

# Village News

for Bishopstone & Hinton Parva

October 2019

## Have you signed up to Community Messaging?

Wiltshire Police use an email alert system called Community Messaging, also known as Neighbourhood Alert, across Wiltshire and Swindon to provide real time information to subscribing residents and businesses. This is a free service and once subscribed you can choose what sort of alert to receive and how to receive them. This way the alerts will be tailored specifically to your interests and delivered by email, text or phone.

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[www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk)

Phillip Mackie



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Thank you Steve Bell for the lovely sunrise background photograph

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## School Report



The bell rang stating the beginning of another exciting school year, (and the end of a wonderful summer holiday . . .). A much needed summer break, after all the hard work from both children and staff, saw everyone skipping into school with a spring in their step.

Over the summer holidays the school had a lot of remedial work completed, all four sides of the building have now been checked, any stones that were eroding have been removed, new lime wash has gone on and windows replaced where needed . . .good for another 100 years. The wasps were evacuated from the loft space and classrooms were rearranged.

We are delighted that our new Reception children have begun with us, starting with half days and then working up to complete days after a few weeks. Year 3 have already been on an experience at Pinewood, which involved a deepening knowledge around Ancient Egypt (and it involved wrapping someone up in toilet roll . . .what could be better!). The vicar has returned into school, every Wednesday morning, to share this terms value, which is Generosity.

The school now goes at high speed through to the end of October and in this time will cover Sports Afternoon, Harvest Festival, Cinema Night, choosing of our School Council . . .and of course lots of learn-

ing! This term KS1 topic is Toys and Colours, with KS2 looking at Ancient Greeks, and in Science covering Space . . . we even managed to hire the *Space Rock* which had to be kept under huge amounts of security as the specimen contains ACTUAL . . .the real McCoy . . . rocks from the Moon!!! Highly exciting, maybe that could be the next school trip!

*Emma Linsay*



We are delighted to announce that the Swire Ridgeway Arts Prize will again be held in April 2020.

The aim of the competition is to bring The Ridgeway to life, not only as a long distance trail but as an artistic inspiration and to show The Ridgeway, its history and environs, in all their aspects throughout all seasons. The theme of the competition is, *Spirit of the Ridgeway*.

There will be an exhibition of works submitted for the competition as part of the Ridgeway Friends Day. It will be open to the public on Saturday 18 April and Sunday 19 April 2020 in the Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington (Broad Street, Uffington, Oxfordshire, SN7 7RA), located in the

centre of the beautiful and historic rural village of Uffington in the Vale of the White Horse. In addition, there will be a second exhibition in the Chilterns the following weekend. The Ridgeway Friends Day will be on Sunday 19 April 2020, which will include our AGM as well as the arts prize giving. I shall of course be glad to respond to any questions.

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More details in following editions.

*Picture by Anna Dillon*

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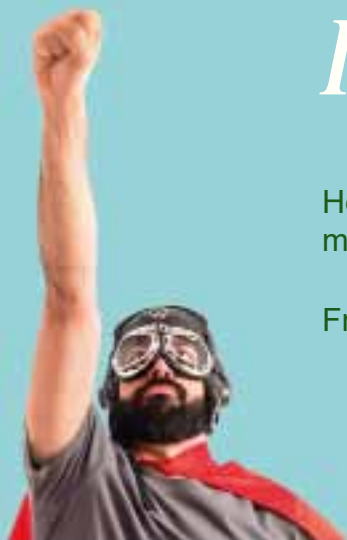
1<sup>st</sup> 20 Bill O'Connell

2<sup>nd</sup> 81 Cathy Lynn

3<sup>rd</sup> 70 Denis Cooper

I have been doing this draw now for 20 years, if anyone would like to take it over (don't all rush at once) then please ring:

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## The Village Hall, Bishopstone - October

The hall is cleaned	Mondays		8.30 - 10.30am
Karate	Mondays	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>	3.15 - 4.15pm
Yoga	Mondays	14 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.15 - 8.15pm
Taekwondo	Tuesdays	1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00 - 8.00pm
Mothers & Toddlers	Thursdays	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , & 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 - 11.00am
School	Thursdays	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , & 24 <sup>th</sup>	3.15 - 4.15pm
Parish Council	Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 - 8.00pm
Gardening Club	Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 - 9.00pm
WI	Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 - 9.30pm
Private Booking	Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm
Village Hall Meeting	Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 - 7.30pm
Film Night	Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 - 10.00pm

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

Evening Bridge	Tuesdays	1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00 - 9.00pm
Informal Bridge	Wednesdays	2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00 - 10.00pm
Bridge	Fridays	4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 - 10.00pm
WI	Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 - 9.30pm
Private Event	Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	3.30 - 6.30pm

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 bridge classes.

