



for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva September 2018

Bishopstone & District Gardening Club Show
Classes of Fruit, Flowers, Vegetables, Photographs, Domestic
and Art & Crafts

Saturday 8th September, 3.00pm
The Village Hall, Bishopstone

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

Children are encouraged to have a go and to
come along on the day - trophies and prizes
to be won!

Admission 30p Children and OAP's 20p

 Presentation of the awards at 4.00pm

 Auction of exhibits at 4.30pm

 Refreshments and Raffle

(see also page 10)



CINEMA

THE VILLAGE HALL, BISHOPSTONE

AUTUMN PROGRAMME

COMMENCING FRIDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

In 1946, a London-based writer begins exchanging letters with residents on the island of Guernsey, which was German-occupied during WWII. Feeling compelled to visit the island, she starts to get a picture of what it was like during the occupation.

Drama / Romance - Lily James . Michiel Huisman Directed by Mike Newell

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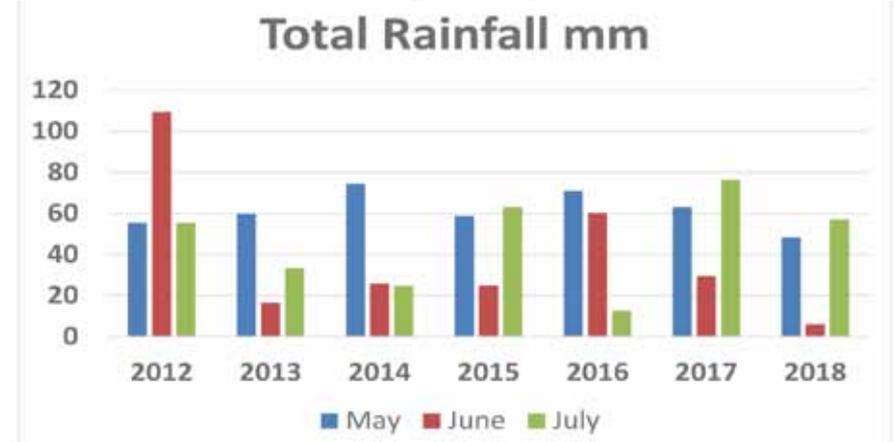
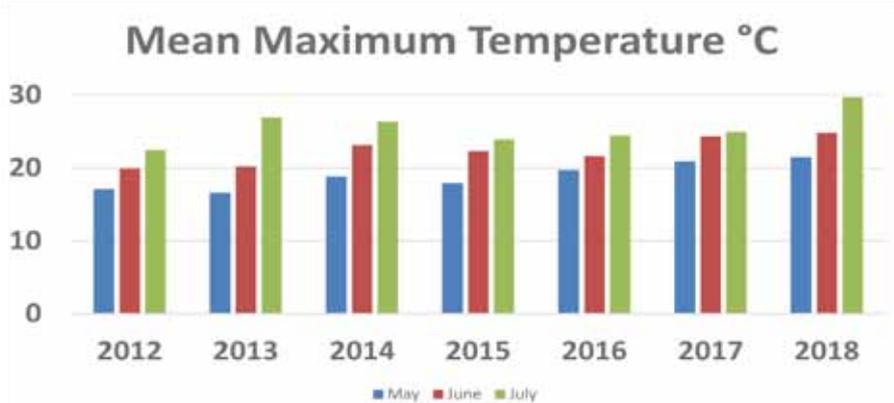
Stair Cats and Hot Dog Rods!

Our recent climatic extremes?

