plans to talk and share ideas on Fairtrade particularly, because WI members already support Fairtrade and the WI itself is a founder member of the Fairtrade Foundation, the body that manages Fairtrade in the UK.

Our Art Appreciation Group continues to grow and two dates have been arranged for Art Study Days on Caravaggio & El Greco and Ravilious & The history of colour with more days to follow. In discussion are visits to Nature

in Art at Wordsworth Hall, Tigworth, North Gloucestershire. A Georgian mansion, with a museum dedicated to the arts (all mediums) inspired by nature, Kelmscott Manor, the former Cotswold retreat of William Morris, near Lechlade and Hilliers - Art in the Garden Outdoor sculpture exhibition set in 180 world famous gardens in Romsey, Hampshire. In addition to this there will be DVD Exhibition on Screen afternoons to include, Matisse, David Hockney and Rembrandt.

Also in November we have a crafts afternoon which will be led by our President Maggie Simons - this is always a fun and relaxing few hours.

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:
Christina Petersen 07854 710 963

From Marguerite

When we first moved to Hinton Parva 13 years ago I loved it immediately. Toby and Mary greeted us with such friendship and Toby filled me in on Church and Village activities. From the outset I felt so at home in St Swithun's Church having come from All Saint's Froxfield they are both small and have a cosy feel. It seemed that within weeks of moving in Toby asked me to join the PCC which I was more than happy to do. And it went from there. Joy was keen to retire and when Robin asked me to take on PCC Secretary I needed some persuasion as I had experience of the work load having taken on the job temporarily in Froxfield, but I said yes.

I have so enjoyed serving as Church Warden of St Swithun's it was big shoes to fill being Toby's successor. I have loved working with the children of the Benefice in Family Service and Messy Church. It has been a privilege and given me immense pleasure seeing them grow in confidence over the past few years certainly worth all the hard work.

Thank you to all the many friends I have made and for all your support. I

have loved every minute of your beautiful village and community spirit. Toby and Mary have been wonderful neighbours providing us with lettuces and sweet peas over the years.

We are now settled in a village near Marlborough and the very first service I attended in September was taken by guess who, Revd Sandy Railton, I could not believe my eyes. I don't know who was the most surprised!! Many good wishes to all.

Marguerite

Wanborough's Farmers' Market

Saturday 19th November

9.00am - noon

Wanborough Village Hall

Extra parking is available at the Harrow Inn opposite (please park at the rear). There is a new stall selling milk from Lotmead Farm, and familiar traders selling meat, vegetables, cakes and pies, honey, rapeseed oil, plants and fairly traded goods.

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sbirley@gn.apg.org

Ashbury Market

11am - 2pm Sunday 20th November

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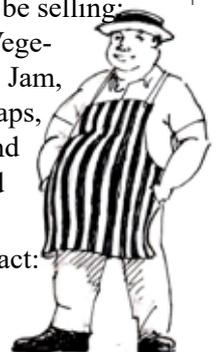
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Tuesday	1st November	7.00pm	Faithful Departed	Wanborough
	All Saints' Day			
Sunday	6th November	10.30am	Family Communion	Bishopstone
	3 rd Sunday Before Advent	4.00pm	All Souls Service	Lyddington
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
Sunday	13th November	10.30 am	Remembrance Service	Lyddington
	2 nd Sunday Before Advent	10.30 am	Remembrance Service + Communion	Hinton Parva
	Remembrance Sunday	10.30 am	Remembrance Service + Communion	Wanborough
Sunday	20th November	8.30am	Holy Communion	Wanborough
	Next Before Advent	10.30am	Family Communion	Lyddington
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
Sunday	27th November	10.30am	Family Communion	Hinton Parva
	1 st Sunday of Advent	6.00pm	Evensong	Wanborough
Wednesday	30th November	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough
	Andrew the Apostle			
Sunday	4th December	8.30am	Holy Communion	Lyddington
	2 nd Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Family Communion	Bishopstone
		6.00pm	Donkey Service	Hinton Parva

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

There was a famous basket ball player who revealed that his success was down to the point that he had rarely if ever known failure! A huge claim, but one based on the point that from a young age his father encouraged him to practise getting the basket ball into a waste bin in the first instance. Once that became second nature the bin rose from the floor to a table and from then on in stages until a regulation height for a basket was achieved. The occasional miss was just that, and was always undermined by his life habit of hitting his target. His success rate went on to be the stuff of legend. Undermining other people's efforts, saying that they are not good enough with the qualification that *we only want the best* not only diminishes them, it diminishes us too. We become known for not being particularly nice to be around. Our Bibles teach us to be encouraging just like the father of the basket-ball player, even if it might cost us a little bit of pride in the process.