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Community Connect Coffee  
Morning  
9.00am - noon  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
Wanborough Village Hall,  
High Street, SN4 0AD

We hope to have a new stall - a couple who raise stock near Brinkworth and

turn them into, amongst other things, Scotch eggs, sausage rolls and quiches. For more information contact:  
Sue or David Birley:

01793 790 438

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

We're often reminded to shop locally, what better way than to come to the Farmers' Market.

You can buy fresh meat from Hinton Marsh Farm (the lamb is excep-

tional!) pressed oils, Wiltshire grown vegetables, Jo-Jo's milk and eggs, plants for the garden raised locally, home-made jams and honey .....

there are Fair Trade supplies too, and if you're in search of a gift, a bit of luxury hand painted silk might be just what you're looking for.

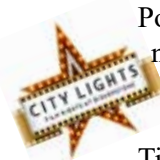
Added to that, there's free tea and coffee and some pretty good home-made cakes at the Community Connect coffee Morning.

So come down to the Village Hall on Saturday - this month your donations will go to Swindon Night Shelter,

The Shelter offers a hot meal, a chance to shower and a bed for the night to anyone who is homeless and vulnerable in the Swindon area. They work closely with other services in Swindon to provide signposting and support; certainly a worthy cause.

## The Village Hall, Bishopstone

Fifty shades of... I'm delighted to write regarding the internal decoration of Bishopstone village Hall. Job done! Uber thanks to the Natiowide's team of nine who returned to complete the work. An unprecedented second visit, in no doubt, secured by the promise of a Roz Boot buffet lunch, which was served by Roz & Carol with military precision and truly wonderful. Russell, Phil plus a little helper on school holidays, coordinated and I have say, the end result is stunning, fresh clean and bright.



Pop along to our second film night, when *Rocketman* will hit the City Lights screen 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Tickets:

Richard 01783 781 813, or Royal Oak with your show suppers.

Doors 7.00 show 7.45pm.

Dancing shoes and tutu's optional.

*Richard, Village Hall Chairman*

## Any Historians out there, can you Help?

I am currently researching Italian prisoners of war that were sent to the Hinton Parva area towards the later part of World War Two, to help with Farm Labouring. There is one prisoner in

particular I am trying to trace details of as he is my maternal grandfather. Unfortunately we know very little about him other than he fathered my Mother there, worked on a farm and he died, presumably in England, at the end of the war after a court martial. (We have a potential name).

I am English, however, I have Italian friends who would be interested in finding out more about POW's in your area too.

Perhaps someone in the Parish recalls them, where they were billeted (Stratton Factory Camp?) etc?

Thank you.

*Colin Cummings*

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

*Patricia Wells* 01793 790 054

# A Tale of Two Villages

The Village Hall, Bishopstone  
Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October  
7.00pm

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## Dickie's Diary by Richard Green

For us, harvest was done and dusted on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Not too late, and with good wheat yields and less diesel used to dry the crops than usual. Unfortunately this rosy report is tempered by lower prices. Finishing harvest these days signals further frantic activity as the straw bales are all cleared; there is urgency to plant next year's oil seed rape, and to establish a green cover crop on the bare stubbles, to improve soil health in the following spring crop. Half our arable has been so planted and now needs a good rain to germinate and grow. Winter wheat planting will follow in October after trying to get a chit of the dreaded blackgrass.

Stella Tidmarsh writes occasionally in the Ashbury newsletter and last month posed the question on whether we sufficiently consider the wild creatures that share our lives. She has enjoyed frogs and dragonflies coming to her new ornamental pond. She reminds us that good or bad, God has a plan for every aspect of nature in his grand design.