Some Observations from data collected at the Bishopstone Tidal Observation Post. (West End Jetty)

May / June / July. 2012 – 2018

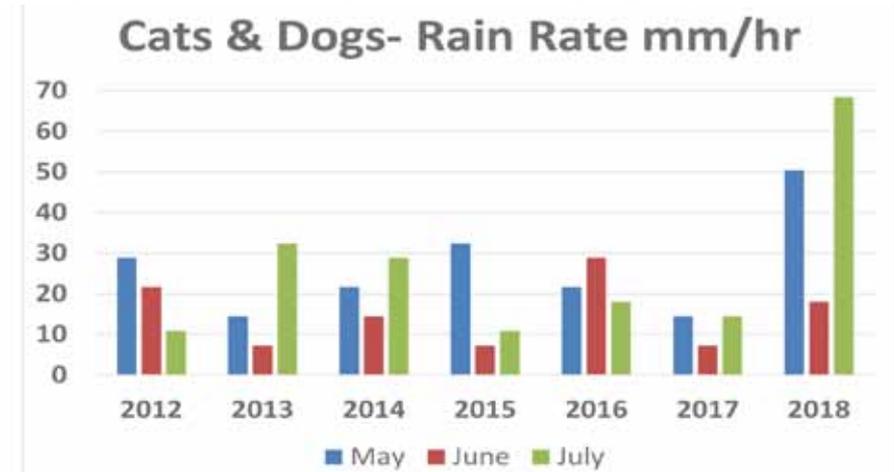
Balmy – Yes!



Rainfall – July 2018 doesn't look so dry, however most of July's rain arrived in the last 3 days and accounted for 50.1 mm of the previous two months' total of 63mm.

It was looking like this

There were 10 previous rain days in May and June, only an average of 1.29mm rainfall on each previous occasion, hardly a heavy dew? (Nearly the thickness of 13 dry sheets of the Daily Express).

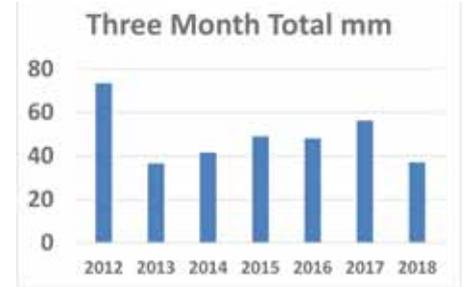


Climatic extremes? Yes!

Clearly a trend, maybe cyclic. This is a measurement of maximum rain rate (how

hard it's rained at any one time) recorded each month. A record for both May and July this year.

In Summary. It's all about trends, Temperatures up and total Rainfall recovered largely due to the recent extremes.



We don't know whether the wether will weather the weather?



The Pot Hole Magnet Effect?

I know it's a pot-hole, it's been there for three weeks at least, but I'll drive through it anyway! Why?

There is overwhelming evidence that all new vehicles may be fitted with *pot-hole magnets*. It is not clear whether they can affect the mechanical functionality of your vehicle, or that it, in fact, subjects us to some subliminal stimuli. (Possibly sponsored, say, by tyre manufacturers).

Next time you are a passenger, observe quietly; you will find we are correct. Make no comment or you will be walking!

We have also noticed that if you are a motorcycle rider, practiced at avoiding any road surface imperfections, you probably have a higher perception threshold and are able to resist the *pot-hole magnet*.

The message is clear.

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20040/road_safety_maintenance_and_repairs/339/report_a_pothole (There is no evidence that the field of influence will affect your credit cards etc. However, it may be prudent to wrap them in foil.)

Iva Shoeful. Vice president of the Bishopstone and Hinton Parva Potholing Society (BAHPPS)

The Village Hall, Bishopstone - September

The hall is cleaned	Mondays		8.30 - 10.30am
Martial Arts	Mondays	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th & 24 th	5.00 - 7.00pm
Taekwondo	Tuesdays	4 th , 11 th , 18 th & 25 th	7.00 - 8.00pm
Mothers & Toddlers School	Thursdays	6 th , 13 th , 20 th & 27 th	9.00 - 11.00am
Parish Council	Thursdays	6 th , 13 th , 20 th & 27 th	3.15 - 4.15pm
Gardening Society	Mondays	3 rd	6.00 - 9.00pm
GS Flower Show	Friday	7 th	7.00 - 9.30pm
WI	Saturday	8 th	8.00am - 5.00pm
Private Meeting	Thursday	13 th	7.00 - 9.30pm
Private Meeting	Friday	21 st	4.15-10.00pm
Private Meeting	Saturday	22 nd	9.00am - 2.00pm
Film Night	Friday	28 th	7.00 - 10.00pm

