

# Village News

for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva

October 2018

## 11 Things that You can do to Help Hedgehogs



Hugh Warwick

Oxford ecologist, author, photographer and public speaker

7.30pm Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October  
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Bishopstone & District Gardening Society



Bishopstone & District Society Flower & Produce Show



For more news of the show, pictures of some of the winners, and other things about gardening society happenings:

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## Women's Institute

### - Inspiring Women

Still lots happening for our WI in the autumn and winter months ahead, so make notes in your diaries in case you would like to join us.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October** we have a fun evening of skittles for gals at Bishopstone Village Hall; £4 includes sandwiches and savouries, tea and coffee. 7.30 - 9.30pm.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October** we celebrate *Puddings and Poems* where you are invited to either bring a pud (made from autumn fare perhaps) or read a poem (an old favourite or one you have made up for the evening). Wine will be served to accompany our indulgence! Bishopstone Village Hall at 7.30pm.

On **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** we have our second Art Study Day of the year with Jenny Lyall, NADFAS art historian, and Marlborough Summer school lecturer. *An eye for detail: Dutch Interiors*, together with a short lecture on *The Colour Blue*. 10.30 - 15.00, £20 payable to Jenny directly, plus a £2 donation to WI funds for refreshments. Bring your own lunch! Tinkers Lodge, off Rotten Row, Wanborough. ArtLovers - please get in touch if this is of interest.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November** we warmly welcome our local dairy farmer and milk producer Josette Fiddes of Jo-Jo's milk, Lotmead Farm. We are so lucky to have such locally produced milk that is filtered, pasteurised, cooled and bottled in just 2 hours - ready for you to take home. Josette will be talking about her dairy farm and herd of *girls* at 7.30pm in Hinton Parva hall. Please do come and take the opportunity of meeting one of our young farmers - helping to keep our villages thriving. Our National WI has once again partnered with The National Gallery for another art study day, *Face Value - The Power of Portraits* on **30<sup>th</sup> November**. We have 8 members from our Art Lovers group attending this event in London.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** we celebrate

Christmas in Bishopstone village hall at 7.00pm with hot supper, wine and live entertainment - watch this space! 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?

Come along to one of our meetings on the second Thursday of each month to see if you like it - no obligation to join unless you want to!

Please contact Patricia Wells if you would like any further information.

Patricia Wells 01793 790 054



With the corn harvest over, the usual advice is sell 33% before harvest, 33% before Christmas and 33% after Christmas. Farmers need some money, and it spreads the risks, but this year that's a mistake. Prices are surging ahead on the back of droughts in Europe and elsewhere.

Rather than just produce into commodity markets, we like to add value by aiming for the quality markets, and premiums, for bread wheat and malting barley, so we grow the right varieties, with careful agronomy, aim for the required protein and nitrogen levels, dry and store carefully and clean out the small grains to meet tight specifications.

Bread has always been a staple element in the nation's diet. As far back as 1202, King John passed laws governing prices, believing the miller was being greedy. But the wheat value in a loaf of bread has been declining from 12% in 1980, to 9% in 2008, to only 5% in 2016. It may have to rise a little this year, with prices buoyant. It takes some believing that milling and baking with energy costs, several transports, marketing and retailing, packaging and wastage, grab over 90% of the sale price.

Similarly, with malting barley the barley cost element in a pint of beer is only about 6%. One tonne of barley will make 8,837 litres of ale.

