

VILLAGE NEWS

August 2023



SHOW OFF YOUR PLUMS!

It's Bishopstone and Hinton Parva Gardening Club Show on Saturday 9th September at Bishopstone Village Hall. Marvel at the vibrant array of homegrown fruits, vegetables, and flowers on display. Admire the skillful photography and explore the creativity in craft exhibits. A delightful event for all green thumbs and art enthusiasts!

For more info on attending and also entering your own creations, see page 5.

BISHOPSTONE WITH HINTON PARVA

VILLAGE FETE

The Old Rectory, Church Lane
Bishopstone

Saturday 9th September
12- 4pm



The Red Arrows graced our skies in July (see page 8). Photo: David Wade

ALL THE FUN OF THE FETE

Return of a village tradition

If welly wanging is your thing and you've been longing to hook a duck (yellow plastic variety!), get yourself down to The Old Rectory in Bishopstone on Saturday 9th September for all the fun of the village fête!

You can help save the planet by recycling, reusing and repurposing precious treasures from the White Elephant and Accessories stalls, and reduce your food miles with scrumptious treats from the Country Larder and the Flying Pig. If you like a flutter, try your luck on the tombola, raffle or bottle stall. If you need to de-stress, look out for old favourites Smash a Plate or Splat a Rat! There will be cream teas with freshly baked scones, a licenced bar serving Ramsbury brewery's finest beverages, a bouncy castle for the kids, and live entertainment from local celebrity bands.

A village tradition for countless years, sadly interrupted by Covid, the fête conventionally takes place each summer, alternating between fabulous garden locations in Hinton Parva and Bishopstone. The proceeds help to maintain our beautiful and historic village churches.

Participating in the village fête is a great way to meet new people and make new friends. Volunteers are needed to run stalls, direct traffic, collect entrance fees, sell raffle tickets, bake and make, serve and wash up on the day – whatever skills you can offer, you'll be welcomed. The organisers would also greatly appreciate donations for the stalls or prizes. **Please also remember to BRING CASH as not all stalls will have card readers.**

To offer help, on the day or beforehand, or if you'd like a table for £10 please contact Chris Thomas on 07789 414 147.

To arrange drop-off or collection of your donations, please contact individual stall holders. (see page 3)



waste in our households and recycle what we can but do you ever give any thought to how much waste organisations produce? Hospitals must surely produce the most – and I do appreciate why – so much single-use equipment, encased in plastic to keep it sterile, meals in cartons using single-use cutlery etc. And of course for businesses and services, time is money. I volunteer as a teaching assistant at a local school one day a week on my day off and have often wondered why their recycling is so limited – because it's done on a large scale I suspect. Their paper recycling is only for 'white' paper for example. My mission next term is to find out more and see if anything can be done to improve this.

Another example is every end of summer term, the school hires and fills a skip of items that are no longer needed or are broken etc. I suspect 'my' teacher thought I was completely barmy as I rescued box files (hopefully to find a new home on Olio soon!), 'out-of-date' teaching books that still have a monetary value on resale sites and sorted paper from folders etc. to be recycled rather than sent to land-fill. I don't expect teaching staff to spend their time doing this – I know their time can be better spent. But if we could improve this as a community, what a valuable lesson to show the children with the bonus of potential money-saving for the school. Is there anyone out there who would be willing to lend a hand next year? If so, do get in touch via the Ed.

Karen Walker



Plastic Free July has come to an end and I'm pleased to say that as a result of the '3 for the Sea' campaign that I reported on last month, I have a new habit that has been as great for my own health and well-being as it has been for our local environment. To recap, the idea is that each day you 'rescue' 3 discarded bits of rubbish that might otherwise end up in our waterways and ultimately the sea. As a result, I feel more motivated to get outside, even if I can't persuade someone else to come with me, and definitely get more exercise than usual. I've also got more adventurous with my walks, trusty litter-picker in hand, as our usual haunts improve litter-wise. If I know fitting in a walk is going to be a problem due to lack of time or the weather, I now keep a paper carrier bag in the car and pick up items when I've been out and about – or double my quota (or more!) on other days. I'm also recycling more. Rather than doing a litter-picking binge every few months which resulted in a huge bagful that went straight into the bin, I can sort through my little daily load and recycle what normally turns out to be the majority. On a regular route, I target different recyclables on different days to make it even more efficient – sadly getting 3 (or more!) plastic bottles or aluminum cans is rarely a problem. On other days, I take out a bag that's difficult to recycle (that's you – Lily's Pet Food!) and fill that up with non-recyclable litter and pop that straight into a bin when done. I also find it only adds on a manageable amount of time to my walk on a working day – so easier to fit in. And it gives me a great deal of satisfaction! I can't recommend it highly enough if anyone else is considering giving it a go. I'm hooked!