A case in point, as an influence for good are our insects and pollinators, even wasps, and of course bees both honey and bumble. A recent book painted a futuristic picture how society had retreated by 2050 back to the middle ages, as it grappled with a replacement *human pollination policy*, in the absence of insects all killed off by an irresponsible generation. Frightening stuff! Many farmers now plant strips of the blue phacelia flower to encourage bees! We have a wasp nest in our thatch but they are not doing us harm, so I have left them. Our garden features a lot of box hedging, probably at least a century old, and I have seen the effects of the box blight moth caterpillars destroying box in France. It is reported that global warming has seen this problem coming here to southern England. Ham House near Richmond, London hopes that jackdaws are getting a taste for these caterpillars to limit their spread. Similarly the oak processionary moth is prevalent in France and has now been recorded

at Kew, London. The hairs on these caterpillars can cause injury to children and pets. Our dog lost a good centimetre off its tongue as it rotted after it touched one over in France.

As I suggested last month, too many red kites, crows and buzzards, too many foxes, badgers, fallow deer and rabbits are unsustainable, but they in moderation are all part of the countryside's rich pattern.

Squirrels you would think are harmless. But they damage forestry and if they get into your roof can do untold damage. This was the case at St Swithun's, Hinton Parva recently as there was found to be no lighting for a wedding service, the cable chewed by a squirrel.

Hedgehogs can do good in a garden eating slugs and snails. Reluctantly I have had to move a pair to a better home from my garden, because my spaniel would not leave them alone, searching them out in the dark before bedtime.

The list goes on. Limiting plastic waste, reducing emissions, fighting the rise in global warming, caring for our environment, farming and us all living responsibly with a wider conscience are all now part of our everyday agenda.

Dear Editor, Re Raptors -

In response to Dickie's Diary in the September edition of the Village News, I hope you will allow a response from the other side of the fence!

I suppose, in any sort of debate, there will be a conflict of views but Dickie overlooks some inescapable facts in his comment about a raptor explosion. There has been a great deal of research into predator/prey relationships (and not just restricted to raptors) and the battle between predators and their prey species has been played out for millennia. Indeed, there will only be top apex predators if everything below them in the food web is thriving, because the number of prey species drives the number of predators; not the reverse. As proof of this you don't have to go far into Oxfordshire to Whytam Woods, where a long-standing study has looked at the populations of sparrowhawks in

relation to blue and great tit populations. In a good spring when there are plenty of invertebrates for the tits to rear large broods, then the number of sparrowhawks increases to take advantage;- conversely in a cold, wet spring with fewer invertebrates, the numbers of tits declines with a corresponding fall in sparrowhawk numbers. It is only when man interferes with the food chain that this balance is upset and I'm not sure to what *raptor explosion* Dickie is referring. If he means that we are now seeing birds of prey in good numbers because there is the habitat and prey species to support them, then that's good news as far as I'm concerned. In Shakespeares' day the red kite was the most common bird in London and found throughout the country; only being driven to near extinction by the activities of man; similarly every county in England had it's own local name for the osprey, a far cry from the situation today when there are only around 300 pairs in the country and most of those in Scotland. Dickie refers specifically to grouse shooting but my comments on that will relate to any form of keepered shooting, where artificially large numbers of game species are reared. Given such an excess of numbers, it is hardly surprising that the local raptors will take advantage of the proffered bounty, and again, there has been some research into deterrents and substitute feeding to allow both shooting and raptors to co-exist. It is interesting to note that one raptor in particular is suffering as a direct result of conflict with the shooting fraternity - the hen harrier. Call me cynical, but it is difficult to reconcile how large parts of upland moorland hold breeding populations of this bird but on adjacent shooting estates, with exactly the same habitat, not a harrier to be seen. Given that raptor persecution has been illegal for many years, it is most unfortunate that in this more enlightened day and age the shooting, poisoning and trapping of raptors still continues.

