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for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva

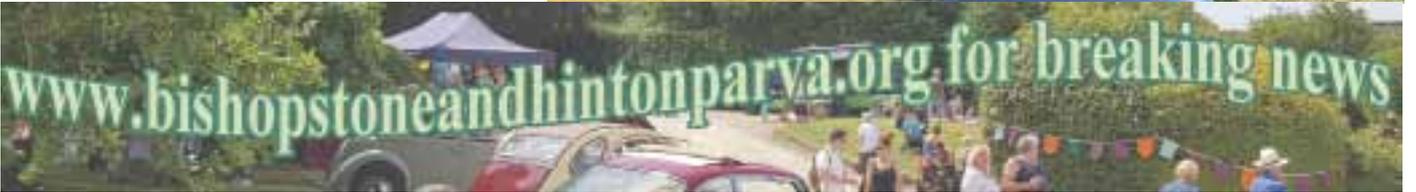
August 2018

Fête



Clock wise from top left: steam engine; Bill's Burger Bar; plants for sale; bounce anyone?; The gate keeper; a fête is announced & ladies who sell white elephants.

For fête report and more pictures see page 3





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Many thanks to everyone for their magnificent work producing another brilliant village fête. So much goes on behind the scenes to make things happen on the day. Everyone's contribution is very much appreciated.

A special thank you to Hazel Cooke for her organising, and the Cooke family for providing a superb venue. We were blessed with good weather, and a wonderful atmosphere on fête day. Approximately £4,000 was raised to help towards the upkeep of our two parish churches.

Clockwise from the top: ponies; water melon eating book sellers; a bottle winner; the Cheesehouse band; Robert Buckland MP opens the fete; burger eaters; something exciting is happening, but not on the accessories stall; the raffle winner is... and face painting. Thanks to Jonathon Boon, Jan Brodin, Sheila Collins, Fiona Macanespie & Debbie Willis for some great photos.

The Village Hall, Bishopstone - August

The hall is cleaned Mondays 8.30 - 10.30am

Village Hall Monday 13th 7.00 - 9.00pm

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 answer phone. 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.

At <http://bishopstoneandhintonparva.org/bishopstonevillagehall/> you can find a link to more helpful information about the Hall and the terms and conditions of hire.

Hinton Parva Village Hall - August

Private Booking	Thursday	2 nd , 10 th , 23 rd & 30 th	6.00 - 7.30pm
Bridge	Friday	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th & 31 st	7.30 - 10.00pm
PC Meeting	Monday	6 th	
WI	Thursday	9 th	7.00 - 9.30pm

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donation recently received by our Association, proceeds from your coffee morning and farmers' market.

Neil also wrote that he appreciated meeting so many friendly people, and that he, his daughter Nicole, and his assistant Stan, enjoyed the delicious cakes!

We look forward to seeing you all again.

Wanborough's Farmers' Market

There will be no Wanborough Farmers' Market in August but markets start again on:

15th September

9.00am to midday in Wanborough Village Hall. They will continue on the third Saturday of every month.

For more information contact:

Sue or David Birley:

01793 790 438 sbirley@gn.apc.org

Womens Institute

- Inspiring Women

7.00pm Thursday 9th August

Hinton Village Hall

Your local WI has members from the villages of Ashbury, Bishopstone, Hinton Parva, Wanborough and Lyddington, and we always welcome new members. We provide support for new interest groups to be developed - with the power of the WI behind them. Any ideas you would like to explore with us?

Our monthly meeting takes place on the 2nd Thursday of the month in either Bishopstone or Hinton Parva Village Halls.

Come along to one of our meetings to see if you like it - no obligation to join unless you want to!

Please contact me if you would like any further information.

Patricia Wells 01793 790 054



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(watch this space)

Richard Walker

Community Connect

Coffee Morning

Wanborough Farmers' Market

For the month of August, because of the Wanborough Show at Church there will be no Farmers' Market and Community Connect coffee morning in Wanborough Village Hall. Our next Community Connect coffee morning will be held on Saturday, 15th September.

At the June *Community Connect* event, £206.40 was given in support of the Thamesdown Hydrotherapy Pool. The Manager of the pool, Neil Montgomery, wrote to us as follows:

On behalf of the committee, staff and users of the pool, I would like to thank you for your most generous

Bishopstone 100 club

July Winners

1st 22 Jane Lomax

2nd 32 Mike Clay

3rd 41 Alex Ford

Subs owed

Jo 790 485



Bridge for Beginners & Improvers

Hinton Parva Village Hall

Beginners from Wednesdays, 5th September
7.00pm - 9.00pm approx

Learn to play Bridge in a fun, friendly environment. A chance for new players to the game to build up basic bridge playing skills and those who have played to go over their bidding system. Also learn various card play techniques with the emphasis on playing hands, from session one. No previous experience of playing card games is necessary - just a willingness to try something new!