A worker for an aircraft manufacturer used to leave little notes for anyone, who did anything, for him. They contained nothing more than three initials *DWD* (darned well done). When

he retired they had to hold his leaving do in one of the largest hangers the company owned, so many were the number of people that wanted to wish him well in his retirement. Praising God in all circumstances is an aspect of Christian conduct that isn't as widespread as it might be and yet when we do so, praising others rather than finding fault becomes our natural tendency and we become a lot nicer to live with. So with thanks and praise in mind, thanks must go to all of those involved in the Lyddington Bells project, in particular Tony Pullan, Malcolm Barnes and Fiona Nelson. I would like to thank personally all those who have done their best to keep our lovely churches open over many years and those who are working so hard to ensure that these lovely places of worship continue to do so. I would also like to thank those who are trying so hard to make these places relevant to the communities that now live around them, including those in the recently opened Benefice Office. While it is in an early stage of development at this time it is already bringing benefits, some of which were pleasantly unexpected. Martin Luther King's Civil Rights movement and the Community for

Peace People in Northern Ireland are more recent demonstrations of praising God even in the most difficult of circumstances. While those situations are still less than perfect, they are a lot further on than they might have been and we can all give thanks for that. At this time of year we are called to pause and remember the price of our freedom, the loss of those who died for it and support those who have had their lives changed dramatically as a result of their willingness to defend our shores on our behalf. While neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God we are called to remember His love through the things others have done for us, value them and pass on the legacy we have been left with. May this season of Remembrance be for us a time to pause and value those we love and those who have made it possible to do so. With best wishes and prayers.

If you have anyone or anything that you would like prayer for please

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

Bill



PCC meeting
 7.30pm 14th November
 Hill Manor House, Hinton

Bishopstone Church Wardens' Activities

This period has seen much activity. At St Swithun's the roof and gutter work was completed in time for a wonderful Harvest Festival and we are most grateful to all that made the Church so attractive and presentable after all the dust and dirt with some lovely flowers and produce. Emma and Tom Cripwell have been voted in as Church Wardens and have both joined the PCC. We also were concerned that with the departure of Marguerite there was a danger that the centre of Hinton Parva might be under-represented on the PCC and are delighted that both Katherine Buckley and Kate Marriott have accepted our invitation to join the PCC in the remaining two vacancies. At St Mary's there has been a steady increase in the number of people attending services and a very pleasant Harvest Service was also held at the beginning of October. Both churches are most grateful for the support they are receiving from the Benefice Office.

As reported last month a small working group has been formed to examine the possibility of expanding capacity or consecrating another graveyard, or perhaps graveyards within the Parish. The Group (Tom Cripwell, Doug Stevens and Alan Taylor) would be very pleased to hear from parishioners about any concerns or suggestions that you may have. Our contact details are in the PCC section of this magazine. In order for us to be able to report to the Annual Parochial Church meeting in April 2017 we would be most grateful for communication from parishioners by Christmas.

John Lowry & Alan Taylor

Remembrance Service
10.30am Sunday 13th November
St. Swithun's, Hinton

The service will be taken by Sandy Railton



The Bells of All Saints Church, Lyddington

Saturday 29th October – 2.30 pm

All are welcome to the Dedication Service of the new peal of church bells, and to give thanks for completion of repairs to the church tower. Conducted by Rt Revd Mike Hill, Bishop of Bristol.

General ringing will follow the service, and refreshments will be available in the Village Hall.

If you plan to come to the celebrations, please could you let Fiona know
01793 790 546

or fiona@tilbrookhouse.co.uk.