I do not agree that changes to the way the moors are managed for shoot-

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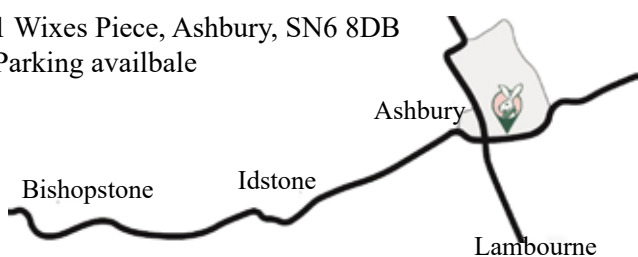


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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Bishopstone
	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Harvest Family Communion	Lyddington
		6.00pm	Evensong	Hinton Parva
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	7.00pm	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Lyddington
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Wanborough
	Last Sunday after Trinity	10.30am	Harvest Family Communion	Hinton Parva
		6.00pm	Evensong	Lyddington
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	7.00pm	All Souls	Wanborough
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Bishopstone
	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent	10.30am	All Saints' Patronal Festival	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

A friend of mine decided to go for a complete change of career. He wanted to become a commercial airline pilot. From earning his private pilot's license he then went on to commercial pilot training and had to learn how to fly different types of aircraft. There are a number of people in our villages who have travelled a similar path and flown all over this amazing planet of ours having done so. The thing with this and so many other kinds of training is that at some stage these skills have to be put to use. Some might say that it's when we start using our skills, outside of the training centre or classroom, that we really begin to learn.

In factories there are the teams that make things and they are supported by the teams that keep the equipment running. In business there are teams that look for opportunities and those that try to develop those opportunities. All of this can get clogged up by

too many policies and procedures. We all groan when we hear that yet another place that we've enjoyed has been restricted to the point of closure, because of the weight of Health & Safety rules. Visits to the bell tower at St Andrew's during the Wanborough Show are a case in point.

Bible bashers are no different. Quoting long lists of, *thou shalt*s and *thou shalt not*s, has only served to diminish an amazing part of the real you and the real me. Division rather community, guilt rather than care, and judgement, rather than encouragement, have been the result. The good news is that they are not the author of the Good Book. They are simply fellows who are struggling in their own way to make sense of it in the light of their own experience. Whenever being right becomes more important than our relationship with another then alarm bells should be ringing, and loudly. Precisely because we are all unique, the art is in weaving those

differences together to enrich each other and those around us.

Saul Alinski worked out that if you have twelve people in a room, you have twelve pairs of ears. However, if you have twelve ministers in a room, each with a congregation of one hundred, then potentially you have twelve hundred pairs of ears. Saul used this model across a variety of faith communities to resolve the abject poverty in Detroit. He found that people of different faiths working on a common theme began to lose sight of their differences. More than this, they learned to enjoy each other's company to an extent that surprised them all. What brought them together became the focus; and knowledge and care for each other grew at the expense of division and separation.

The basic training school of God is love of, and for, each other. It's through doing so that we get glimpses of God precisely because we are all, everyone of us, made in His image. The huge



variety of people points to the enormity of God's love; and the extent that God will go to, for us to appreciate that all that we have comes from God. Harvests are dependant on the God given weather, as well as the efforts of those who work the land, and indeed the sea. And the point of this life is that God wants to harvest each one of us. All of us are good enough for God to want us home, and in the same way as satellite navigation is directing our tractors, fishing trawlers and combine harvesters, our prayers and our Bibles give us true direction into our True Life In God. We know it's true because its whole purpose is to bring us together. May God bless you in all you do and all you harvest.

With best wishes and prayers.

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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### Pimms on the Lawn success for Root and Branch

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August, Hanger Park House played host to Pimms on the Lawn, organised by Bishopstone and District Gardening Club (B&DGS) in aid of local charity, Root and Branch. Pimms, cream teas and a quiz were enjoyed by all, raising a fantastic £370. The *cream on the scone* (as opposed to icing on the cake!) was a generous £250 match donation from B&DGS bringing the total to an incredible £620!

Root and Branch wishes to extend sincere thanks to B&DGS and the hosts Marion & Rod Peck of Hanger House, Hinton Parva for all your hard work organising the event, for promoting Root and Branch and raising significant sums to help support people with enduring mental health difficulties. The money will be used to support projects in engaging with wildlife and nature.

Root and Branch is looking for more volunteer gardeners.

Please contact Karen English or Ruth Laidler on

01793 780 380 or visit our website [www.rootandbranch.info](http://www.rootandbranch.info).

Karen English

Centre Manager

My office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:45am-4:00pm.