Improvers from Friday 7th September
2.00pm - 4.30pm

Learn new bidding and explore ways to make more tricks, understanding in more depth the way the game is played. It would also be good for individuals who have played a bit of bridge to go over their bidding system with their partner. You can commit to attending every week or drop in when you are free.

£45 for the first 10 weeks tuition.

Contact Mike Baker:

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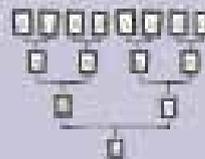
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Local Library Service

Meet the library team –

Saturday 18th August

Come and meet the team at the Wanborough Summer Show at Church Meadow, Upper Wanborough. We have a stall booked and would love to talk to you about the facilities. Buy from our second-hand book stall and help raise funds for the library trust too.

Are you in a Book Club?

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Research shows that participation in shared reading groups can enhance relaxation, calmness, concentration and self-esteem.

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www.swindon.gov.uk/libraries
under local reading groups.

What are we reading?

I am part of one of the many book clubs in the villages and we are reading *The History of Bees* by Maja Lunde, a bit misleading as it's not really the history of bees.

We follow three narratives; England in 1852 with William who sets out to build a new type of beehive, George, a beekeeper in the USA in 2007 who fights an uphill battle against modern farming, and Tao in China in 2098 hand painting pollen onto the fruit trees now that the bees have long since disappeared.

The History of Bees joins these three very different narratives into one gripping and thought provoking story about the powerful relationships between children and parents against the backdrop of an urgent global crisis. Think Station Eleven and Never Let Me Go. If you like this book, there's more to follow as Lunde has said she has more to say about humanity and nature, and that *The History of Bees* is the first in a *climate quartet* of novels.

Diane Rendell

School Report

Summer Term and it wouldn't be British if I didn't have a little dig about the weather . . . the constant sunshine that, yes, is wonderful and gorgeous if you are stood feeling the sea breeze and have water to launch into . . . but believe me standing on the black playground with zero chance of surviving a dunk in the pond is not the most pleasant of experiences currently. Our children always have the option to choose *in* (air conditioned, chilled colouring area) or *out* (baking sun, sweat inducing kicking of ball into pond) at the moment. We have a group of hard core, sun oblivious children with the remaining opting firmly for *in* (unless there are ice lollies appearing . . . then a firm *out* takes over). When I worked in the British Embassy School in Turkey a key reason to break at the beginning of July for summer, was the heat and the impact on the children, that was in a country geared up for heat, it is currently hotter than Turkey! Our children are doing great!!

We have had a football match against South Marston with a satisfactory draw. We also welcomed a gentleman who dropped into school with his *bees* (luckily none were dropped or left behind) which the children were fascinated by. Who knew that one little bee works its socks off and produces just 1/12th of teaspoon of honey in its whole little life.

The school was open to Grandparents and Granfriends for an afternoon. It was a wonderful time that filled the Village Hall to capacity and an opportunity to ask questions about times past and then to take part in a quiz which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Dedication from some grandparents, who live more than three hours away, to just attend the single event was astounding and a blessing. Year 5 and 6 have completed their residential trip to Morfa Bay in Wales. This involved much activity from bikes to high ropes, abseiling to body boarding. Lots of smiles but very tired children upon return, as well as a very tired looking Mr Anley and Miss Pearson.

End of year is nigh, all will go quiet over the summer at our wonderful little school. We have secured funding to complete the rest of the stonework and also to replace other needy repairs but as with all buildings that are *listed*, the red tape can literally take years!

Rev'd Bill and ourselves will be saying bye bye to the most wonderful cohort of Year 6 children, we will be wishing them all the best, sending them on towards their next big adventure and hopefully continuing to hear all about it. Good luck to Catie, Millie, Ruby, Edie, Chloe, Livy and Jacob!



Emma Linsay

Bursaries for Educational Expenses

Little Hinton Educational Foundation offers bursaries to help young people in our parish with expenses related to their education.

If you are under 25, live in Hinton Parva or Bishopstone, and need help with the cost of books, travel, materials, equipment or other learning resources required for your academic, social or physical education, please get in touch.

