

# Village News

for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva

June 2019



## An Evening to Raise the Roof

On the evening of Maundy Thursday, about 50 enthusiastic and generous villagers, plus friends and relatives, gathered at The Royal Oak. They participated in a traditional, but slightly unusual, Maundy event. That being the eating of supper (not the last for everybody gathered, I'm reliably informed!) and the giving of monies (parting with their own hard-earned, rather than the Queen's!). The tradition of Maundy footwashing by the vicar was exchanged for washing the dishes instead. The purpose of the evening was to go some way in raising funds for St Mary's roof repairs, after the fateful evening back in October when most of

the lead covering the roof was stolen. Proceeds from the sumptuous food, skillfully prepared and distributed by the Royal Oak's staff, was put towards the proceeds of the evening. As the evening progressed, Tim Finney's precise planning ensured the throng were well and truly lubricated for the next phase – enter Martin Kidson-Trigg, our local auctioneering legend.

In true style, Martin offered up for auction a series of 15 lots of promises, kindly donated by villagers and local businesses. To name but a few, these ranged from a day at the races, several days' shooting, a nature walk, a night's stay in a 6\* local organic hotel, a ride in a vintage airplane, and a terrifying mountain biking experience. Martin's years of experience in extracting bids from the most resilient of society (I'm referring to, and generalising I hasten



*Martin Kidson-Trigg at work*

attended. Huge thanks go to Martin Kidson-Trigg for his gentlemanly persuasive methods of gathering the bids, to Tim Finney for hosting the evening, and to his wonderful staff for keeping us fed and watered. A special note of thanks also goes to Dickie Green for organising the lots and providing the concept of the event.

On the subject of the church roof repairs, including the liability to pay VAT, a sum of £46,500 is needed to complete the repairs and internal decoration of the church. With the proceeds of the evening, donations from benefactors and friends, and the insurance payout, we still have some way to go to reach this target. The current fund stands at £35,000.

*Doug Stevens*

*St. Mary's Bishopstone, the roof repairs begin*



to add, to the farming community!) resulted in a sterling show of how deep the gathered's pockets were.

A staggering grand total of £3,610 was raised by this event.

St Mary's church council are extremely grateful to those that dug deep and to all that

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## Wild Creatures in the Parish

BISHOPSTONE  
**DUCK  
TRAIL**  
2019 THEME: PUB NAMES  
25<sup>th</sup> May - 9<sup>th</sup> June

Quiz sheets £4 adult trail  
& £1 kid's trail  
available from the Royal Oak  
or Bishopstone Primary School



Great prizes up for grabs  
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Bishopstone Primary School SN6 8PW

*don't forget  
Pig racing at the Royal Oak 9<sup>th</sup> June*

### Time Stands Still In Bishopstone thanks to Chris Packham

For the more observant amongst the congregation, and not wishing to resurrect the village's nostalgic love of turnips that will be resurrected post Brexit (according to the learned Mr F), you will have noted time has actually come to an abrupt halt here in Bishopstone. 08:45 on 22<sup>nd</sup> April to be precise. This is due to a clever Jackdaw setting up residence within the clock-face and building her nest in such a way as to stall the hands at 08:45.



Now what does this have to do with Mr Packham? Well, together with his gang of eco-warriors, a challenge was placed in front of Natural England to prevent the controlling of a number of birds that affect rural life. Those being wood pigeons and the corvid family (which the Jackdaw is a member of). As a knee jerk reaction, Natural England has revoked the general permissions given which would normally allow removal of nests or even shooting pigeons and crows. There has been uproar in the farming world as farmers cannot currently shoot pigeons, which reap havoc in young crops, and, crows, which do awful things with their beaks to young lambs. Farmers are awaiting news from the government to see if the decision can be turned over. In the meantime, we have decided to abide by the current law and allow our new member of the congregation to stay. Normal time will be resumed once the chicks have fledged. For the even more observant, you might be asking why the quarterly and hourly chimes are still happening - we have disconnected the mechanism that moves the hands but are keeping the chimes going.