It does not help that the family budget spent on food has been declining. Food and non alcoholic drinks in 2016 were in 4<sup>th</sup> place and only 11% of the weekly spend, but eating out increases this to nearly 20%. Successive governments have not worried about food security and home production but a no deal Brexit would have a massive impact. They have aided and abetted this decline, and the intense competition between super-markets, because it has suited them to keep the cost of living low. Do not doubt the power super markets exert over their supply chains. Hence attempts by farmers to cut out the middle man. This is not new. In 1931, at the height of the Depression, the Wilson brothers (including Bob, grandfather of Robbie Selbourne) at Bishopstone, hired a stall at Swindon market and sold 133 lambs on their best day *direct to housewife*. In selling boxed beef or lamb and pork direct from farm there are costs but a £1,000 bullock can be sold for £2,000 with provenance assured. Jojo Joseph at Lotmead near Swindon sells some of his milk via a vending machine for two or three times the 30p/ litre he would have received. David and Helen Sanderson add value to their rape crop with varied Stainwick farm rapeseed oils. Farmer Gow at Longcot and Roves farm, Sevenhampton are into the leisure business, the latter with a butchery. Helen Browning and Tim take it a step further with *farm to plate* in their pub/restaurant at the Royal Oak, besides encouraging *mozzarella* cheese production from their milk. The Brown family near Newbury produces and market bird seed. Ramsbury estates brew beer and make their own vodka and gin. In Dorset, the Barbers are making vodka from their milk. Tyrells built a famous crisp business in Herefordshire from their potatoes. It's all about brand development.

Richard Green

## The Village Hall, Bishopstone - October

|                           |           |   |                |
|---------------------------|-----------|---|----------------|
| The hall is cleaned       | Mondays   |   | 8.30 - 10.30am |
| Martial Arts              | Mondays   | 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> | 5.00 - 7.00pm  |
| Taekwondo                 | Tuesdays  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 7.00 - 8.00pm  |
| Mothers & Toddlers School | Thursdays | 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>                   | 9.00 - 11.00am |
| Village Hall Meeting      | Thursdays | 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>                   | 3.15 - 4.15pm  |
| WI                        | Mondays   | 1 <sup>st</sup>   | 7.00 - 9.00pm  |
| Gardening Society         | Thursday  | 4 <sup>th</sup>   | 7.00 - 10.00pm |
| WI                        | Wednesday | 10 <sup>th</sup>  | 7.00 - 9.00pm  |
| Film Night                | Thursday  | 11 <sup>th</sup>  | 7.00 - 9.30pm  |
| Private Meeting           | Friday    | 26 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.00 - 10.00pm |
|                           | Sunday    | 28 <sup>th</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 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 - October

|                  |           |   |                |
|------------------|-----------|---|----------------|
| Beginners Bridge | Wednesday | 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> | 7.00 - 9.00pm  |
| Beginners Bridge | Friday    | 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>                    | 2.00 - 4.30pm  |
| Bridge           | Friday    | 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>                    | 7.30 - 10.00pm |
| Parish Council   | Monday    | 1 <sup>st</sup>   | 7.30pm         |
| Private Booking  | Thursday  | 4 <sup>th</sup>   | 6.00 - 7.30pm  |
| Private Booking  | Thursday  | 11 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.00 - 7.30pm  |
| Private Booking  | Thursday  | 18 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.00 - 7.30pm  |
| Private Booking  | Thursday  | 25 <sup>th</sup>  | 6.00 - 7.30pm  |

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Meetings etc welcome

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### CINEMA

Exciting times here at City Lights with our second film, perhaps soon to be pinpointed as a classic heist film in the genre of The Italian Job:

**The Hatton Garden Job**  
26<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm

Cert 15. Provides perfect inspiration for retirees planning something out of

the ordinary at the weekend. Seriously though, it's a great social event, especially when the projector breaks down or the sound fails, so do try and come along if you can, meet the neighbours and catch up. Good beer and drinks at the bar, great chat and a decent film. Tickets : £5.00 each  
Doors Open 7.00pm, films 7.45pm  
Bar & Refreshments.

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Please do reserve your ticket via [info@citylightsbishopstone.co.uk](mailto:info@citylightsbishopstone.co.uk) or ask at the bar in the Royal Oak as they are holding a few tickets.

**Programme for the rest of the year**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**Journey's End**

Led by young officer Stanhope, whose mental health is rapidly disintegrating, a group of British soldiers await their fate in an Aisne dugout during the end of World War I.