Lyddington and Wanborough Bell Ringers Wanted:

Recruitment Morning

10.00 - 12.00 noon

Saturday 5th November

It is time to establish the new band of ringers.

Have you ever thought about having a go at bell ringing?

Or are you a lapsed ringer who is interested in returning to ringing?

Do you live in Lyddington, Wanborough or one of the Benefice villages?

Your help is needed now!

Come along to a taster session on 5th November and have a go at ringing. We welcome learners of both sexes and from ages of about 9 or 10 years upwards.

Lyddington and Wanborough Ringing Times. Regular Sunday Ringing

starts from November and ringing will be at 9.45am for morning services, and 3.15pm or 5.15 pm for afternoon/evening services. Regular weekly practices will be from 7.30 – 9.00 pm on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays at Wanborough, and 2nd and 4th Fridays at Lyddington. Learners practices will be arranged as required.

Tony Pullan

Tower Captain, Wanborough and Lyddington Ringerst

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Cleaning Rota - St. Mary's Church, Bishopstone

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

School report

We are back to school in what is my favourite time of year Au-



tumn. Such a beautiful time when the leaves are changing colour and the winter is drawing in. The stonework is ongoing, we are hoping that the scaffolding will come down at the front this term, so that we can finally get to tidy the front of the school, with a match to the gorgeous stone. We have found many delights, hence the hold ups: from a spring that exists underneath the building, a slipping mantle, through to Victorian child graffiti on the stones.

The school is buzzing as normal and full! These are the highest numbers since I have joined which creates a wonderful atmosphere. This term we have changed how we are teaching, the children having the experience of several teachers as opposed to just *one class teacher*. Mr Anley is teaching Maths, Mrs Morris is teaching English, Miss Pearson continues to focus on Reception and Year 1 while I teach Year 2 every morning. The children seem to be thoroughly enjoying the change and it allows us, as staff, to monitor the impact on them when working in the different groups.

We have already been out and about, *Gansta Granny* was a great success at the Wyvern, full of laughter. Harvest festival was delightful with the children reading out thoughtful poems and singing all the favourites, this year we were joined by Alfresco Nursery which made it even more special.

The children have had a visit from a Tennis coach, inspiration indeed to hit more balls over the fence and into the Pond, I feel!

The School Council is up and running with a very long list of things that they wish to achieve and the new school meals a definite hit with far less food going to waste and a majority going into little tummys! We were very proud of Catie for organising her Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. Half term is on its way, the weeks are flying past and before we know it.....

dare I say?.....it will be Christmas - shhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

Emma Lindsay

Duck Hunt - Answers A

1.Football, 2.Fencing, 3.Tennis, 4.Hockey, 5.Boxing, 6.Javelin 7.Sailing, 8.Andy Murray, 9.Tanni Grey Thompson, 10.Tae Kwon Do, 11.Jonathan Edwards, 12 Paula Radcliffe, 13.Bradley Wiggins, 14.Synchronised Swimming, 15.Zola Budd, 16.Steve Redgrave, 17.Usain Bolt, 18.Olga Korbut, 19.Archery, 20.Hurdles, 21.Weightlifting, 22.Equestrian, 23.High Jump, 24.Rhythmic Gymnastics, 25.Daley Thomson, 26.100m Sprint, 27.Sebastian Coe, 28.Basketball, 29.Wrestling 30.Rowing, 31.Golf, 32.Tom Daley, 33.Canoeing, 34.Pole Vault,35.Discus 36.Judo, 37.Jessica Ennis-Hill, 38.Michael Phelps, 39.Badminton, 40.Table Tennis, 41.Cycling, 42.Mo Farrah.

Answers B

1.Rolo, 2.Love Hearts, 3.Allsorts, 4.Aero, 5.Heroes, 6.Boost,7.Milky Way, 8.Lion Bar 9.Terry's Chocolate Orange, 10.Wispa,11.Twix, 12.Snickers, 13.Monster Munch, 14.Moam, 15. Penguin, 16.Creme Egg, 17.Dairy Milk,18.Crunchie, 19.Jelly Babies, 20.Chewits, 21.Curly Wurly, 22.Flake 23.Kit Kat, 24.Walnut Whip, 25.Dip Dabs 26.Popcorn, 27.Polo, 28.Iced Gems 29.Peanuts, 30.Pringles, 31.Nesquik Milk Shake, 32.Tango,

Catie's Afternoon Tea.....