I'm pleased to report I've found another local zero-waste shop, called Tribe, that's well worth a visit in Faringdon. Full details can be found at tribezerowaste.co.uk.

Finally, I'm sure many of us are doing all that we can to minimise

Bishopstone Stores

Here I am on a very rainy and somewhat dull afternoon that has much more of an October feel to it than an August one, searching the old grey matter for newsletter inspiration...Its just not quite the same as this time last year...ice cream sales are down, I have no reason to moan that the shop doesn't have air-con and I have even condemned my feet to a pair of winter boots! And then, like a ray of sunshine, in walked a charming young chap who we now know as 'Mr Pippin'.

Mr Pippin asked for me by name and shook me by the hand. Long story short he made a lot of staff very happy that afternoon by producing a box of doughnuts. Now, these weren't like normal, run of the mill doughnuts...these were exceptional doughnuts!

Some of you may already be familiar with Pippin Doughnuts. We like them because they are a lovely, small, family run company just down the road in Swindon, who use all natural and locally sourced ingredients wherever possible. We also like them because they have agreed to supply our little shop with a once-a-week delivery of their superb doughnuts, cruffins and cinnamon buns! So, pop it on the calendar, put a reminder on your phone and tell every member of the family that Fridays will be Doughnut Day! We will have a fabulous selection of these amazing treats ready and waiting for you every Friday...we know how popular they are so don't delay, or let me know what you would like the day before and I'll make sure I save you exactly what would you would like.

Keep a close eye on our Facebook page for details of flavours

available and give me a call (01793316150) or drop me a message to place your order. These really are not to be missed! See you on Friday, if not before!



Opening Hours

Monday – Saturday 9am - 6pm

Sunday 9am - 3pm

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BISHOPSTONE WITH HINTON PARVA VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 9th September 12-4pm - The Old Rectory, Bishopstone

DONATIONS NEEDED

COUNTRY LARDER - cakes, bread, jams, preserves, homegrown fruit + veg, eggs, etc.

(To Gill at The Malt House, High St. Bishopstone if not able to bring on the day)

WHITE ELEPHANT - bric-a-brac, household items, decorative items, ornaments etc. (no large items)

(To Lesley at Upper Farm, Hinton Parva or Gaye at The White House, High St, Bishopstone)

ACCESSORIES - jewellery, belts, handbags, scarves etc.

(To Val at The Coombs, Hinton Parva nr. village hall)

BOOKS - fiction, non-fiction, children's

(To Mandy at West Hinton House, Hinton Parva SN4 0DH)

BOTTLE TOMBOLA - alcoholic and non-alcoholic bottles

(To Val at The Coombs, Hinton Parva or Gaye at The White House, Bishopstone)

CHILDREN'S TOYS

(To Ella at Hillside, Hinton Parva SN4 0DH or Gaye at The White House, Bishopstone)



Bishopstone & Hinton Parva WI



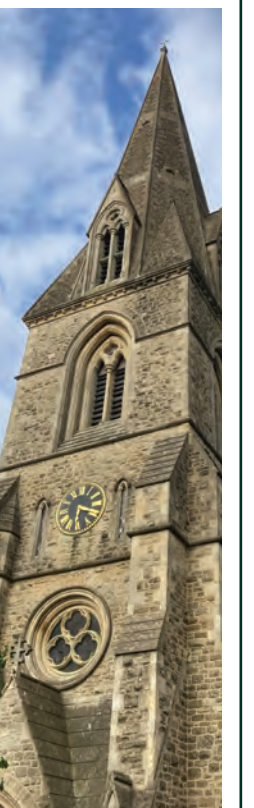
Our July meeting was a guided walk around Swindon Old Town. Fortunately the evening was dry and we were able to enjoy the walk without getting a drenching from the predicted rain. Our guide for the walk was Nancy Heath, who is the President of the Swindon Old Town WI. Nancy has lived in Old Town for many years, and has researched the history of the area in some depth. Her knowledge and amusing anecdotes kept us fascinated for over an hour, and we all agreed that we could happily have listened to her for even longer. Swindon Old Town has many lovely old buildings and Nancy's stories brought the history of its development to life. Nancy encouraged us to 'look up' when walking around so that we didn't miss the detail at the top of some of these historic buildings.