*Paul Bettany delivers a magnificent performance as an officer who personifies courage as grace under pressure.* Washington Post.

War Drama - Paul Bettany and Sam Claflin. Directed by Saul Dibb.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

**The Happy Prince**

*His body ailing, Oscar Wilde lives in exile, surviving on the flamboyant irony and brilliant wit that defined him. Rupert Everett is magnificent in his dream role as dying Oscar Wilde –* The Guardian.

Drama /History - Rupert Everett and Colin Firth. Directed by Colin Firth.

Richard Walker

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01793 791 913

### Claim It or Lose It

On inspection, the attic of

**The Village Hall, Bishopstone**

is crammed with junk. Does any of this treasure belong to you? The plan is to supply The Royal Oak bonfire and fill a skip. So be warned, please come and retrieve any of your precious objects before the 5<sup>th</sup> November. Hall contact telephone numbers on the notice board.

### Bishopstone 100 club

**September Winners**

1<sup>st</sup> 9 Cheryl Keen

2<sup>nd</sup> 45 Jim Bone

3<sup>rd</sup> 93 John Le Coyte

Subs owed

Jo 790 485

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It will be held on

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**  
**6.00 pm - 8.00 pm**  
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*Gamsahamnida*

## Quiz Night

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

**7.00 - 11.30pm**

**Wanborough Village Hall**

– please book your tables asap

Martin Hook (and, of course, his good friend Mark Hitchmough) have kindly offered to run a quiz for the Wanborough Community Fund. Their quizzes are legendary – every question is one you think you should know the answer to, but can you retrieve the vital piece of information from somewhere inside those brain cells...frequently not!!! The evening will be entertaining as well as quiz-zical, and you really don't need to be the brains of Britain to have an enjoyable evening. So, please gather your team mates (6 per table / £15 per head) and book your table by sending an email to [tessaannlanstein@gmail.com](mailto:tessaannlanstein@gmail.com) (please include team players' names and their menu choices: fish & chips; pie & chips; veggie option).

There will be a pay bar, waitress service, table nibbles, a £5 raffle, and prizes for the winning team. We only have 16 tables available so please book and pay early (cash or cheque: Wanborough Community Fund please to Tessa at Coombe House, The Street, Liddington or Martin at 4 Badgers Close, Wanborough). If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Tessa Lanstein: 07795 057 420

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Wanborough Scout Group

Places available for 6-12 year olds – join us for a taster evening.....

As we start the new academic year are parents looking for an outdoor / adventure type weekly evening activity for their children? If so, have you considered Scouting? Beavers (6-8 yr olds); Cubs (8-10½ yr olds) and Scouts (10½ -14 yr olds) all offer the opportunity to learn new skills, take on new challenges; grow personal confidence and develop a team working, and then team leader, approach. We have spaces in all our sections and would welcome new starters – come along for an evening or two and try

us out ... Scouting is great value for money: we charge less than £35 for each of our 3 terms for the year, and then charge anything from £2 to £20 for weekend competitions / activity days with 2 night camps / sleepovers in the region of £35-70 depending on what activities we offer.

You can live anywhere nearby to be a member of 1<sup>st</sup> Wanborough Scout Group; you don't have to live just in Wanborough!! We currently have members from Bishopstone, Liddington, Hinton Parva, Coleview, Covingham, Stratton and further afield; all we ask is that all members support our group's community activities throughout the year.

If you'd like to find out more / sign up for a couple of taster sessions:

telephone 07795 057 420 or

[tessaannlanstein@gmail.com](mailto:tessaannlanstein@gmail.com)

Tessa Lanstein, Group Scout Leader,  
1<sup>st</sup> Wanborough Scout Group

## Wanborough's Farmers' Market

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

9.00am - midday

Wanborough Village Hall

Markets continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.