*The Bishopstone Clock Winders*

### A Predator in Hinton

When Darren Lerigo gave his fascinating talk at the Gardening Club in April, he put forward the interesting theory that it would be a good idea to reintroduce large predators to our countryside to preserve the balance of nature. I think he was joking, but we did point out that we already have giraffes in Bishopstone; yes, I know they aren't

predators, but now we have a bear in Hinton. Isn't he handsome? This lovely wood carving was commissioned by the Polatch family and adds a certain je ne sais quoi to the village.

*Ed*



Meanwhile, back in Bishopstone, a somewhat tinier predator; a ladybird. No idea if six spots are indigenous or not but there were lots of them... being tended by one adult. Watch out aphids.

*Bob*



## The Village Hall, Bishopstone - June

The hall is cleaned	Mondays		8.30 - 10.30am
Daily School Dinners (not holidays)	Subject to bookings		11.45 - 1.00pm
Legs, Bums n Tums	Mondays	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 - 7.00pm
Yoga	Mondays	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.15 - 8.30pm
Taekwondo	Tuesdays	4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 - 8.00pm
Mothers & Toddlers	Thursdays	6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 - 11.00am
Keep Fit	Fridays	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 - 10.30am
Parish Council	Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00 - 8.00pm
Gardening Club	Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 - 9.00pm
WI	Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	All Day

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 - June

Bridge                      Fridays                      7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>                      7.30 - 10.00pm

Please do come along and join in any of the classes/groups listed above. You can make new friends, enjoy yourself and, most of all, you will be made very welcome. Please note there is a charge payable for these classes.

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# CINEMA

For those who receive their newsletter before the beginning of the month:

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**Stan and Ollie (Cert PG)**

Our season will conclude with Stan & Ollie, following which we will take a short intermission... until the Autumn, when we will be back with a new programme of events. A **BIG** thank you goes to all the volunteers who have helped create the City Lights cinema and make this event a triumph for the village and surrounding community. It's been great fun to do and a wonderful success both socially and commercially. We have begun to show a small profit from bar takings and ticket sales which will further help with the upkeep and maintenance of the village hall. We hope to see you in September for more village cinema. Watch this space for more details ...Coming soon...

*Richard Walker*

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Pig Racing



The Village Hall,  
Bishopstone  
will be open for:

Afternoon Tea &  
Refreshments



with all proceeds to the  
St Mary's Roof Fund



## The Village Hall, Bishopstone

### Hall Refurbishment

Please note that:

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 9.30 - 4.00pm**

We have a team from the Nationwide on site decorating the exterior of the hall and tending to the outside areas. The car park will be out of action during those hours. Apologies for any inconvenience caused – (school drop off unaffected).



### Bishopstone Village Recipe Book

is now hot off the press, a 52 page encyclopaedic snapshot of tried and tested local recipes from Ros's legendary Coq au Vin to the exotic Feta Saganaki



(I had to look this one up as I thought it was a type of motorbike)! Thank you to all the many contributors, especially the children from the school who have delivered some delicious recipes. Apologies to those who did not make the final edit, notably Mr Nicolls, whose Yorkshire Puddings were a little over caramelised and too heavy to lift. Fantastic research went into some of the entries, including the historic Hocker and the Bench...

Priced £5.00 each, we'll start by selling at the Pig Racing and The Village Fête.



*Richard*

### Wanborough's Farmers' Market

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

9.00am - Midday

Wanborough Village Hall  
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### Community Connect Coffee Morning at the Farmers' Market

If you haven't been along to the Farmers' Market in the Village Hall for a while, do come in June.

As well as stocking up on some local produce, you can stop for coffee (or tea) and some home made cake at our Coffee Morning.

Every month the the Community Connect Coffee Morning supports a

different charity and in June our chosen charity will be **the Swindon Hydrotherapy Pool**. Hydrotherapy can relieve pain, help with rehabilitation and offer benefits for many conditions, spanning all age groups, seeing on average 700 visitors each week.

It is a self funded facility serving the people of Wiltshire and further afield.

Do come, we'd love to see you there!