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 - September

Beginners Bridge	Wednesday	5 th , 12 th , 19 th & 26 th	7.00 - 9.00pm
Beginners Bridge	Friday	7 th , 14 th , 21 st & 28 th	2.00 - 4.30pm
Bridge	Friday	7 th , 14 th , 21 st & 28 th	7.30 - 10.00pm

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Bookings Secretary Janet 791 391- Please leave a message if required
£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

Catering may be available
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CINEMA

(continued from front page)

Film Night at Bishopstone is set to return with an autumn programme from September, featuring some great films, on the last Friday of each month. Presented in the heart of our wonderful village, it is as much about getting together with the neighbours and making new friends, and a chance to meet with old friends for a super fun night out.

Our first screening is *The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society*, reviewed by the The Times; *Lily James's postwar mystery is a mini break for the soul*; Four Stars.

Come along and enjoy ice creams, good beer & wine, and fine company, with a smattering of chaos.

Book 791 913 richardw@eddingtons.co.uk



Programme for the rest of the year

Put these dates in your diary now!

Friday 26th October

The Hatton Garden Job

In April of 2015, four elderly men burgled almost £200 million from the Hatton Garden Safe Deposit Company in London.

Crime Thriller - Matthew Goode and Joely Richardson. Directed by Ronnie Thompson.

Friday 30th 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 28th 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.

Tickets : £5.00 each

Richard Walker

richardw@eddingtons.co.uk

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Doors Open 7.00pm, films 7.45pm

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2nd 34 David Wray

3rd 87 Sheila Collins

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It will be held on

Thursday 22nd November
6.00 pm - 8.00 pm
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For more information & to reserve your space, please contact:

Chris Thomas
01793 790 106
email: littlecot2010@hotmail.co.uk



Bridge for Beginners & Improvers

Hinton Parva Village Hall

Beginners from Wednesday, 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:
mikebaker753@gmail.com
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What's in the library for children?

Bear's Reading Adventure is for pre-school children. You get a book about a Bear who goes on an adventure and each time you visit the library you collect *paw prints* and stickers to complete the story.

Many libraries also have Storytimes and singing for young children. Covingham Storytime is every Thursday at 10.30am and Liden every Wednesday at 10.30am. Come along and you will have, *The wheels on the bus*, or *Row, row, row your boat*, on a loop in your head all day.

Mischief Makers

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to read six library books over the summer holiday. Children receive special rewards, and there's a certificate and medal for everyone who completes the challenge. Look out for this every summer. This year it's called Mischief Makers, inspired by the much-loved children's title, Beano, which celebrates its 80th anniversary this year. Children will explore Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure, and Dennis, Gnasher and friends will help them solve clues and collect stickers, having lots of fun and adventures along the way!

More than books

There are many activities organised in the libraries around Swindon, from author visits, to craft sessions and competitions.

This summer in Liden and Covingham we had a *David Walliams' Awful Auntie craft and activity session*, run by the Wyvern Theatre, to promote the book and the stage show. We were also taken over by dinosaurs and aliens during a visit by local author Duncan Saunders. Follow our Facebook page and Twitter account to see what's on.

What is a great book to read aloud?

Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae has got it all! Lyrical, rhyming verse with a lovely message about being yourself and finding your own tune. Beautiful colourful illustrations

by Guy Parker-Rees vividly bring the African Savannah to life. Great fun to act out too, it's Strictly Come Dancing in your lounge, da, da, dada, dada, da! Some of your older children may recall the staff at Wanborough Primary School acting this story out for World Book Day a few years ago.

Diane Rendell

school readers
improving literacy
increasing life chances

More volunteers needed in Wiltshire to listen to children read in primary schools.

Can you spare an hour or two a week to listen to children read in a primary school? The reading charity Schoolreaders is looking for volunteers to carry out this important role. Reading time for many children at home and at school is often insufficient, and one in four children are now leaving primary school unable to read to the required standard. This can have a life-long consequence. No qualifications are necessary, just a good command of spoken and written English.