For more information contact:

Sue or David Birley:

01793 790 438 [sbirley@gn.apc.org](mailto:sbirley@gn.apc.org)

## Community Connect

### Coffee Morning

## Wanborough Farmers' Market

If you have not been before, please come and support our local businesses. A wide range of locally produced food items will be available, whilst, at the same time, FREE coffee, tea and homemade cakes will be provided. Our pattern of supporting a local charity will also be featured.

For October, our chosen charity will be Swindon based **Dressability**. Living locally, there are many with physical disabilities and/or learning difficulties in need of specialist clothing. Dressability provides a low cost clothing alteration and

dressmaking service for people who need their clothes to fit well, feel comfortable, and remain stylish. Dressability helps disabled people with clothing which becomes an everyday routine, rather than a daily problem. Please come and support this worthwhile charity. On behalf of the Farmers' Market & the Community Connect team.

## School Report

All the children are now back at school, and the new little ones are getting used to a school routine. We said a sad farewell to Mr Anley, who is going to be greatly missed. School life is rather busy at the moment and normal service will be resumed next month!



Emma Linsay

## Weather Report

### More Records

Some more notes and observations from data collected at the Bishopstone Tidal Observation Post.

After the extended dry spell broken by the deluge at the very end of July.

More records in August.

Although we only had significant rainfall on 5 days, when it rained, it rained! The wettest August since records began in 2011.

Records for August 2018 :

Highest Rain Rate

75.5mm/hr 18.52 - 24<sup>th</sup> August

Highest Hourly Rain

16.2mm 19.34 - 24<sup>th</sup> August

Highest Daily Rain

28.88 00.00 - 16<sup>th</sup> August

Highest Monthly Rain 109.2mm

August

These deluges appeared to be quite localised at times, particularly if you were unlucky enough to be in the path of one of those big black slow-moving clouds.

Wind speed. If you have felt it has been more settled in this respect, you were correct. An average wind speed for the month of 2.5mph, 20% less than average.

Tidal observations – none.

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|                  |                                       |         |  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|--|---------------------|
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>         | 7.00pm  | Midweek Communion                        | Wanborough Vicarage |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>7<sup>th</sup> October</b>         | 8.30am  | Holy Communion                           | Bishopstone         |
|                  | 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity | 10.30am | Harvest Festival followed by lunch       | Lyddington          |
|                  |                                       | 6.00pm  | Evensong                                 | Hinton Parva        |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>10<sup>th</sup> October</b>        | 7.00pm  | Midweek Communion                        | Wanborough Vicarage |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>14<sup>th</sup> October</b>        | 8.30am  | Holy Communion                           | Lyddington          |
|                  | 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity | 10.30am | Harvest Festival followed by lunch       | Bishopstone         |
|                  |                                       | 6.00pm  | Evensong                                 | Wanborough          |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>17<sup>th</sup> October</b>        | 7.00pm  | Midweek Communion                        | Wanborough Vicarage |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>21<sup>st</sup> October</b>        | 8.30am  | Holy Communion                           | Hinton Parva        |
|                  | 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity | 10.30am | Harvest Festival followed by lunch       | Wanborough          |
|                  |                                       | 6.00pm  | Evensong                                 | Bishopstone         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>24<sup>th</sup> October</b>        | 7.00pm  | Midweek Communion                        | Wanborough Vicarage |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>28<sup>th</sup> October</b>        | 8.30am  | Holy Communion                           | Wanborough          |
|                  | Last Sunday after Trinity             | 10.30am | Family Communion                         | Hinton Parva        |
|                  | Bible Sunday                          | 6.00pm  | Evensong                                 | Lyddington          |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>31<sup>st</sup> October</b>        | 7.00pm  | All Souls Midweek Communion              | Wanborough Vicarage |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>4<sup>th</sup> November</b>        | 8.30am  | Holy Communion                           | Bishopstone         |
|                  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent  | 10.30am | Festival of All Saints' Family Communion | Lyddington          |
|                  | All Saints' Day                       | 6.00pm  | Evensong                                 | Hinton Parva        |