### Library Corner



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### Covingham Opening Hours

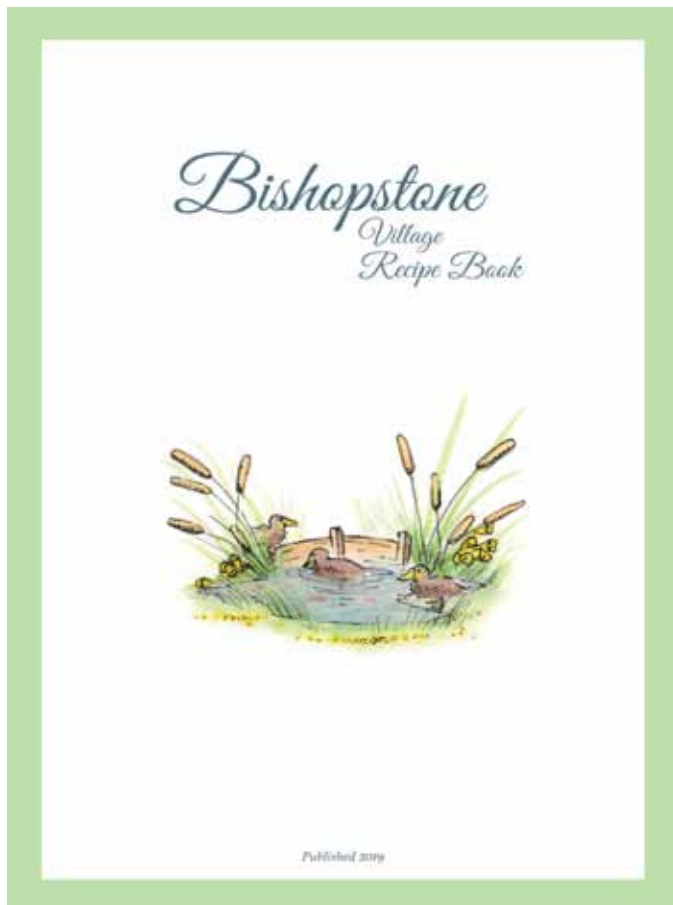
Tuesday	2.00 - 4.00pm
Wednesday	1.00 - 5.00pm
Thursday	10.00 - 12.00 noon

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Liden Library: Barrington Close, Liden. SN3 6HF 433 647

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# Rainbow

## Baby and Toddler Group

**Bishopstone Village Hall**  
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**9.30 - 11.00am**  
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## Dickie's Diary



A new reality TV channel 5 programme is called *New wife-old wife*, showing the former partner in marriage entertaining her ex and new partner. You could call that rotation. On the same theme, another form of rotation can occur when a man marries his mistress. It has been said that, in rather ungallant terms this act can create a vacancy waiting to be filled. In farming terms, rotations are not so spicy, but nothing new. *Turnip* Townshend was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Viscount Townshend (died 1738) and, with his brother-in-law, the first Prime Minister, Horace Walpole, he was an important parliamentarian who directed this country's foreign policy. At his estate, Raynham in Norfolk, he contributed to the agricultural revolution, enriching soils and increasing production with his Norfolk four course rotation of turnips-barley-clover and then wheat. I was working in Norfolk in 1964/5 and wrote to Raynham searching for my next opportunity. Ever since those early times, cropping rotations or mixed farming with livestock have been the bedrock of successful farming. Turnips would have been planted in the spring following the wheat harvest, then grazed or carried to sheep or cattle over the next winter, fertilising the soil; barley was sown next spring, probably under-sown with clover, which was available after harvest to graze with sheep over winter, and the following year, before ploughing in those nitrogen fixing nodules in September to enhance the fertility of the wheat crop in the fourth year. Straw from the two cereal

crops would have bedded cattle in yards over winter with their dung returned to the land before ploughing.

Today, with grass and clover in the rotation on organic or livestock and mixed farms good rotations present fewer problems. As mixing farming has declined, arable only farms have depended on oil seed rape and beans, sometimes oats, as a rotational break before the fertility demanding wheat crop. With the rise of the dreaded weed *black grass*, spring cropping with barley has also checked this weed's winter development, because the weed can be killed in the spring before planting. So a modern five year rotation without livestock might be spring barley-oil seed rape-wheat-beans- wheat.

The trouble is, growing oil seed rape successfully is now threatened by the insect, flea beetle. The product formerly used in its control has been withdrawn because of its alleged impact on the bee population, and many of this year's crops have been affected, some devastated. Farming challenges like this seem to be increasing, and this autumn farmers will be scratching their heads before deciding what to plant next.