Schoolreaders is flexible and matches your availability to the closest local school needing this help. Our volunteers find the scheme incredibly rewarding, knowing that a few hours helping a child learn to read each week can have such a great impact on their life chances.

Please visit the website:

www.schoolreaders.org

to join or for further information
call: 01234 924 111

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

Women's Institute

- Inspiring Women

7.00pm Thursday 13th September

The Village Hall, Bishopstone

Patricia Wells 01793 790 054

St. Andrew's Harvest Lunch

Sunday 30th September 12 noon

The Vicarage, 19 Church Road,
Wanborough, SN4 0BZ

Cost £10 (by 23rd September
please; thank you)

Contact: Reverend Bill O'Connell at
the above address or

villagevicar@hotmail.co.uk

Get Your Bake On

National Air Ambulance Week

10th – 16th September

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. We're asking individuals, community groups, schools, colleges and businesses to get their bake on and fundraise for our lifesaving charity. 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.

Register your interest by emailing:

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Church Services in the Benefice

Sunday	2nd September	8.30am	Holy Communion	Bishopstone
	14 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Lyddington
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
Wednesday	5th September	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
Sunday	9th September	8.30am	Holy Communion	Lyddington
	15 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Bishopstone
		6.00pm	Evensong	Wanborough
Wednesday	12th September	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
Sunday	16th September	8.30am	Holy Communion	Hinton Parva
	16 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Wanborough
		6.00pm	Evensong	Bishopstone
Wednesday	19th September	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
Sunday	23rd September	8.30am	Holy Communion	Wanborough
	17 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Harvest Festival followed by lunch	Hinton Parva
		6.00pm	Evensong	Lyddington
Wednesday	26th September	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
Sunday	30th September	10.30am	Family Communion	Wanborough
	18 th Sunday after Trinity			
Wednesday	3rd October	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
Sunday	7th October	8.30am	Holy Communion	Bishopstone
	19 th Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Harvest Festival followed by lunch	Lyddington
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I hope you have returned refreshed and renewed from your summer holidays. For a number of us, September marks the beginning of a new year, in a new class, in a new school, college or university, or even a new career. Settling in to a new environment can be filled with opportunity and a lot of this will be down to mindset. We love being with people we love to be with, and yet new people can often open our minds to new things, or help us to see familiar things differently. None of this need be a one way street either, as new people are often open to learn, simply because they are somewhere that isn't that familiar.

Three guys working on a building site were too familiar with their lunch-time sandwiches. So much so, that they agreed to jump off the building that they were working on if they had the same again the next day. At the joint funeral two of their partners were saying to each other, *If only we had known we would have gladly changed their lunch!* The third

partner was struggling to get their head around any of this. Apparently, their partner used to make his own!

Jesus was a change from the norm. Armed with little more than a hammer and chisel, He challenged a lot of what was considered normal in His day. The difficulty that his people had was, that He had grown up in their midst, and yet what He had to say was out of this world. He had no obvious pedigree in terms of background, and the family weren't exactly known for their wealth either. And yet there was something about Him that was world changing. Humility, rather than a pushy personality, was beyond their understanding.

Mercy and pity to Jesus were, and are, more important than any amount of power and control. We have only to see events in Zimbabwe and Romania to see what too much power and control produces. A holiday in Romania while Nicolae Ceauşescu and his wife had power and control of that country was enlightening. Going to church with the locals, with their prayer books wrapped in newspapers, to be

met by a horseshoe of uniformed officers, each of them accompanied by two members of the *Securitate* on leaving church, was intimidating to say the least. Encouragement and care, rather than criticism and punishment is what our schools do their best to model today. My prayer is that it won't be long before this becomes the norm in the rest of society too.

It's been a long time since children from the age of 4 were used as chimney sweeps, getting on for 150 years, in fact. So change can happen. In all of this change, Jesus' patience, both as an attitude toward us and as a pattern of behaviour for us to adopt, has been consistent throughout. With Aesop's tale of the *Tortoise and the Hare* in mind, sometimes the first person we have to be patient with is ourselves. It's when people have been patient, with us that we have a better ability to be patient both with ourselves and others, and then we all benefit. Whatever you apply yourselves too this month, however patiently, may it bear a lot of great fruit.