We need to know your name, age, address, where and what you are studying, and what costs you could use some help with. The grants committee meets in early September, so please apply by the end of August for a chance to share in this year's fund.

Write to:

Little Hinton Educational Foundation
c/o 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.

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Wednesday	1st August	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
Sunday	5th August	8.30am	Holy Communion	Bishopstone
	10 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	
	Lyddington	6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
Wednesday	8th August	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
Sunday	12th August	8.30am	Holy Communion	Lyddington
	11 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Bishopstone
		6.00pm	Evensong	Wanborough
Wednesday	15th August	7.00pm	Midweek Communion -Festival of St. Mary	Bishopstone
Sunday	19th August	8.30am	Holy Communion	Hinton Parva
	12 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Wanborough
		6.00pm	Evensong	Bishopstone
Wednesday	22nd August	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
Sunday	26th August	8.30am	Holy Communion	Wanborough
	13 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Hinton Parva
		6.00pm	Evensong	Lyddington
Wednesday	29th August	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
Sunday	2nd September	8.30am	Holy Communion	Bishopstone
	14 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Lyddington
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends and Neighbours,
 What a World Cup Tournament that was! Going further than a lot of the pundits had expected, this was another huge testimony to the power of possibility and how attitudes can affect our actions. Alan Hansen, a one time pundit on *Match of the Day* was always being reminded of his gloomy forecast of a young Manchester United squad. Stating that *You won't win anything with kids*, the squad went on to win both the Premier League and the FA Cup that very same year. Other famous predictions that missed the mark include - *A rocket will never be able to leave the earth's atmosphere*, (New York Times 1936); *When the Paris exhibition closes, electric light will close with it, and no more will be heard of it*, (Prof. Erasmus Wilson 1878), and in that same year, the Chief Engineer of the Post Office said that, *The Americans have need of the telephone, we do not. We have plenty of messenger boys*. Thankfully people like Aesop and his many fables have done their best to undermine this kind of negativity and limited thinking. One of his many quotes states that,

The level of our success is limited only by our imagination and no act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted. It was a recent fashion in a lot of commercial businesses that if we said something often enough we'd believe it. A kind of corporate brainwashing often found within pyramid selling organisations. While not condemning us to our past, it can limit our God given potential nevertheless. As we know, Jesus too has been quoted quite a bit. The difference being that He goes on to tell us that His words are spirit and they are life. Not only do they point us into a way of life that is good for us and for our neighbours through good actions, His words also feed our attitudes and feelings toward ourselves and others too.

For example, being called out to sea at silly o'clock in the morning to save a pleasure boat lost in fog, with nothing more than a mobile phone to save itself, we might be forgiven for thinking not too highly of them. Going to their rescue was a good action and one based on Jesus teaching. On the other hand, not being cross with them and encouraging them to go to sea with better equipment in the fu-

ture is a good attitude. One based on the understanding that we are all capable of making mistakes and that it doesn't matter how many times we have messed, up Our Heavenly Father loves us and wants us back in His arms anyway. So chaining people to the past is never going to see them flourish to their full potential, as Gareth, his team and our Bibles show us. I pray that whatever holidays you have planned this summer, you return refreshed and renewed, ready to realise your full potential. If you have anything that you would like our village prayer group to pray for please contact:

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email - villageprayers@gmail.com

With best wishes and prayers

Bill

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Home for Hitler

So happy to report that our young stray has really fallen on his paws. He has gone to live in Bishopstone, and now owns Judith and Stuart McGuigan; they have rechristened him *Treacle*, since he is both black and very sweet! If anybody else wants to give a cat a good home -

Cats Protection 017093 644 536 are always trying to rehome unwanted cats and kittens

Cleaning Rota - St. Mary's Church, Bishopstone

August	Fran Shishton & Gill White
September	Chris Thomas & Gill May
October	Maggie Gill & Jane Golding
November	Liz Warwick & Jane Manktelow
December	Sarah Best & Jenny Isles

Many thanks to all those who have helped to keep our church cared for and clean. We always welcome more volunteers on the rota; if you, or anyone you know, might like to join us

Sarah Best 791 121

Wanborough Village & Country Show
Saturday 18th August
Church Meadow, Upper Wanborough



contact - lucas90smith@gmail.com

Get Your Bake On In Air Ambulance Week

If you like cakes, then why not host a bake sale or bake off and help Wiltshire Air Ambulance to keep flying and saving lives? Bake Off for Lift Off is our theme for **National Air Ambulance Week, 10th – 16th September**. We're asking individuals, community groups, schools, colleges and businesses to get their bake on and fundraise for our lifesaving charity.