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**All Souls Service**  
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30<sup>th</sup> October  
**St Andrew's Church**  
**Wanborough**  
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St Mary's Bishopstone  
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**October** Lorna Ford &  
Linda Matthews

**November** Jill White

**December** Fran Shishton &  
Karen Stevens

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*

### Happy Birthday

Toby Ford, who for many years was the churchwarden at St. Swithun's, was 99 years old on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Belated happy returns Toby.

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# Bishopstone & District Gardening Club

## The Village Produce Show

The 14<sup>th</sup> September was a multicoloured success of flashy flowers and vibrant veg, tasty cakes and clever craft. There were a few surprises this time amongst the winners, and a few seasoned exhibitors who retained their trophies for yet another year. It really is a fun village annual event, although I can't help but feel saddened that, except for Bishopstone school and the children's brightly coloured artwork with themes from Aladdin and castles, the number of children's entries has dwindled to zero! Use it or lose it folks... and don't forget to rotate your crops next year!



### Trophy winners:

Single Rose – Mary Darling; Art – Sarah Bally; Heaviest Potato – Elizabeth Spence; Highest No of points, Pot plants & Veg - Adrian Dent; Fruit - Marion Peck; Photos & Flowers – Sue Dent; Domestic – Karen Stevens and Best in show & Floral Art – Chris Thomas.



They all look so lovely, how on earth do they choose a winner?



Who grows the best leeks? More than a matter of life or death, but I think we can say, this year it is Marion.



Children's artwork: (Key stage 2) Aladdin 1<sup>st</sup> prize awarded to Eleanor Stoneham.

Photographs by Sheila Collins

### Diary

#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Sit back and let your taste buds salivate and gain a new insight to fruits, vegetables and even **Chocolate!** Aldeha Raymond is here to tell us about Insects that make Christmas.

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Our combined AGM and Supper Evening. Venue TBA for our gardening club members.


We meet 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:

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Sheila

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## The Royal Oak Diary

Oh come, friendly meteorite, wreak your worst on this plague riven pit. Sounds like Shakespeare (joke) but it's all my own words as I watch in horror at the latest attempt to *govern* the country. There's still space on the **Royal Oak luxury bus**—it's currently nearly half full—as some of us leave for team building and generally well behaved, laughable and possibly futile protesting in London on **19<sup>th</sup> October**. Anyone arrested for sitting down in Whitehall will probably miss the bus home, please note. We're not waiting, no matter how laudable your activities. That's you Mr McGuigan. There are several more jokes in this edition, but you'll have to work quite hard to spot them. **The Rugby World Cup** kicks off late **September, running thro' to 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. It's on the pub TV, all the way through, and while we will probably be unable to mount much of an audience for Russia vs Georgia or similar, we do hereby solemnly promise to cover all games featuring England, Scotland and Ireland; big matches including France, Argentina, Australia, All Blacks and S Africa also, plus all the action in quarters, semis and finals. Have I missed any serious country here? Just consider it, the chance to enjoy breakfast quite a few times with your politically incorrect (in Church organ terms) local pub landlord. Breakfast will be served when appropriate, of course, and we'd love to look after you. Kick off times range from 8.15 ish to 11.15ish, all am. Roll up. Make a noise. It'd be good to



know beforehand if you're likely to be around, but we also love spontaneity. **Bonfire night** creeps up on us again—always **5<sup>th</sup> November** in these parts, a Tuesday—and after a few low level complaints and comments last year, including Mr B standing with his hosepipe in the High Street, we think it was a hose pipe anyway; despite all our Fire Brigade sponsored cautiousness and generally caring combined with cavalier approach, we won't be hosting a full bonfire this time. I'm away in Japan at that time anyway, leaving just before Brexit date, and some of our pub customers are hoping I'll have a hard time getting back in. Russell Hatch is planning something a little more gentle and possibly eccentric, based around the pub, and we will provide more details in the next newsletter. It will involve burning things, he assures me. But he promises that health and safety, and thatched roofs, will be top of his considerations. Welcome to the village, our new neighbours in Jeff and Sharon's old house in the Cues Lane cut through to the pub car park. Depending on who you believe, Jeff and Sharon have either gone to Kings Lynn where the golf courses are terrific, or they've joined up with the rest of the organic pig herd just above the village. But you'll have to read Helen's book to know what I'm talking about. I wrote the spicy bits. Might see you,

TF

**Re Raptors** (*Continued from page 6*) ing will have such a detrimental effect and there should be room for both the shooting of game, and raptors to co-exist and the moors would certainly not be barren of wildlife. As far as local economies are concerned it is estimated that the white-

tailed eagle re-introduction on Mull now contributes over £5million per annum to the local economy. I am sure that this sort of sustainable ecotourism model could be equally as well applied to the uplands, making them more accessible to a greater proportion of the population for the greater part of the year, rather than to those who choose to shoot grouse for a couple of months a year. Should not the resurgence of the raptor population, coupled with some highly successful reintroductions, also be heralded as a success story?