A good evening was finished off by members meeting up at The Brewers in Wanborough where we were well looked after as usual.

New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining please contact: janatwan@icloud.com

Future date:

Thursday 10th August at Bishopstone village hall. Bishopstone Pottery-the journey with Sue and Adrian Dent. Doors open at 7 p.m. for 7:30 p.m.



Happy Gardens



by Jane Pearson

AUGUST MUSINGS

Having just returned from a lovely break, this month's musings are short and sweet. My own garden needs attention, and it occurred to me that yours might be the same? So, I'll jump straight into the potting shed and catch up with you all next month!



THE POTTING SHED THINGS TO DO IN JULY

Traditionally August is one of the hottest months of the year (I'm crossing my fingers for us all!) making watering essential, it's also holiday time so you might need to enlist the help of friends and family to look after your garden whilst you're away. Alternatively, call to arrange some help and enjoy your holiday with peace of mind, and return to a gorgeous, thriving, weeded, pruned and watered garden! It's a new service and I'm offering 20% off this summer to Bishopstone residents. When you are home, here's a list of outdoor tasks.

- Summer prune Wisteria - Cut back the whippy green shoots of the current year's growth to five or six leaves after flowering.
- Prune summer flowering shrubs such as lavender, once they've finished flowering.
- Summer prune your restricted forms of apples and pears.
- Keep deadheading your flowering plants - just pinch off the faded blooms with finger and thumb.
- Keep watering your containers. Even when it's been raining!
- Continue to collect seeds from garden plants.
- Cut out old, fruited canes on raspberries.
- Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners.
- Feed your soil with green manure*.

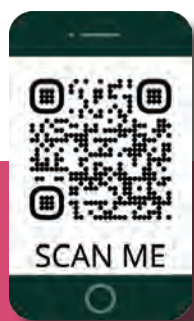
*Have you tried green manures?

They're fast-growing plants sown to cover bare soil. Often used in the vegetable garden, their foliage smothers weeds and their roots prevent soil erosion. When dug into the ground while still green, they return valuable nutrients to the soil and improve soil structure. I'm going to give them a try this autumn and I'll put a list of suitable green manure plants on my web site (see below)

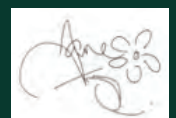
Happy Gardening!



Please visit my website at janepearsondesign.com/blog for a list of my favourite evening scented plants, Readers Question Time and much more!
www.janepearsondesign.com/blog



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Shrivenham & District Gardening Club



Our August meeting was very entertaining and informative with Carol Gubler talking on 'All Aspects of Fuchsias' and NO slides, which was very refreshing as we didn't have to sit in the dark! There is no meeting in August as we are holding our annual dinner, this year at the King and Queen at Longcot.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 5 October with a talk from Sonya Wright from the nursery at Ogbourne St. George. All visitors will be made very welcome (there is a small fee of £3 per meeting).

Earlier in the year we had a 25th anniversary talk from Chris Beardshaw on the garden he created for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital and we are very pleased that as a result of making a profit that evening we were able to donate £250 to their garden project.

Further details can be obtained from our Secretary on 01793 782338.

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Bishopstone & District Gardening Club

In July Peter Biggs from Wanborough Herb Nursery, one of our regular speakers and Silver Medallist at Chelsea, came with ideas for plants that will tolerate our increasingly hot dry summers and the resulting conditions and irregular rainfall. He explained the various coping strategies which plants have developed to survive dry conditions, there are those with long deep taproots, others have adapted their leaf shape to be small, narrow, rolled, or hairy to reduce water loss. Succulents store moisture and aromatic plants have oils which help to retain water.