Richard Green

## School Report

We returned after a wonderful Easter break to another busy term. The first week back saw years 3 and 4 off on their residential trip to Brownsea Island. I have to admit that this is one of the most wonderful trips I have run for many years. It was like be-



ing swept up and plonked into the middle of a Famous Five novel. The thrill of catching a coach, then a ferry, just added to both experience and excitement. Once on the island we saw nobody, we stayed in a beautiful Victorian lodge with not an electronic gadget, computer or TV in sight. It really was three days of children being children, roaming, exploring, learning alongside the nature that surrounded them. This included many a peacock and peahen that rather liked to peep in the windows, red squirrels rushing here and there (did you know that for every ten nuts they bury they are lucky to retrieve three in the future!), time on the beach, the heathland, the forest . . . building, climbing, spooky stories . . . you name it we covered it . . . including having to cook all the food! It really is a very special place and one that has provided lovely memories for all our children; we were all reluctant to return. In a few weeks' time, years 5 and 6 are off to Morfa Bay. This is a very different residential, but the focus remains on making the children more resilient, independent, and pushing the boundaries of what they are expecting from themselves. Morfa is packed full of more traditional challenges of abseiling, caving, paddle boarding . . . and not forgetting the highly important disco on the last night! The children recently worked very hard on their beautiful ducks, which will have appeared around the village by the time you are reading this . The duck trail is back. We hope to see lots of people filling in the sheets and making a guess at the *pub names* that have been drawn on the ducks. Good Luck.

Emma Linsay

## Bishopstone 100 club

### May Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> 51 Helen Browning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 99 Marie-Noelle Witty
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 91 Pam Deal

It's £10 a year and I have a number of numbers left, so get in touch and support your village hall. Bishopstone that is.

Thanks Jo. 790 485





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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Bishopstone
	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	10.30am	Family Communion	Lyddington
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Lyddington
	Pentecost	10.30am	Family Communion	Bishopstone
		6.00pm	Evensong	Wanborough
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Hinton Parva
	Trinity Sunday	10.30am	Family Communion	Wanborough
		6.00pm	Evensong	Bishopstone
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Wanborough
	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Family Communion	Hinton Parva
		6.00pm	Evensong	Lyddington
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b>		No Service	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity			
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Bishopstone
	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	10.30am	Family Communion	Lyddington
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva

All dates and times printed are as submitted to the Editor.

### The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends and Neighbours

Two octogenarians were chatting away when one referred to a time in his childhood, to which his quick witted friend exclaimed *My, what a memory you've got*. It's always good to build each other up, but I'm not sure that this is the most genteel way of doing so. Sitting in a room with a group of students busily working through their examination papers reminds me of that same anxious time in my own childhood. For some, exams are a pleasant challenge, for others, they are frightening and there are a huge range of reactions in between. It seems odd that, when children first come to school, we do our best to identify their individual strengths and gifts, and then do our best to support those areas where their abilities might be a little different to others. By the time they get to the age of sixteen, the system wants to squeeze them through the same examinations in the hope that they all comply to a mini-

mum standard. A bit like sausages coming out of a sausage machine.

Working with a lot of people with PTSD required that I went for care on a monthly basis myself. Known as an *external supervision*, my supervisor also looked after the local bus company, caring for staff that had been abused by drunks and others, especially at the weekend. She also lectured on the subject. We were chatting one day about her father's attitude toward her son. He had developed a bit of a wanderlust, travelling the world and picking up work as and when he needed. Her father was of the opinion that he should settle down, get a regular job, and start contributing to society. Yet Mia (not her real name) was of the view that people who feel good about themselves tend to produce the best results, and that positive motivation always out-performed moaning and undermining. Sure enough, her son met a girl in Hong Kong and suddenly developed a desire to teach English as a foreign language. He came

home, took his GCSE's, 'A' Levels and then went on to teacher training college. He got the girl and has lived happily ever after.

The number of people that read their first degree in one topic and are now working in a completely different field never ceases to amaze me. Similarly, if we were all farmers, who would go fishing, cooking or flying? The variety of plants and wildlife that we live in the midst of, coupled with the seasons that we are so privileged to witness, are a constant reminder of the variety that we are called to reflect and to be. It's also an opportunity for thanks and praise. A friend of mine, while flying helicopters for Her Majesty's Armed Forces, came to faith simply because he was stunned by the awesome beauty of flying troops around the Amazonian Rainforests. He said, *It was so amazing and enormous that someone much bigger than any of us must have been at the root of it*. So whether you are busy with examinations or simply busy, I pray that you



have the time to appreciate the wonder of you, and all that is around you.