### The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends and Neighbours,  
Funny how we love the outside, we love trips with family and friends that take us to places away from home. Shopping, trips to the beach or the pub; even when we are sitting in the comfort of our own homes the call of the TV or the tablet take our thoughts and minds away from the very room that we are in. Ever thought why? Is it a result of our unquenchable need to know and to perform? The Archbishop of Canterbury has had a number of things to say on this. When he was an executive in the oil industry, he thought a lot of the conservative prime minister of the time, and what they stood for. When he became a parish priest he was caused to think otherwise. Having visited a place called Beamish over the summer, and the coal mine around which it is built, my understanding of the way people can end up being valued less than the pit ponies that worked alongside them was brought home in a powerful way. Their lives were based on performance alone.

On stepping out from the mine, the romance of electric trams, shops that sold things in paper cones, and to experience that pubs haven't changed that much over the years was really enjoyable. In these communities there was a search for an increased sense of fairness which was born out the sense of community that existed at that time. Today too, if someone at school fails, be that student or staff, then the whole school is in it with them. Sometimes people get this, sometimes they are so self-focused that they don't. Truth to tell, we really can't live without each other, nor were we ever made to. A bit like new shoes, it takes a bit of time and, perhaps, a bit of mileage together to get comfortable. The same applies to gloves, so knowing who's hands and feet we are called to be might be something worth thinking about. Just like taking a Ferrari to the supermarket limits the amount of shopping we can bring home, knowing which road we were made for helps us to feel more settled, more fulfilled. We all have our own, and rather unique, plan and purpose. Some-

times, just like Pinocchio, we have to go back to our maker to find out what this is. In this season of thanksgiving and remembrance, I pray that all of us will get to know more deeply just how connected we are. If you have anything that you would like our village prayer group to pray for please contact:

**telephone - 790 088**

**email - [villageprayers@gmail.com](mailto:villageprayers@gmail.com)**

With best wishes and prayers

*Bill*

### Harvest Festival Services in the parish

10.30am Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October

All Saints' Lyddington

10.30am Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October

St. Mary's Bishopstone

10.30am Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October

St. Andrew's Wanborough

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

|                 |                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| <b>October</b>  | Maggie Gill & Jane Golding   |
| <b>November</b> | Liz Warwick & Jane Manktelow |
| <b>December</b> | 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,

*Contact Sarah Best 791 121*

### Parish Contacts

**The Vicar:** the Rev Bill O'Connell

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Wanborough, SN4 0BZ

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### News of Bells

Sadly the Hallowing Service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September at St. Andrew's did not take place because John Taylor & Co were unable to despatch the two bells on the date promised.

Look out for a new date for this Hallowing Service.

*Tony Pullen*

### And so...An article from yesteryear

ST. MARY'S, BISHOPSTONE  
1991

Nearly two years ago, Malcolm and Bob Barnes were invited by Tower Captain, Tony Gill, to report on the state of the bells at Bishopstone. The tenor was making more noises than its usual 'ding-dong' and all of the bells were becoming harder to ring. Malcolm's proposals were accepted by the P.C.C., and fund-raising began. By October of last year the target had been reached and the order for the work to be done was placed with Taylors of Loughborough. In order to keep the costs down, it had been agreed that all of the work at Bishopstone, plus transport to and from the Foundry would be by local volunteer labour. This saved

nearly 50% of the costs. The last ring on the bells was on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 1990, when a quarter peal of P.B. Triples was rung by the working party, plus our Vicar. On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1991, the working party started removing the rope, wheel, slider and clapper of each bell. Then, in turn, each bell was lifted, turned through 90° and lowered onto wooden blocks. The bearings, gudgeons and roller boxes were all removed, cleaned and sent to Taylors. Despite the age of the installation, removal was achieved without any problem in six days. Whilst Taylors were doing their bit, work continued locally; the tower was cleared of years of grease, much of it applied by Tony Gill to the plain bearings in order to keep the bells ringing. The clappers were renovated by Malcolm and Jenny Barnes which, incidentally, were the original ones from the pre-1891 peal of bells. The village outing to Loughborough on March 8<sup>th</sup> included a tour of the foundry and museum, a ring on the light ten, returning home with the new fittings. The following day work resumed, but a few problems were encountered. It was thought that the

completion date of Good Friday might not be met. Good Friday was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the fire which destroyed the old peal of eight in 1891. However, with Taylors cooperation, modifications were carried out, and apart from a few minor adjustments here and there, all of the bells were re-hung and rung again by the local band on 21<sup>st</sup> March. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Triples was rung half muffled by the working party on Good Friday, their work now completed.