Organise a bake off with your friends, family or colleagues, hold a bake sale, dress up at a Mad Hatter's Tea Party or hold a Teddy Bears' Picnic. We've been saving lives for over 28 years thanks to the incredible support and generosity of the public who donate. But we have to raise £3.25 million a year to keep our lifesaving service operational. Join us in our mission to Bake Off for Lift Off and help us save lives. Register your interest by emailing:

bakeoff@wiltshireairambulance.co.uk or call us on 01225 300 536

Let us know what you're planning to do and we can send you your pack to kick-start your fundraising!

Registered charity number: 1144097



Monttisfont Rose Garden

Visited by the Gardening Society in June.

Due to some football match or other, *Hints and Tips from a Floral Judge* was postponed by a week and therefore missed the newsletter's deadline. Instead I thought I'd share some advice from the RHS guidelines for showing. (First of all, remember, ours is a friendly show aimed for amateurs.) Always read the Show rules and class title carefully. Check the number specified in the Schedule for the class you wish to enter.

Flowers should be as near perfect as possible, even if it is not the largest specimen you have. This means no damage, no signs of disease and nice even growth. If multiple stems are required, make sure that they are roughly the same size and match as much as possible. Generally, pick flowers when they are $\frac{3}{4}$ open, so they will be open for the show.

Many people recommend cutting flowers in the evening or early morning, but it is best to cut flowers at sundown when the plant's food reserves are at their maximum after a full day of photosynthesis. It is important to get the cut specimen into water immediately, so no air enters the stem to prevent the uptake of water. Carry a bucket filled with enough warm water to be able to submerge at least the lower half of each stem. Use a sharp knife, scissors or clippers to cut the stem at an angle, being careful not to crush it. Always cut the stem as long as

possible. You can recut it later, under water, to modify the length to fit the container or other cuts in your exhibit. Cuttings will benefit from standing in water for several hours or even overnight, if possible, in a cool, dark place. Remove all leaves below water level. For potted plants that need re-potting, do so well in advance of the show and don't forget to remove any stray debris from the surface.

August: Due to school holidays there is no speaker for August. We do however have a trip booked on Tuesday **14th August** to The Laskett Gardens, Hereford. Contact Sarah to book and find out more.

We meet every second Wednesday of the month at Bishopstone Village Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Raffle/Tea/coffee/biscuits. £5 annual membership or £2 per person on the door. We love to see new people, so please do come. You can contact Sheila or Sarah (Outings Organiser) at:

banddgardeningsoc@gmail.com

Bishopstone & District Gardening Club Show

Saturday 8th September

A traditional village produce show, open to all who live within a 10-mile radius of Bishopstone.

Classes for fruit, veg, flowers, plants and produce, arts, crafts and photography. Children are encouraged to have a go and to come along on the day - trophies and prizes to be won! Bake a cake, make some chutney, display some dazzling Dahlias and exhibit your photos. Young children can make a vegetable or a fruit animal.

This years' artwork theme for children aged 4-7 and 8-11 is: *Thankfulness*. Seniors aged 12 - 18 can submit any form of craft/art work, and/or design and bake 6 x small yummy cupcakes. The five photographic themes this year are:

My local countryside; 2018 Spring Snow; Rural creatures great and small; My pet; Facial Pareidolia (seeing



a face in an everyday object).

Photographs should be unmounted and should not exceed 5" x 7" (12.7

x 17.78cms.)

NB: Now is the time to return last years' winning cups and trophies to Keith Gibbison, 6 High Street, Bishopstone. Show schedules can be obtained from: Doreen Cooper, 7 The Wyncies, Bishopstone; Sheila Collins, 2 Poveys Place, Bishopstone; Mogs Boon, Brock Cottage, Hinton Parva, and Ashbury Village Shop, or by requesting one by email.

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The Royal Oak Diary

Our wild flower meadow that carpets the Eastbrook valley banks continues to add volume and variety, albeit this parched summer weather is making some of these delicate creatures suffer at the moment. No doubt as I write this the heavens will open, but they haven't done on every other occasion I've mentioned it, so we might have to endure the tundra for a bit longer.