If you have anything that you would

like our village prayer group to pray for please contact:

telephone - 790 088

email - villageprayers@gmail.com

With best wishes and prayers

Parish Contacts

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Wanborough Bells Project 2018

Sunday 16th September

Bells Hallowing Service

A Service of Blessing and Thanksgiving for the restoration of our two oldest bells will take place at St Andrews Church during the 10.30am Family Service. This choral Service will include the church choir, and handbell ringers. The historic bells, which were cast in 1662 and 1730, will be decorated with flowers by the Flower Club, and displayed in church for all to see. The work has been done by the famous John Taylor Bell Foundry in Loughborough, and their bell hanger is coming to church the next day to rehang the bells in the tower.

Practices for the Christmas Season start on **Sunday 23rd September**

Now that Selfridges have got their Christmas department open, it is also time for the Handbell Ringers to start thinking about Christmas, as we will be starting our meet. We are always on the look out for new members, so drop us a message now if you're interested in signing up!

As much as we enjoy our weekly practices, it is the performing at Christmas which is the highlight of our year. Come December, we take our bells and ring out all over! We visit the hospital and the Prospect Hospice, to entertain patients and staff alike. We also do our bit for a local charity (nominated by a team member), by raising funds as we spread the Christmas spirit in local pubs and supermarkets. If you want to learn something new, join a village group which has been around for decades, or simply make some new friends, now is the time to get involved. Fret not, if you have

Cleaning Rota - St. Mary's Church, Bishopstone

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

no musical experience - we cheat and *ring by numbers*, (much like painting by numbers!).

Call Nicky Pullan on 790 904 for more information, or you can check out our website on <http://www.wanborough-ringers.org.uk/index.php/handbells>

Tony Pullan, Tower Captain.

Wanborough Handbell Ringers

Dickie's Diary

We have had a summer to remember at last. As you know, there was hardly a drop of rain for 58 days until late July. We then measured 14ml, which soon disappeared, and hot weather continued afterwards for another fortnight. Harvesting started 10 days early, and, although here on the downs we still have (12th August) several days to do, its been the easiest so far for many years. On the dry Breckland in Suffolk one large estate finished harvest on 27th July. I cannot remember the wheat straw behind the combine being so bright yellow. In fact, it was so hot that we had to stop combining oil seed rape in the afternoons, because the crop would be unsaleable at under 7% moisture. You may recall that I was concerned in the spring that this year our planting was delayed. Our yields so far are much better than we feared, a little under average but chalk soils survive better in a draught; nationally, yields are 20% down. Quality is good and we have milling wheat and malting barley that will attract premiums.

Now some history! Its 23 years back to 1995 when we had such an easy harvest and 42 years back to 1976 which was a scorcher, following a dry year in 1975. So much so, that the church estate water supply from springs behind Bishopstone pond proved inadequate

to keep two dairy herds supplied at Eastbrook farm, and they were temporarily connected to the mains, whilst at Idstone, we were able to continue on the private estate supply from the upper reservoir. We finished harvest that year on 3rd August. Dry years are not a new phenomenon. 1933 was dry and I have read of Bishopstone pond being dredged in the thirties, probably 1933. 1921 and 1911 were also very dry years. Temperatures reached 100F at Greenwich in 1911. I have a picture taken by my father aged 16 in 1921, at Sands farm, Shellingford, of men and horses clearing mud from the dried up pond there, which still retained a little water even in 1976. Nevertheless, there is now evidence of global warming contributing to more extreme weather patterns in future years.

With no grass, cattle are hungry, so feed has to be carried to them. In one place they are so boisterous we are sending two to feed, one to protect the other. It is reported that butterfly numbers will crash because caterpillars cannot get moisture from dried up nettles etc. Elm suckers are dying and we have cracks opening up in our home. Up north, grouse numbers are reported down because of the *beast from the east*, and owing to dry conditions reducing insects and chick survival. Down here despite some potential losses from partridge chicks falling down cracks, there is hope that there are more wild coveys this year, and the early harvest sees an early start to hunting with the first autumn hunting meet of the Old Berks advertised for 9th August. Further rain will be needed< or there will be many hounds with sore pads.