At the Re-dedication Service on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, St. Mary's Church was full of villagers and ringers. During the service, the retiring Tower Captain, Tony Gill, was presented with a gift from the parishioners, following forty years' service as ringer and ten as Captain. For the Re-dedication of the Bells, the Vicar was assisted by Rev. David Cawley, the Bristol Diocesan Advisor on Bells. The short ceremony in the tower was relayed to the congregation and ended with the local band ringing a few rounds.

After the service, refreshments were served whilst general ringing took place. All who rang agreed that the go of the bells was much improved, although still a little loud.

Following the uniting of the Wanborough and Bishopstone bands, practices are now on alternate weeks, Mondays at Wanborough and Tuesday at Bishopstone as previously stated above.

Tony Pullan. Tower Capt.

**Bishopstone Gardening Society**



Laskett Gardens, visited by the Gardening Society in August - *by Sue Dent*  
 Sir Roy Strong's gardens were truly theatrical, really interesting, and seriously worth a visit. Good company, lunch at the nearby garden centre and a chance to look around at the plants and farm shop made it an all round perfect gardening club trip. An extra bonus was meeting Sir Roy Strong for a chat at the tour's end.



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*Sheila*



to see so many people at the B&DGS Produce Show. The day was a great success, with plenty of jazzy flowers and giant veg on display. Heartfelt

**The Flower & Produce Show**

*(continued from front page)*

Considering it's been one of the driest starts to summer, with official records dating back to 1910 revealing that this year could turn out to be the hottest summer on record, it was inspiring

thanks go to the whole team who worked so hard to make it happen. Pictures show some of the delighted winners. Prizes presented by chairman, Keith Gibbison. Congratulations to Phil Collins, who won the Margaret Gill Memorial Rose bowl.

*Top row from the left:* Doug Stevens winner of the Garden News Shield (fruit); Adrian Dent proudly displays the Browning Perpetual Trophy, and Sarah Bally, with the Garden News Shield (floral art).

*Bottom row from the left:* the Miss Betty Britton Memorial Trophy, Sue Dent; Phil Collins; look what Jacob Cox won for for best-juniors art-work, and Elizabeth Spence wins The Langford Perpetual Trophy.

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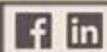
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Those of you lucky enough to receive this magnificent village newsletter before **22<sup>nd</sup> September** (delivery dates vary—some people get their copies a week earlier than others...), well you might still be interested to learn that our **Pigtails end of summer party** runs from 11.00am to 11.00pm, latest, on that date. Books, authors, mostly intelligent music, lovely food and drink all day. We'll try to inconvenience you to a minimum. All are welcome—despite that fact that it's a momentous day for the place, with the launch of HB's book *Pig: Tales from an organic farm*, we only sold 60 tickets online by the end of August so we've decided to throw the gates open to anyone. Those who bought tickets can get a refund, of course. Or we can give it to charity? (Remember, if you've chosen to self-bar yourself from the pub, for any odd reason, come and talk to me and we'll see if the bar can be lifted slightly. No guarantees of course. (Depends how low you can go) Authors Rosamund Young, Issy Tree, Helen Browning, Kate Rawles, Ben Raskin (children's author) chaired by BBC Science editor David Shukman; music from Lisa Doscher, jazz from Utrillo, party music from The Crimps and Hooch, all gloriously local. Steak tasting, an oyster bar if we can catch them, great burgers and pizzas...and some gin. Millie and co might organise some face painting and other more juvenile entertainment—and we're taking farm tours to see the pigs every hour or so. Pet pigs will be happy to receive your bananas.