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

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With best wishes and prayers

*Bill*

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### St Mary's Bishopstone

#### Cleaning Rota

**June** Maggie Gill &

Jane Golding

**July** Liz Warwick &

Jane Manktelow

**August** Sarah Best & Jenny Isles

**September** Rachel Blunt &

Caryn Greenhalgh

**October** Lorna Ford &

Linda Matthews

**November** Karen Stevens

**December** Fran Shishton &

Jill White

Mary Darling 790 700 is volunteering to stand in for anyone needing cover for holidays/illness etc.

Many thanks to you all for your hard work keeping the church clean.

We always welcome new volunteers on the rota, please join us!

*Sarah Best 791 121*

## Roll Up! Roll Up!

Feel like smashing a plate? Eating a cake? Thwacking a rat? Having an afternoon of good old traditional fun? Then please don't miss:



## Raising the Roof Country Garden & Church Fête

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July, \* 12 noon - 4.00pm

The Old Vicarage garden & churchyard of  
St Mary's Bishopstone

The fête is particularly important this year because we are trying to raise funds after thieves stole the lead from the church roof of St Mary's, leaving us with a £30,000 shortfall between our insurance cover and the cost of repair.

**Attractions** include cream teas, licensed bar, ice cream, Helen Brown-ing's tasty organic Flying Pig hot dog and burger van, a bouncy castle, face painting, classic cars, bikes and steam engines, a luxury raffle with first prize of £150, lots of stalls, a dog show and lots more fun and games besides.

Helpers and contributors needed!

If you would like to help on the day or contribute to the stalls, that would be very much appreciated.

**Stalls:** Here are the people you can contact:

☺ White elephant – Linda Polatch 791 722 & Lesley Coates 790 520 - Lesley will be the collecting point for Hinton & Jo Selbourne 790 485 for Bishopstone.

☺ Childrens toys – Mandy Ridler 791 163

☺ Plant stall – Marion Peck 791 001 & Sara Best 791 121

☺ Country Larder – Jane Golding 791 488

☺ Bottles and Books to Doug & Karen Stevens 791 107

If you aren't sure where to leave donated items, please drop them with Molly & Charlie Smith at the Old Vicarage.

Any questions and suggestions?

**Please contact Doug Stevens 01793 791 107 doug@mowerfixer.co.uk**

### Raffle

£150 CASH PRIZE donated by Austin Heating & AC Ltd; Two packs bottled beer, plus an evening tour of Arkells Brewery for eight people; Luxury Hamper worth £100; and many more **Raising the Roof** top notch prizes!

**To buy tickets contact Conta 790 507**

## Bishopstone & District Gardening Club

May 11<sup>th</sup> was our Annual Plant Sale and I just want to say, well done everyone! All that potting on and potting up and planting out was well worthwhile, and lots of happy people left with some lovely plants. Many of you donated some fabulous plants, most of which were labelled. Thankfully, Jane had brought along a much loved and well-thumbed plant identification book – Mogs, it was *Achillea fanal* (Yarrow), and I think the Phormium was called *Bronze Baby*. Does anyone else struggle to remember plant names? I'm absolutely hopeless!

Any leftover plants will be on sale at the Bishopstone/Hinton Parva fete at The Old Vicarage, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

On 12<sup>th</sup> June, our next speaker is **Elizabeth Gowing: Bee-friendly Gardening.**



This wonderful speaker should appeal to gardeners and beekeepers alike. Elizabeth, a teacher by profession, is a captivating character who has written successful books; she has spoken in schools, universities, on BBC Radio 4 and ABC Radio in Australia, and to many beekeeping groups. Her voluntary work in Kosovo has helped to support poor communities who face immense challenges on a daily basis. (Skip the ads to see a few short You Tube videos: type in **Elizabeth Gowing videos** to get a flavour of the work she does.)

\*NB: Non-member door price to see Elizabeth is £5 pp.