Richard Green



Bishopstone Gardening Society

Wednesday evening, 10th October

Eleven things you can do to help hedgehogs:

Ecologist and writer with a particular fondness for hedgehogs, Hugh Warwick, will be stopping off at Bishopstone Village Hall to talk about hedgehog conservation and signing his books.

Following a jam-packed full hall in Shrevenham when he spoke about, *...simply the most charismatic creatures on the planet...* I was overjoyed when he agreed to come and talk to us. You may have seen Hugh when he appeared on BBC's Countryfile, speaking about these wonderful creatures, the problems they face, and why he believes their demise is due to the ecosystem and human activity. A star speaker, and an evening not to be missed.

Back to July, when Peter Biggs gave us his *Hints and Tips from a Floral Judge*. Here are just a few of my notes made from his talk:

Pot Plants: Measure your pot, as Pete will measure the plant pot, not the decorative one it sits in.

Presentation: Remove faded flowers, pests, dead leaves and seed pods. Little bit of finesse needed – clear away dead stems. *Dahlias:* Present them open but not fully open. No slugs, no holes in leaves, same size and don't forget to look at the back of petals.

Rudbeckias: Can be perennial or an-

Hugh Warwick, getting down nose-to-nose with a hedgehog.

nual. And do count the stems, as one stem can have multi-headed flowers!

B&DGS Produce Show

While some of us have been enjoying a glass of Pimms in the garden, luxuriating in the glorious sunshine, the UK's prolonged summer heatwave



Members of the gardening Society admiring and buying some of the splendid plants supplied by Peter Biggs

has affected the growing season, leaving many plants stressed. Please don't let this put you off from entering produce. Even if they are a lower quality than usual, we're all in the same boat. Personally, I'm pinning

my hopes on our startling orange-coloured Zinnias, which arrived as a free packet of seeds courtesy of a Gardener's World magazine.

There are many other categories too; art and crafts, photography, cakes, jams and jellies, chutneys and marmalade. This year's children's artwork categories: Age 4-7 and 8-11 is: ***Bee or bees.** *Please note, this was advertised incorrectly in the August newsletter.

Show schedules available 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 from: banddgardeningsoc@gmail.com

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

Sheila

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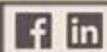
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The Royal Oak Diary

There was a mention on Facebook this month about something male and benevolent seen moving strangely and silently around in The Royal Oak in late August, very close to the loo doors, and so people naturally assumed it was me. It wasn't, I can confirm. Those who know me a bit know that I'm male. It is now apparent that there's either a trompe de l'oeuil playing games with us, at different times of day and year, but always in the same area; or indeed a previous landlord or landlady, or customer, has decided to keep an eye on the progress of the place. My sightings number about five, over 11 years; Valerio, the debonair Italian who's actually from Serbia (I tell the women enthusiasts anyway), has seen something three times I think, but he thinks it's female; and Tom Green, who also lives in the pub much of the time, was touched one day on the shoulder, while on his own at the end of the bar, where a seat is reserved for him, after only two pints of Carling. It would be interesting to speculate on the identity behind these movements. They always occur in the area by the back door/loo doors, through the door down the stairs into the main eating area; and on two occasions, having seen movement, I have assumed it was a customer, and moved through the bar to see how I could help, to find no-one there. I hope it is Evelyn Walkley, who became my favourite landlady in my early years here (24 years ago now, so still not sure of the village protocols, clearly)—in fact I've learnt a lot from her. An external gruffness, seriously displeased about seeing any customers walk through the door, but underneath it all there was undoubtedly a heart of stone. I loved her for it. The difference between the two of us was that she managed to maintain that gruffness throughout a whole decade, and possibly longer, whereas I, of course, melt at the first opportunity to make someone happy...as thousands of customers will not testify!