There's a very busy village family's birthday party on 27<sup>th</sup> October, a family noted for their devotion to prosecco, so if you see direct deliveries by artic lorry all the way from Italy, don't be surprised. And their music will play

till .00pm, confined within the pub, of course. Let's hope you're invited. Next on the horizon is **Bonfire Night**. Because I'm such a stickler for tradition, this year at HB's Royal Oak it's going to be a **Monday, that's 5<sup>th</sup> November**. Usual lightly organised chaos—probably light the fire about 6.00pm, please bring some fireworks for us; food in the garden, beer all afternoon and evening. Russell's done the health and safety stuff, so all being well another year without horizontal fireworks. Swindon Borough Council has approved. Thatched roofers need not panic. Bring your legally burnable waste please, we'll find some space for it from a few days beforehand.

All being well, we'll be covering the autumn rugby internationals on TV in the pub—among other matches, England are playing New Zealand, Australia...look out for our pre International rugby supper with Paul Grayson, the former England fly half, now coach and BT Sport and Radio 5 Live commentator and analyst. A quietly dry and shrewd judge. Date to be confirmed.



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## Swindon & District Samaritans the Big Listen

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- \* Have patience – it may take time and several attempts before a person is ready to relax and open up – don't feel the need to fill the pauses.

- \* Use open questions – which need more than a yes / no answer to encourage them to talk and follow up – eg: *tell me more...* Your conversation is a safe place and nothing they say is right or wrong.

- \* Say it back – to check you've understood and not put your own "spin" on the conversation but don't interrupt or offer a solution.

- \* Have courage – don't be put off by a negative response and, more importantly, don't feel you have to fill the silence – sometimes what someone needs is to be able to share what is going on in their life.

If you're interested in learning more about what it means to Samaritans to really listen - to enable more people to have a safe place to talk about whatever's getting to them, at any time of the day or night – then why not come along to one of our regular Information Evenings. These are held at Chiseldon House in West Swindon and there's absolutely no obligation to *sign up* – it's simply a step to learning more about us.

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## Exhausted of Hinton Parva

This has been an exhausting month. Not in a *mountain climbing and round-the-world-yachting* sort of a way, more in a *how many repeats of Location, Location in a former hotel in the Winter Sun* shows can one watch before expiring?' sort of a way. It turns out that puppies sleep for 18 hours a day, but they don't necessarily like to sleep alone. Hence, daytime television, previously unknown territory, has become our destination of choice after 5.30am awakenings. There's a strange sort of satisfaction to be had in correctly guessing the price of a converted Estonian shepherd's hut in 2009. Should I ever need a new career, I'll be off to Estonia to set up an exclusive estate agency.

Alternatively, I'll go into advertising. Surely, someone needs to do something about the amateurish ads aimed at the over 55s? Is there so little profit in stair-lifts, funeral plans and hearing aids that there's no money left over for decently-acted advertisements? Perhaps the producers of such ads feel the older generation's unable to cope with complex messages and too much pizzazz; or possibly it's a compliment - we're seen as immune to flimflamery, and suspicious of companies that surely charge too much for their product if they can afford to employ A List actors to sell their wares. . .

When awake, our small bundle of puppyhood has turned out to be rather bright. And far less small than he originally was. We suspect that we'll be extending soon if he's to fit in the house at all. So all the building renovation shows may come in handy. . .

We're coming to realise that while we originally believed ourselves to be in charge, we're actually in thrall to a three month old canine. He definitely wears the lead in this house. If ever an animal knew how to prize treats out of his slaves, this is that animal. Case in point is his ability to earn an entire meal-worth of kibble by frequent toilet trips. *Reward each effort*, says the Dog Training Tome, so we do. The puppy has clearly read the Tome, too. He drinks a large bowl of

water, and spends the next half hour taking trips to the garden every two minutes, producing a small dribble on each occasion, thus maximising his rewards. Once he's discharged one bowl of water, he gulps down another to ensure he can continue his Treat Maximisation Programme.