...went very well, with lots of villagers coming along as well as parents/children from the school.

So far £285.00 has been raised, with a few more donations still coming in.

This has beaten last years £151 and we will be aiming to raise even more next year.....Thank you to everyone who donated a cake, helped on the day or came along to eat cake, see you next year!



33.White Mice, 34.Wine Gums, 35.Bounty, 36.Smarties,37.Mars, 38.Double Decker 39.Rown-trees Fruit Gums, 40.Jacob's Club, 41.Twirl, 42.Quavers

It's Autumn

Despite the Meteorological office's forecast of overcast conditions the assembled spectators were rewarded with almost perfect conditions and some extraordinary observations were recorded.

This photograph was provided, which, as well as demonstrating the remarkable alignment with the sun at midday, provides indications of an interesting aurora and a possibility of some geomagnetic activity associated with the mound.

Upon investigation - September the 22nd is the first day of northern autumn.

That means aurora season has begun. For reasons that researchers don't fully understand, geomagnetic storms love equinoxes. At this time of year, even a gentle gust of solar wind can spark a bright display of lights around the Arctic circle. (www.spaceweather.com)

A casual observer commented *I think you're barking up the wrong tree and Bishopstone is rather a long way from the arctic circle!*

The mysterious appearance of the BBM and its location have been recorded in past issues of the Parish news.

(see picture on front page)

Bob – unpaid etc.

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The Royal Oak Diary

With the landlord away I've been asked to provide a *view from t'other side of the bar* for this month. I'm told there might even be a pint in it for me. Which brings me to my first item, which is the great Carling Drought of the summer: Not enough people drink it I was told, however thankfully normality was recently restored before one prominent local had arranged a march down Cues Lane with placards reading *who needs cider anyway*.

From my stool at the bar (if I can get there ahead of Fritz) I've observed a few changes recently. The bar staff appear to be getting younger, with Tom Sishton taking a gap year and managing the place between games of rugby and Sishton social events, and several young guns of staff eager to serve you. On the whole the customers appear well behaved and from what I've seen the plates of food being served retain their gorgeous aromas and are being devoured. The game pie received particular plaudits, including from yours truly.

My understanding is that the work on the True Heart is going ahead nicely, with work on the Royal Oak building due to begin shortly. The work is primarily on the upstairs rooms and

the pub will remain open throughout, save a couple of days when walls will need to be knocked through. We can all look forward to a renovated pub and rooms available next spring. Through my walks across the farms I've noted that the cows continue to enjoy the Indian summer that we've been experiencing (having left their after-births all over the place as special treats for my dogs...), the sheep are immersed up to their ears in clover and the hedgerows are fair bursting with Autumn fruit. One decent frost and I very much look forward to the sloe gin harvest this year! Get foraging people.

Keen followers of the BADS amateur dramatics group will sadly note that it is unlikely that there will be a play this year, however, murmurings are about that you should look out for some impromptu ditherings in the pub over the winter, if we can secure enough interest. Our main aim is to encourage some new actors to the group, if you are at all interested, please leave a note at the bar.

Normal Finney ramblings will resume next month, by which time we will know who the next American President is (God help us), whether Brexit is hard or soft this month, and the Oak's plans for Christmas.

TG

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Wednesday 2nd, 16th & 30th November

Bishopstone 9.55 - 10.25am

Hinton Church 10.35am

West Hinton Farm 10.50 - 11.00am

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, indulge in a cup of tea or coffee and catch up with all the latest.

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Swindon Symphony Orchestra at Steam

7.30pm Saturday 19th November

The orchestra is putting on a special performance in the Steam Museum to celebrate 175 years of Swindon becoming a railway town. They will be playing Dvorak Carnival Overture, Rachmaninov 2nd Piano Concerto (with the Hungarian pianist Daniel Lebhardt), Strauss *Vergnugungszug* Polka, John Williams Harry Potter and Star Wars Suites, and Walton Spitfire Prelude and Fugue. Tickets are £12 (concessions £10 and children £5) from Steam, the Central Library or on 01793 813 095 and ticketholders gain free access to the museum from 6.00pm.