Our last wildflower survey from the valley banks sits on my desk as I write this, and apart from the Smooth Hawk's Beard, crested dog's tail and tor-grass, regular inhabitants among the 250 wild flowers usually seen there, this year they've been joined by slender thistle (it's a good year for thistles...), cut leaved cranebill, and of course, my personal favourite, murky bogbrush, among others. This part EU funded area of outstanding natural beauty, allowing the chalky downland to regain some of its glorious variety over the past 30 years, after years of intensive agricultural abuse, will almost certainly be turned in to a car park if we leave the EU.

This is the daft level to which I have to sink, I have been warned by the editor and her advisors to refrain from making overtly political points. They tell me that this organ's existence is solely to engender good feelings in the villages, a sort of Vallium or tranquiliser through the letter box rather than intravenously, and that my pro EU noises are causing some irritation. Which is not what the village newsletter is supposed to do. As are my occasional anti Trump noises, apparently, although quite why anyone in such an educated and far sighted region as this could possibly be a Trumpist is beyond me. But then people are always the source of surprises, aren't they? I was stopped in Cues Lane the other day by an irate parishioner, whom I had previously smiled and waved at on about 1,000 occasions, and told in no uncertain terms to put my seat belt on. *You're always telling us what to do, but you think you can get away with anything.* I was a bit surprised. As far as I can see

my role here (for which I pay £100 a year in order to support this organ) is to entertain, inform, and occasionally provoke. A sort of more sensible Boris Johnson, in that I'm prepared to take my responsibilities a bit more seriously than he ever did, and I've no desire ever to be prime minister, (and I've never been praised by Mr Trump).

His sister was in the pub a few weeks ago and she won't speak to him any more, by the way. We also had a super-model in the place, Ms Arizona Muse by all accounts, but I didn't recognise her with her clothes on! (joke).

As we host birthday parties and small wedding parties throughout the summer, be aware that we might have some more live music around on a few occasions—fully licensed, of course, till midnight. When we do these events we do our best to ensure that the main part of the pub remains open to everyone else, and try hard not to shove people off or out of the premises.

Our late summer party remains fixed on **22nd September**, when we launch Helen's book *Pig: Tales from an organic farm*. Music, food, authors, farm tours, and gin tasting all being well. The World Cup has been a remarkable community activity here by the way—some unlikely football fans emerging to watch our slightly grubby medium sized screen in the front parlour, in the company of their like minded neighbours.

Hope we see some of you sometime.

Dickie's Diary

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It's very hot and harvest is about to begin in the second week of July, some 10-14 days early, providing the weather holds. There are worries about yields, fires and water supplies, also whether trees, hedges and shrubs recently planted can survive the drought. We are putting out a bowl of water at night for our latest garden guest, Mrs Tiggy-Winkle, the hedgehog. But with our 2018 corn and rape yields purely guesswork, I am going to leave all comment on the drought until next month. Instead, let us look this month at farming cheek by jowl with our urban cousins. This is prompted by an article in the *Farmers Weekly* and

a visit I made a week ago, to judge growing crops for the Royal Windsor Forest Agricultural Association. Of course, round here at the foot of the downs, most farms are large and the majority of farming is serious arable or arable/mixed livestock production. Farms with shops and leisure activities such as Roves farm, Highworth or the Cotswold Wildlife Park near Burford, are the exception. Some livestock farmers gain a premium by retailing boxed beef or lamb direct to the public.

What I saw at Windsor was a further step-up on farm diversification. There were a couple of large 3,000 acre operators but even they had bolt-on diversification income, which they said they could not manage without. One was contracted to clear snow at Heathrow airport, undertake landscaping contracts, has mobile phone masts, a landfill site and a gravel pit. Smaller 150 acre farms were surviving by giving up growing cereals in favour of grass crops, supplying top quality hay and haylage bales (wrapped hay) into the many equine yards. One farmer was supplying 150 large bales each day, yes, each day to these horsey customers, many being polo yards, and then removing all the dung bedding for a fee. He was also topping polo lawns. Another had started a farm shop, butchery and children's area on a 30 acre farm, and was now turning over £1m and employing 25 staff. Bed and breakfast, storage, and ready tenants for any surplus premises added to the mix. They were working with the congested area rather than fighting it. We like our peace and quiet and glorious downland landscapes. These urban guys have to endure colossal traffic challenges, all equipment has to be bolted down, nothing can be left out overnight; CCTV cameras, electronic gates and padlocks everywhere are essential, but these farmers were quoted as saying they would rather farm in a busy area than somewhere remote. They were prepared to turn these trials into opportunities.