We should have realised we were in trouble when the puppy-class trainer said *Oh, he's a very clever one* in such a pitying voice. We assumed it was good to have a clever dog - clearly a *fairly bright but unable to run complete rings round you* dog is preferable.

You'll have to excuse me; I need to take the dog out again. Now, where's that bag of treats . . .

Mrs Mantelpiece

## And Almost Finally...



Oddly, autumn seems like a time of new beginnings, or taking up proper life after the summer break.

My granddaughter has just started a new school which she calls a High School.

I was useless at school, severely depressed by uniform, having to wear a **dress** in miserable blue and grey. And it was a girls' school, girls to whom I couldn't relate, being brought up with boys, who are straight forward, if you disagree, you just punch them. I found girls a different species; more tricky, subtle.

Also I formed the opinion that the teachers were idiots. One well meaning soul asked us the question, *for what do we use oxygen?* To which the smug, sycophantic class replied, *to breathe, Miss*. I commented that it was useful to cut metal. When I was told not to be silly, I insisted that I had seen my father cut large lumps of metal with oxy-acetylene, and lost faith in the system. It didn't help that I was dyslexic, which then had not been invented.

Hurrah, Soph, thinks school is *brilliant*: doing homework via computer, on a programme to which she can't log in, and couldn't any semi intelligent child just Google the answers?

mogs XXX

PS Apologies to Bishopstone School, on whom this in no way reflects.

## Finally

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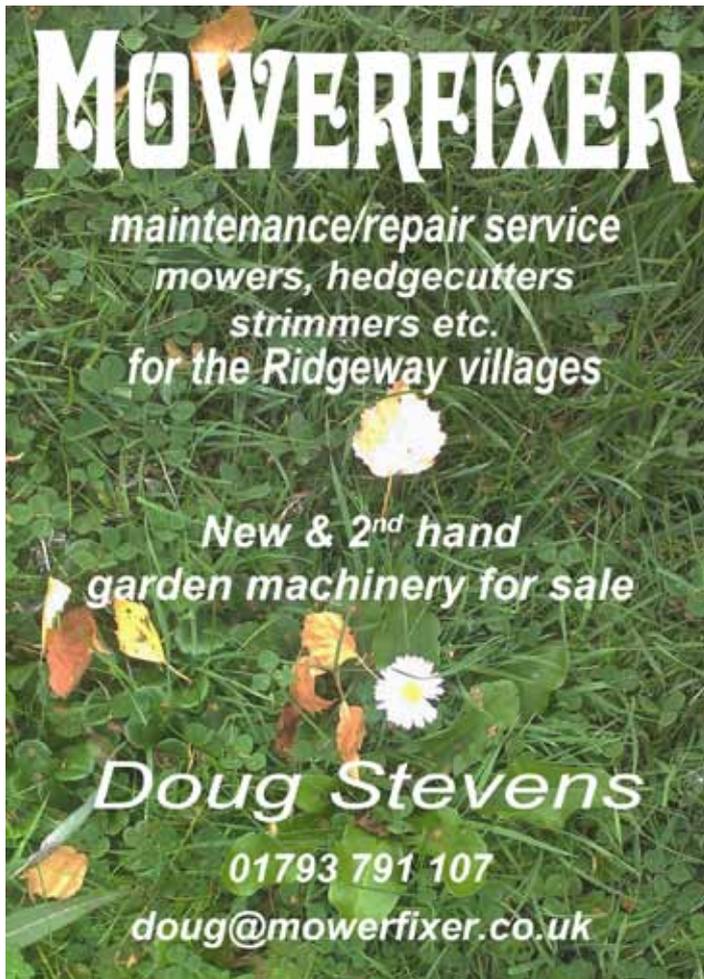
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