Peter had brought along a large selection of all types of herbs which tend to grow in poor dry and stony soil that are well adapted to coping with hot arid conditions as well as being beautifully scented and having some very pretty flowers. We came away with a much greater appreciation of how to recognise drought tolerant plants and how to care for them and many of us bought examples to try in our own gardens.



DIARY DATES:

Saturday Sept 9th Bishopstone and District Gardening Show in Bishopstone Village Hall

Its only a couple of weeks away so I hope you have started to plan your entries, nurture your flowers and vegetables, take some photos, practice your baking and have your preserves ready. Classes for children and adults covering flowers, plants, fruit, vegetables, preserves, baking, artworks, handicrafts and photography. Something for everyone.

Full details of classes available from Chris Thomas 01793 790106. Entries to be submitted by Tuesday Sept 5th, exhibits to be brought to the hall and displayed between 8am and 10.30am. After the judging the hall will open for viewing at 1pm. Awards will be presented at 3pm. followed by a sale of exhibits, any not for sale must be collected between 3.15pm and 3.30pm.

GOOD LUCK everyone!

Friday 9th October Quiz and Chilli Supper Night in Bishopstone Village Hall

Come and join us at our annual Quiz Night, this has become an ever popular evening of fun, good food, plenty of playful rivalry and banter!

Everyone is welcome and no need to know much about gardening. Further information in September newsletter, but in the meantime get the date in your diaries!

Contact: Marion Peck, 01793 791 001

Bishopstone & District Gardening Club Show

FRUIT, FLOWERS, VEGETABLES, PHOTOGRAPHS, DOMESTIC & CRAFTS

The summer season for Flower and Produce Shows is well under way across the country. We may not be Chelsea or Hampton Court but we can promise you the traditional and local excitement of our very own **Bishopstone and District Flower and Produce Show**.

There will be the joy of a lovely pair of cucumbers, delightful dahlias, tongue tempting treacle tart, fascinating photographs and much, much more.

Not only can you come and wonder at the amazing entries to the show but you can take an active part as well. So whether you are a gardener, photographer, artist or artisan, flower arranger or cook, there is bound to be something you can enter. Age is no object either. There are creative classes for children too.

You could experience the sheer pleasure of seeing your hard work rewarded with a prize card or trophy and the delight of knowing you have won!

If that is not enough for you, then we have a raffle, refreshments throughout the afternoon and a sale of exhibits at 3.30pm.



SAT. 9th SEPTEMBER 2023

1.00pm

**BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL
FREE ADMISSION**



Whether you have entered the show or just come for a look around we cannot wait to see you there.

If you would like a schedule of classes then please contact us either by email:

banddgclub@outlook.com

or call:

**Chris Thomas: 01793 790132
or Sue Dent: 01793 790246**

Ask Fanny



Notes and queries from readers, a response from our local agony aunt...

Dear Mrs H

I've heard there was an inconclusive meeting of vexed parties last month regarding various ideas for reducing the number of speeding vehicles through Bishopstone. I've always found, as a pedestrian, that as the speeding vehicle approaches you, by just taking one step out towards the middle of the road, it often helps to focus the driver's attention on his/her wayward behaviour. Hopefully, sometimes it would cause them to plough headlong into the village pond, a salutary lesson indeed, but mostly it just causes them to slow down (as hoped) and often flick a V sign at you (predictably enough).

I wonder if you have a view on this, Mrs Hole?

Mr F, Bishopstone

Dear Mr F

This is indeed a very good policy, although please ensure that you're not pushing your grandchildren in a pram at the same time. I did that once and I've never been allowed out again. I've always had the view that the narrow roads in and out of these villages help to slow antisocial driving, but seeing people hurtle through the gravelly gap outside Al Fresco causes me to doubt this. Personally and uncontroversially, I think the idea of a blanket 20mph everywhere in both villages is spot on, regardless of the blinkered bureaucrats who say it's not allowed for some reason. Up yours, Delors, as we oldies used to say.

Fanny

Dearest Dearest Fanny

About bloody time; some recognition in that last issue for the degenerate dope smoking, wife swapping hooligans of Hinton Parva, even though much of the fun was 30 years ago (and more!). I have to wonder if the decline in wife/partner swapping in our village is in any way connected to the increased prevalence of climate change? Could there be a link?