On the other hand it could be Brian

Walkley, free at last to go about his business as he pleases. He ran this pub in his own image, as pubs should be run—before the onset of online betting, he would run a telephone betting service for his hard core, mostly smoking, horseracing fans and customers, who'd gather in the bar on Saturdays and watch the two bar televisions that were covering the latest non-event from Kempton Park. I never knew who the bookmaker was at the end of the line, but Brian and co. kept him pretty busy. Brian was magnificently helpful when we were chatting with Arkells about taking the place on—at that stage he was involved with his family in The Rose and Crown at Ashbury, and the GW in Swindon, but he wanted the Oak to fall into decent hands after a tricky couple of years with unsuitable tenants who turned the place into a bit of a dump. He last popped in and sat happily in the garden one August bank holiday after we'd been here for a year, and had seen for ourselves what a struggle we had in front of us. He was full of cheer, and hope, but not long for this world. Far too young, really, as we mused when I popped to the hospital in Oxford—or was it Swindon, or both?- to chat with him on occasions. Anyway, my history of the pub is too short—I am sure the editor would welcome notes and thoughts from any of you about landlords in Bishopstone you have loved, or missed, or possibly were (or would be glad to) see the back of. And who it is that keeps popping in here. We've had offers via social media to chat to our visitor, a sort of gentle ghostbusters service, but my hunch is that he or she should be left alone.

Just a short warning—loud intelligent music and interesting people likely to gather here on **22nd September—our little one day festival** Pigtails, to celebrate books, including Helen's new offering, *Pig*, published by Headline next month. Other guests and speakers likely to be Monty Don, Rosamund Young (author of *Secret Life of Cows*), Graham Harvey (agric editor of *The Archers*), Kate Rawles, Ben Raskin.

Music from Hooch, The Crimps, Lisa Doscher, Ragged Edge Jazz Combo, among others. Ticket only: pub, office, Eventbrite. Light hearted, informal, amazing food—steak testing and tasting, oyster bar; farm tours and walks; from 11.00am -11.00pm. It'll be cold, dark and chilly by then and this summer will seem a distant memory.

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Coffee Morning

Wanborough Farmers' Market

At the July Farmers' Market we supported the local *Prospect Hospice*. We have received a letter of thanks from Prospect's community fundraiser, Hollie Ricketts, who wrote as follows: *I was thrilled to be invited along to your recent coffee morning. It was great to meet you all, and thank you so much for your generosity. We were very pleased to receive the kind donation of £226.69, and are grateful that you chose to support Prospect Hospice.*

In September we will be encouraging support for the charity, *Wiltshire Tree House*. This local charity seeks to bring comfort and help to children and young people who have experienced the death of a sibling, a near relative, or a close friend. Their service provides help (free of charge) to children and young people. They are able to offer:

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What can transform two reasonably rested and fairly laissez-faire individuals into sleep-deprived, gibbering, nervous wrecks in a matter of days? If you guessed *baby*, you're close. Babies, however, offer contained mess when in nappies and (until rolling-about and toddling kick in) can be guaranteed to be found in the place you last left them. And they don't come equipped with pointy teeth and an insatiable desire to chew. Yes; the Mantelpieces have a puppy. While he's truly adorable, he has reduced us to a zombie-like state in less than a week. Not bad going for 6.5kg of furry loveliness. *Adorable* isn't just our opinion; a visit to the vet is like a royal progress, with total strangers lining up to make a fuss of him, and they say *adorable* a lot. My Dearly Beloved initially thought his new haircut was drawing all the attention, but has realised that he comes a poor second in the *adorable* stakes. While we've always had dogs, we've always had rescue dogs that arrived fully-formed and generally well trained. Puppies are a whole new experience for us. Until last Saturday, I'd assumed that people were making a fuss about nothing when they warned us about the lack of sleep, erosion of sanity and horrific expense. Now I think they were understating the all-consuming nature of a pup. When I asked a friend for advice about getting a puppy and they told me, *don't do it*, I assumed he was joking. . .

The range of decisions to be made is astonishing - dry or wet food? Raw food? Training classes? Crate? Type of bedding, harness, collar, lead? Which toys will stimulate best, and endure those tiny teeth the best? How long will it be until he can be left to sleep alone at night?