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In Brief

It's been a month of puzzling, clothing-related, incidents with some things appearing in too great a quantity, and others disappearing. I suspect there are few people who can claim to have knitted a three-sleeved jumper. No; I don't know why I knitted the extra sleeve, either. On the disappearing side, Dearly Beloved's running hat appeared to have been spirited from his head one Saturday by a passing hat-fairy, somewhere in Lydiard Park. Said hat was subsequently discovered in DB's running shorts. Not sure how that happened; answers on a postcard. In briefs, for sure. . .

Mrs Mantelpiece

Letter to the Editor

We were rather shocked to hear that members of the parish wish to remove Nigel from The Ridgeway - I wonder if these people might be the same ones that visit The Ridgeway on only high days and holidays..... We moved into Newhaven, Church Path, on 1st November 2014 and immediately reacquainted ourselves with The Ridgeway on mountain bikes and on foot, and continue to be up there at least once a week. Nigel moved there around Christmas that year, moved to the Idstone "crossroads" last year, then back again to nearly the same place again recently. He is always friendly, polite and I find his presence reassuring, he is literally no trouble whatsoever. I can only imagine that to see him sitting on an armchair on the roof of his truck in the wonderful English sunshine (soon no doubt to disappear down the plug-hole with Brexit!), makes certain parishioners feel a teeny weeny bit jealous. Please live and let live!

Yours neighbourly, and in a community spirit,
*Rupert and Iryada, Tom,
 Jack and brand new arrival
 (10/07/18), Wilfrid :-)*

And Almost Finally...



We are delighted that the letter concerning the Traveller on the Ridgeway published on page 6, July issue has generated debate in the villages, mainly, it appears in support of views expressed in that letter and another just received (*see previous article*). The parish council have contacted us on the matter and we hope to have a full response from them to put in September's newsletter. The remit I was given when taking over as editor was to *educate and inform*, we always welcome people's opinions as we feel this is a good forum for debate which, hopefully, will make the community a more cohesive unit.

And now for the final chapter in the story of the present that you kindly gave to me, in recognition of ten years of editorship. This beautiful garden bench finally arrived in my garden and there was a small ceremony where Carol Sarchet cut a ribbon to celebrate the event. Thank you everybody so much, I plan to spend many happy hours sitting on it and possibly drinking gin.

mogs XXX



Finally

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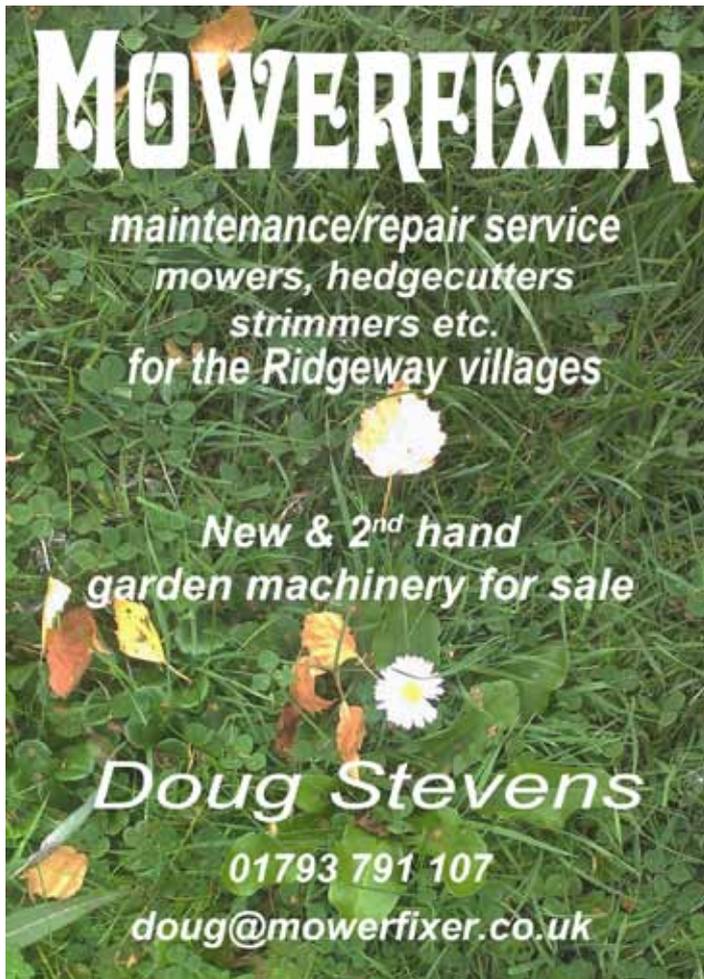
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