Yours, Mrs DD

Half way up the Hill (on the left in case you're passing), HP

Dear Mrs DD

I feel you could be right. Increasingly we are seeing warm and moist weather, encouraging people to plant turnips and gigantic radishes, in preparation for Armageddon and the various other tipping points that are forecast; and of course the phone box in HP is now a dusty seed swap zone when it used to be the location for other types of swapping, illicit meetings and dope smoking. All this points to a marked change in behaviour, although I've heard that in dear old Bishy, they're still partying behind the pond as if the end of the world is nigh.

Mrs Hole

Dear Fanny

Why was it called wife swapping? As one who took part in these louché 'events', I always thought swapping my husband a few times a year was a terrific opportunity, which I took with both hands.

Yours curiously, Mrs AA

Dear AA

Yes, there were some good parties at your house, I well recall. Awfully difficult sometimes to get a parking space! And yes, both hands often required.

Fanny

Dear Mrs H

Towards the end of last month, local people, including my neighbours, started hanging white plastic bags on their gates and railings for a few days at a time. At once point I wondered if they were going to add some Christmas fairy lights to help illuminate this pretty scene. Have I missed something, somewhere? Is it a bit like that clap for the NHS thing a few years ago?

Mr Richard, Mount Pleasant, Bishopstone

Dear Mrs Richard

Thanks. I have also noticed this phenomenon and while some people, even in sweet smelling Mount Pleasant, have moved their plastic bags to a more discreet location, plenty are still decorating the lanes of this parish. I have heard that one of our noble parish councillors has asked the local tubby fellow from SBC to ensure his plastic fairies get their jalopy here asap. As usual, it's a cock up, not a conspiracy.

Mrs FH



Mrs F Hole will continue to be delighted to answer any reasonable and unreasonable queries from readers. Email me (Mrs F. Hole) with any queries: BishopstoneEditor@gmail.com

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DICKIE'S diary



We are what we eat. This does seem like an unarguable fact. And another simple fact is that if you eat food or drink with too many calories and don't burn it off you will get fat. Where it gets more interesting and open to endless debate is over what you eat. Henry I of England aged 68 and in good health in 1135 died of too many lampreys for his supper. Lampreys are a kind of eel. Henry VIII and George IV both put on too much weight. Barry who died in 2021 was 65 stone at his fattest and died in 2021 as the heaviest man ever in England. Our noble ancestors were on occasions great feasters. I have in front of me an account of items laid on for thousands to attend Sir Watkin Williams Wynn's coming of age celebrations in 1770. 30 bullocks, 50 hogs, 60 calves, 80 sheep, 18 lambs, 70 pigs, 51 guinea fowls, 49 turkeys, 84 capons, 40 chickens, 360 fowls, 96 ducklings, 48 rabbits, 421 lbs of salmon, 274 other fish, 206 crabs and lobsters, 166 hams, 12 sides of bacon, 100 tongues, 60 barrels of pickled oysters, 200 cray fish, 18,000 eggs, 104 pork pies, 30 bushels of potatoes, hundreds of tarts and cakes and much more food (plenty of variety) and drink including 120 doz of wine and 70 hogsheads of ale.

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eat?

Today there is an additional agenda. There are those who want to reduce their carbon emissions forgoing meat in favour of eating only plants. They used to be called herbivores. I think veganism is the same. Most vegetarians will eat fish and eggs. Vegans risk having to take supplements to top up their vitamin B12, omega3 and fatty acids and minerals such as iron and zinc, all of which are supplied in meat.

Going vegan for a week is fine but sticking to it continuously seems beyond the reach of most. Talking celebs, Delia Smith decries vegans. Bear Grylls rather famously has abandoned veganism in favour of a meat only diet. He is reported not to be eating vegetables. This seems equally as extreme as being a vegan. He is in denial of the accepted five a day recommendation for vegetables. Thirty a week is more achievable in most households. The former body builder Arnold Schwarzenegger advocates a 20:80 diet, cutting back his meat to 20%.