Some of our group will be visiting RHS Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival in July. Currently there are no spaces left on our coach, but please contact Sarah if you would like details and to be added to the cancellation list.

On 10<sup>th</sup> July, **Helen Picton** will be here to talk about **Growing Michaelmas Daisies.**

She will bring plants for sale from her family run business, Old Court Nurseries; in Malvern.



Our Gardening Club meets every second Wednesday of the month at Bishopstone Village Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Raffle/Tea/coffee/biscuits. £10 per person annual membership or £3\* pp on the door, (\*door price may vary according to speaker costs). We love to see new people, so please do come. You can contact Sheila or Sarah (Outings Organiser) at:

banddgardeningsoc@gmail.com  
Sheila

### Women's Institute

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June

The Village Hall, Bishopstone

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June is the date for our **Annual Flower and Craft Show**, which has been running for over 60 years. Our show provides a wealth of opportunities for members to try new skills and demonstrate their expertise, with 40 varied entry classes including preserves, cake baking, flower arranging, sewing & crafts, art and photography, it is open to all members and partners, and some show categories are for local school children. Our last show benefitted from over 200 entries.

The show will take place in Bishopstone Village hall, with entries staged between 12.00 and 1.30pm, followed by an afternoon of judging by independent accredited experts.

The doors open at 6.30pm when everyone can spend time admiring

the abundance of colourful displays, and exchange hints and tips from the judge's remarks. The evening concludes with a presentation of award cups and prizes, a raffle, and lively auction with Stuart Smith of exhibits donated by members - and, as expected, delicious drinks and food. Our show is always well supported with over 200 entries, and it is a colourful and friendly event, so please do come and join in the evening fun.

- Our **Wiltshire Federation 2019 Centenary** event is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, at Rowdeford School, Rowde near Devizes. This is similar to our own show but is open to WI's from across the County and includes an assortment of events, games, demonstrations, vendor stalls, and much more. Tickets can be purchased in advance for £2. Please contact me if you are interested.

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

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*Pig Racing 2013*

*Swine of Duty* is clearly the favourite in the 9<sup>th</sup> International Pig Racing Festival being held in the Cues Lane Velodrome 9<sup>th</sup> May, as they say in the US. This expertly named pig, with four legs, is odds on with Totemeister Tom Green, bookmaker of this parish, who will as usual be operating from the VIP lawn outside his Hergest Ridge manor.

Other favoured swine include *Richard of Pork*, deftly trained by the Hicks conglomerate of Marlborough, and *The Whole Hog*, the brainchild of lissome would-be bookseller and current star bar person, Anna Bareham, from the Bareham stables in Cues Lane. A newcomer to this village, she is still surprised everyday at how nice most people are. *Of course, there are exceptions, Timothy*, she chides me occasionally. Talking of which, (joke), Carlinger the 4<sup>th</sup> is making another appearance this year. Sue and Lucille and Jamie stand to lose a lot of money, I suspect.

I'll take a moment or two to remind some readers how this event, and others that seem to be hosted here, are usually a village effort—Russell Hatch we mention often for being

an all round good egg; the Greenhalgh family for just being their fruitful selves; the Greens and the Marks and Janes and the Rachels and the Jamies and the Walkers and the Bradleys and the Pattersons, and the even the Baileys, Clive the man who only comes to the pub on days when there is a 't' in the name of the day; all of them, and scores more in circles I'm not allowed in, make these villages the vibrant beautiful place that it is. We see a hundred people a week through our new hotel—they cannot believe that we are all lucky enough to live in Bishopstone and H Parva; places that, for all sorts of good reasons, hardly feature on any of the maps telling people where to go.

A farewell this month to our head chef, Paul Winch, who has been alongside us for a remarkable 5 years; a record for this business. He has rescued us on numerous occasions, and started the successful Chop House that we run in Swindon. He has led us to increasing popularity over the years, and has been an important factor in getting our new activity, as a mini hotel, off to a good start. It's been a year of change so far—he and Valerio were stalwarts of the Bishopstone 5 a side football team now run by Fraser Blunt, and strengthened recently by new football star Anna...Bareham!