Surely it all used to be simpler? I had a puppy as a child. We got him from a friend; he was a bit of a Heinz, had a bed, a collar and lead, a ball, and some newspaper for house-training. He seemed to manage . . . Brecon, our new master, is a bit of a Heinz, too - but in the sort of designer



way that means he's a goldensproodoodle. Yes, really. Whoever knew that was a thing! He's Welsh by birth, hence his name. We're worried that local dogs may not understand his bark, so are on the look-out for an interpreter. If you have a dog that's fluent in both English and Welsh barking, we'd love to hear from you. When our children were very young, we had a doctor who used to mutter darkly about *new parents* syndrome as we hauled our babies to the surgery again and again with a variety of minor ailments. Today we had much the same experience with Brecon, who we rushed to the vet with a dicky tum. We're not total alarmists, (stop reading now if you're squeamish, or eating your lunch), but blood was apparent and that didn't seem right. A quick consultation later, we left the surgery equipped with selection of tins of bland food, the equivalent of a dose of Imodium, and a hefty bill.

And peace of mind; you can't put a price on peace of mind.

Once we're past the *second vaccination + a week* stage, we'll be seeing you around and about, madly socialising - apparently, we need to experience a whole variety of people, vehicles, noises and the like within the next month. That's assuming we survive the whole puppy experience, that is . . .

Mrs Mantelpiece

And Almost Finally...



It is very British to discuss the weather, so I hope that you enjoyed page 3 where *Bobbing About* has shown us some very interesting charts about trends over the last few years. Mrs Mantelpiece has acquired a puppy, so it behoves me to witter on the Dog Days. This is the period between 3rd July and 15th August, which the Roman's decided was the hottest time of the year, when Sirius the Dog Star was rising. They knew a thing or two didn't they, those Romans?

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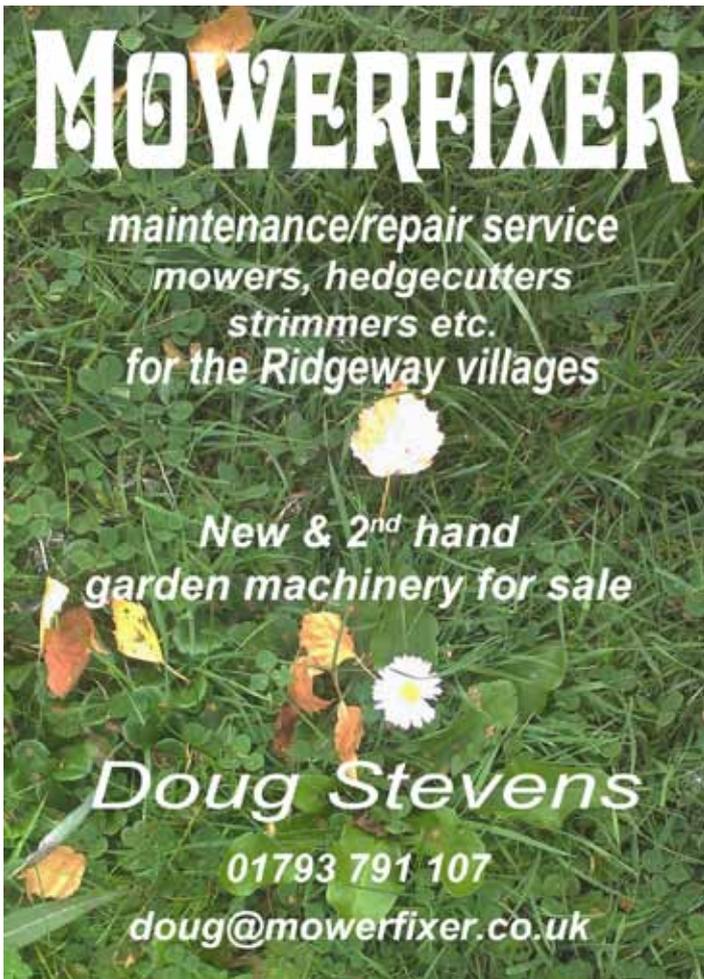
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