Many would have us eat less meat but of better quality. Grass fed is better for the planet than beef which is housed and grain fed. Heavily processed meat and so called junk food carry additional dangers which can overload the liver. Nuts as an alternative source of protein may well feature more in the future. They tick a lot of boxes.

Just now it's the best time in the garden with courgettes, broad beans, runner beans, beetroot, lettuce and carrots all coming into the kitchen. However, we do this because fresh veg tastes good, and not because it saves any money.

AUGUST PUZZLE:
win a £10 voucher

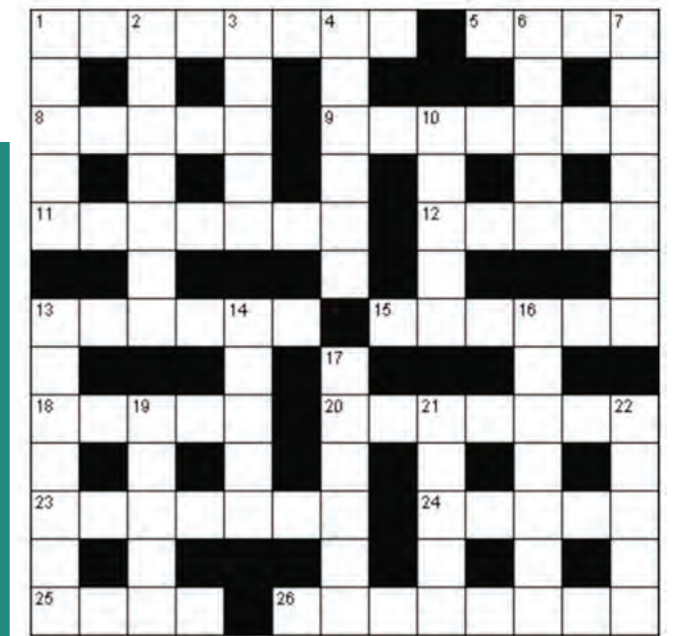
Across

- 1 Tree feller may be civic dignitary (8)
- 5 Be conscious of payment that's left behind (4)
- 8 Foreign currency found in a remote part (5)
- 9 Dutch capital and part of London doing business (7)
- 11 Glass for the acrobat (7)
- 12 Start using some paint rollers (5)
- 13 Fools start to suspect judge (6)
- 15 Persian king holding power in island (6)
- 18 Wide awake right after drink (5)
- 20 Cut out tax before the start of December (7)
- 23 Animals after stolen food (3,4)
- 24 Country seen when one's left Indonesia (5)
- 25 Bogarde's knife (4)
- 26 Freedom of speech is blessing in disguise(8)

Down

- 1 Examination of car taking little time (5)
- 2 Monday's awkward for current suppliers (7)
- 3 Rustic part of the lower Urals (5)
- 4 Poisonous snakes, they reckon (6)
- 6 Order used in the dictionary (5)
- 7 Sloe gin is bad for lots of soldiers (7)
- 10 Friendship? Girl embraces it (5)
- 13 Embarrassed sailor with a place for tools? (7)
- 14 Fight with animals turning up right away (3-2)
- 16 Rest cut short? One expected rest (7)
- 17 Popper with stand? (6)
- 19 Carpenter is to go in without fish (5)
- 21 Go up and get caught on branch of tree (5)
- 22 Churchmen carried away in sedan? (5)

Be in it to win it!



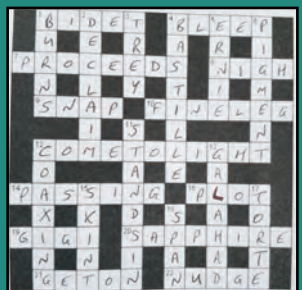
REMINDER: Please submit your completed crossword by the end of each month either by foot or by email to Lynne at Bishopstone

Stores, who will drag a winning name from a hat if more than one of you is bright enough to complete it. When you read your name in the next edition to say you've won, you can nip back to the shop to be presented with a nice shiny voucher for £10 off your bill at the pub or in the shop.

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JULY WINNER

Congratulations Pete Walker again. Keep 'em coming! Please visit Lynne at Helen Brownings' shop to collect your voucher.