20 tickets still to sell for *the Ashes cricket supper* with Jason Gillespie, Aussie fast bowler, on **29<sup>th</sup> July**. Come and enjoy us—or, if the pub is not your thing, enjoy some Eastbrook Experiences with James Andrews—keen to show you our wildlife, including the little owls which are here again, and teach you how to use a camera, and walk with you and point out the remarkable range of flora and fauna that this organic farming brings to your doorstep.



Pip pip

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**8<sup>th</sup> Annual International Pig Racing Day**  
 (Formerly Pig Racing for the Queen)  
 Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June

**Road Closure Notice - Cues Lane, Bishopstone**

An application has been made for the usual short-term road closure according to the Town Police Clauses Act 1844.

The registered Charities to benefit from this year's event include the Swindon & North Wiltshire Deaf Children's Society, Prospect Hospice and The Village Hall, Bishopstone

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## Exhausted of Hinton Parva

We're not a Skype-y sort of family; we can manage phone calls pretty well, but are completely inept at anything involving pictures. A few years ago, when I was in t'South and Dearly Beloved was in t'North (in Todmorden, where, as he'll tell you, he spent two years living in a grey miasma of gloom, only once seeing the sun), we attempted a Skype conversation. At the appointed time, I sat down at a laptop with Number 1 Daughter and shiny new grandson. Bells rang, buttons were pressed and an image presented itself. Worriedly, we enquired whether DB had fallen foul of a gang of kidnappers, as all we could see was a shadowy outline, reminiscent of the ransom phonecalls which so often feature in Scandi Noir dramas. Things crackled, but otherwise we couldn't hear a thing, and when shiny, happy grandson turned into frightened, crying grandson, we decided that this scary experience was probably not working out as we'd planned, and opted for a good old-fashioned phone call instead.

And it's not just us who can't operate the technology. My first work video-call was vastly entertaining. Several of us crammed into a room, gathered around a tiny screen which showed a busy picture of legs seemingly muttering as they meandered around a room. Eventually, our far-flung colleagues realised they would need to sit down to make the meeting work. This they did, and for a while we entertained ourselves by matching legs to the bodies they turned into as people sat down. Congratulating ourselves on having been first to sit down and switch on, thus safely negotiating the *who forgot to shave their legs* hurdle, we then couldn't work out how to enable sound, so had to interpret increasing desperate mimes, as our remote colleagues tried to wordlessly explain the finer points of the technology. Once the microphones were live, things progressed as well as meetings ever do, until we'd all signed off - at which stage the legs were back on screen, milling about in a confused fashion.

We once went to the cinema in Cumbria, to watch a live-streaming of Hamlet from the Globe Theatre in London. We'd expected the play; what we hadn't expected was to be treated to a selection of random conversations as audience members arrived. Thankfully, none were terrifically indiscreet, but several seemed to have had dreadful meals at a nearby restaurant. . .

Anyone who attends plays which are live-streamed to cinemas should commit this to memory, and discuss only neutral topics while finding their seats.

And it's not only the new-fangled pictures-with-sound that cause us problems. DB's inner David Bailey also deserted him when we were on holiday a few years ago. We were on a trip to a place that involved monkeys coming down from the trees to pick bananas off your shoulder. We watched sundry other tourists very seriously place their bananas and catch fabulous photos of monkeys rushing down to relieve them of their yellow burdens. I stood, expectantly, with a banana on my right shoulder. A monkey rushed down and grabbed it, only to return to the trees as fast as he'd come. *Did you get it?* I asked; *oh yes*, beamed DB. Later that day, on close inspection of the day's photos it became clear that what he'd got was a wonderful picture of his smiling wife balancing a banana on her shoulder for no apparent reason. . .

*Mrs Mantelpiece*

## And Almost Finally...



Like Mrs M, somehow I'm no good at Skype; when I try to contact my first born (and that is just with the sound, I figure that he doesn't need to see me as well) it only works when Thing 2 is there to assist.

From Pig Racing to Pimms on the Lawn, summer is almost here. The sky is blue, the sun is shining, and I hear my garden calling. I still haven't planted out all the lovely purchases from the Gardening Club Plant Sale, so bye for now.

*mogs X*

## Finally

The views of individual writers expressed in this magazine do not necessarily reflect those of the editor, the parish council, or the church. If you have any feedback, questions or would like to submit a story for inclusion in the Village News, please contact one of the editorial staff listed below:

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