Clive Hill

### Hinton Coombes Working Parties - Volunteers Needed

**Green Gym, Community Spirit, Conservation, A bit of a laugh...** whatever you want to call it, the National Trust working parties are back. The sessions run from 10.00am to 12.30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided along with all tools, gloves etc. We meet in the car park behind the village hall in Hinton Parva. Volunteers would be helping to directly contribute to the diversity of this wonderful habitat by encouraging an abundance of wildflowers and butterflies over the summer months.

#### The Dates Are :

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
 Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
 Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
 Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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## Opinion, Division, Uncertainty and Blame

Well here I am, almost 42. I was not there at the start, not by a long shot. Born into the era where TV was commonplace but new enough that I was aware of many of the old black and white shows that exploded from the 1950's/60's mixed with the gritty colour of the 70's and bombastic 80's. It seemed like technology was striding ahead and the future was just within our grasp, indeed shows like *Tomorrow's World* screamed our hopeful naivety. The advent of home computers became a reality, the ultimate in labour saving devices. Mobile phones, originally only good for weightlifting, got smaller, did more and lasted longer. And the internet, a form of instant global communication, entertainment and education free of the trappings of government legislation, bringing forth a future of which Gene Roddenberry would be proud. In some ways it has, 3d printed nerve controlled prosthetic limbs are an affordable reality, people are living longer with more freedoms than ever before. There's a *but* coming, I know you can sense it - you see it every time you turn on the TV, the radio, the internet, it is pervasive and almost impossible to pin down, a kind of social frustration where we have learned so much about ourselves and the reality that we live in that it is almost paralysing to the senses. As we saw technology mirroring Star Trek, we dared to hope for food from thin air at the touch of button, gadgets that could mend our broken limbs – at the very least, our own version of the moon landings but alas no. I think society has never been so divided, the internet, the tool for bringing us all together has become the legitimised soapbox platform for any and all half-baked conspiracy theorist muddying the waters of factual information, the list of disparate groups is endless; comment sections of many websites and streamed videos quickly become toxic. Ordinarily this wouldn't be a problem, the online world is a place where the anonymity of the keyboard warrior means

that they don't have to adhere to the tenants of common decency that we observe in real life one-on-one conversations, but this is not the case, it has bled over into the real world. With TV and the internet, politicians are under constant scrutiny, their lies and obfuscations laid bare to the world. I recall at school being taught about the impact made on the environment by fossil fuels and still it seems to be debated if climate change is happening in the face of overwhelming evidence. Is it any wonder that cases of depression, anxiety and mental illness are on the rise when it seems that we are unable to learn from the mistakes of the past? It seems that we weren't mature and responsible enough to keep up with technological growth, or maybe these are societal growing pains and things will get worse before they get better.

*A Non Mouse & the editorial team*



### And Almost Finally...

Don't panic chaps, Mrs Mantelpiece hasn't been captured by aliens, she's having a month off, but will be back. However, I think we will be hearing more from A Non Mouse in the future, welcome to the team AN Mouse. Meanwhile, I'm using some of my space to thank everybody for their kindness, support, good wishes and even flowers, after the nerve wracking and upsetting experience of my cottage being burgled. Contrary to some people's perception, the police have been great, visiting me a couple of times and telephoning to keep me up-to-date. Not sure if they have caught the swine (apologies to any real pigs reading this), but I will keep you informed. Also I had a visit from the *Bobby Van*, a wonderful set up that will advise on security, fire precaution and also computer security (you'll be hearing more from them next month). Have you read the article on the front page about Community Messaging? Sounds good to me. Pure coincidence that it is there, but we know there is no such thing as coincidence, don't we?

*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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