Another Goodbye

Penny and Denis Alston are moving from The Old Mill, Bishopstone to Gloucestershire on 21st October after 25 happy years in the village.

We will miss all our friends we have made over the years but the many stairs in the Mill were just getting too much for my ancient legs!

Penny

Hinton Coomb

Work at The Coombes between now and March. The sessions run on the *second Sunday of the month* from 10.00am - 12.30pm

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Exhausted of Hinton Parva

As the year-end gallops towards us, I've been musing on what I've learned in 2016. Apart from the need to avoid Mogses bearing gifts, I now realise that there are certain things in life that should be tackled only while one is young. . .

My inability to ride a bicycle has long been a source of mingled amusement and amazement to my Dearly Beloved. He delights in telling perfect strangers about this unique failing of mine (and has been very surprised to find that there are other, similarly unique, people in the world). I did get round my failing for a while in my twenties, when I rode a fabulously red tricycle around Chelsea – but the constant barracking by impatient car drivers, and the requirement for the thighs of an Olympic shot-putter to keep the thing moving, put paid to that.

For no good reason at all, I decided in January that this was to be the Year Of The Bike. More fool me, I shared my decision with Dearly B – as we all know, once a decision is shared, it

has to be implemented, no matter how foolish it appears in hindsight.

Once the weather improved (thankfully, a positive sign that some marbles remained in situ) I made the life of a patient young man in a local cycle shop very miserable indeed. He had many questions (Mountain?, Gears?, Size?, Off-Road?); I had no answers. In case you're wondering, I ended up with a blue one.

I spent several months teetering perilously down the garden; Dearly B suggested that simply learning to balance was a good start, and that pedalling could come later. The good start eluded me; the neighbours sold tickets.

By September, I had managed a few pedal revolutions and was ready to move beyond the garden. Then a friend from t'North said that she was heading south to spend a few days in a hut, at one of those *camping in the forest* sort of places that caters for people who don't really like camping. This struck me as the ideal place to take the next steps (pedals?); I booked us in for a mid-weed break, with every intention of doing

a mini triathlon a day. Yes, all good sense had by now fled; I genuinely believed that a short cycle, run and swim a day would be Good For Us.

You won't be surprised to learn that all did not go to plan. Our hut size increased, when daughter and grandson became unexpectedly available to be taken on holiday. Which was nice – but not conducive to triathlons. The swimming pool wasn't actually a pool – more a series of small areas of water boasting waves, pirates, flumes, and rides in tyres. The forest tracks which I'd envisaged pedalling along turned out to be no use to a novice cyclist, as the site boasted more hills than Rome.

So, I'm back in the garden, free-wheeling towards the fence with fear and determination writ large across my face. If you need cheering up, do buy a ticket from the neighbours. And remember two things: If you didn't learn it when you were young, you were probably never meant to do it. And if you decide to do it anyway – never, ever, tell anyone . . .

Mrs. Mantelpiece

And Almost Finally..... *****

Last month saw the launch of our first newsletter with a the front page in colour. Happily there were lots of positive comments, so, perhaps a little conceitedly, here are some of them:



Love seeing the colour photos on the front page. Makes it so much easier and more cheerful to see the photos. Hope this is to stay.

Just thought I'd drop you a line and say how lovely it was to see the newsletter in colour this month. The newsletter is a great little production which I thoroughly enjoy reading in a quiet 10 minutes!

The colour cover is a hit. I noticed that people pick it up almost as a reflex action. I like having Bill as the 'centre fold', a masterstroke.

I must report also that the vicar himself noticed his new position and begged us to be careful with the staples, we will Bill, honestly.

The only adverse criticism I heard was that this will cost too much money and we don't need pictures anyway. Be assured gentle reader that the price of printing is covered by the advertising, not you.

I am sometimes told that people have issues with us. We ignore anonymous complaints. You have to write to us.

mogs

PS - **Bonfire Night**, are you going to celebrate at the Royal Oak? I'll see you there.

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The copy deadline is the 15th of the month but please send large items as early as possible. Don't forget copy must include name and contact details for validation purposes.

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