July Solution

UPCLOSE AND THRILLING

The Red Arrows, the Royal Air Force's renowned aerobatics display team, spoilt us with our very own air show over Bishopstone and Hinton Parva on 21st July. For the first time since 2014, this was actually in celebration of The Defence Academy, Shrivenham's Advanced Command and Staff Course graduates and marking the end of their studies.

The skilled pilots took to the skies, painting the blue canvas with thrilling manoeuvres and precision formations. Their signature red Hawk jets roared with thunderous grace, leaving vibrant trails of smoke behind. The breathtaking display showcased their remarkable teamwork, discipline, and expertise, mirroring the core values instilled in the cadets during their training. Amidst cheers and applause, the Red Arrows epitomised the spirit of excellence and commitment, leaving an unforgettable impression on the new generation of defence professionals. What a treat for us and congratulations graduates!

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Photo: Skies above Bishopstone 21st July 2023

Stay safe on Whatsapp



Larger WhatsApp groups are being targeted by scammers, who infiltrate them and deceive members into sending them money. Since January, 268 people have reported falling victim to this scam. Action Fraud reports indicate that victims are often part of large WhatsApp community groups or academic, work, and religious groups.

The fraud begins when a group member receives a WhatsApp audio call from the fraudster, pretending to be a member of the group, to gain the individual's trust. The scammer uses a false profile picture or display name, and at first glance appears to be a genuine member of the group.

The fraudster tells the victim they are sending a one-time passcode enabling them to join an upcoming video call for group members. The scammer asks the victim to share this passcode with them, so they can be registered for the video call. In reality, they are obtaining a code to register the victim's WhatsApp account to a new device and take over the victim's WhatsApp profile.

Once they have access to the victim's WhatsApp account, the fraudster enables two-step verification, blocking the victim from their own account. The scammer then messages group members, or friends and family in the victim's contacts, asking them to transfer money urgently as they are in desperate need of help.

How can you avoid being a victim?

Never share your account's two-factor authentication (2FA) code (that's the six digit code you receive via SMS).

Set up two-step verification to give an extra layer of protection to your account. Tap Settings > Account > Two-step verification > Enable.

THINK. CALL. If a family member or friend makes an unusual request on WhatsApp, always call the person to confirm their identity.

You can report spam messages or block a sender within WhatsApp. Press and hold on the message bubble, select 'Report' and then follow the instructions.

If you have been a victim of fraud or cybercrime, report it at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.



The remarkable Kate Wright runs the Bishopstone School parents' fund raising suppers every month at The Burj, Foxhill. These suppers have so raised thousands of GBP for extra school excitement.

The next one is Aug 14 (you might have missed it), and then second Monday of the month after that.

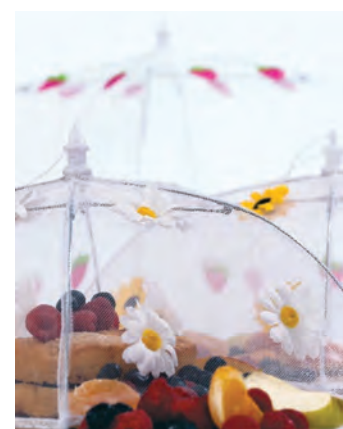
Only £17 a head, starts 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

Contact Kate at katew@bishopstone.school.uk if you'd like to take part/enjoy/help.



The Gadgeteer

Food Umbrellas!



Well, it may have stopped raining by time this goes to print but Food Umbrellas are the latest craze in covering prepared dishes for garden parties, picnics, barbecues or family gatherings. A great way to keep pesky bugs and wasps away from your food but with a nod to fine presentation. Usually known as cloches in the trade, you may know them as the shiny silver-plated covers under which your white gloved butler presents to you a small

roasted bird such as grouse or partridge at the dining table. Even better presented with a synchronised reveal! Things have perhaps moved on in the real world. The umbrella versions are a great solution: they are relatively inexpensive (sub £5.00), collapse down for storage and the nicest ones are

often adorned with coloured flowers or bees, for example. Another version would be the wire mesh domes or cloches. Usually hand finished in the Philippines or Vietnam, applying bright raffia to make decorative flowers, fruit, insects and animals, these are widely available from garden centres and department stores.



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Inside the Peach Pip

Amphibian, by Christina Neuwirth

I picked up this novella the last time I visited Edinburgh, at Lighthouse, a wonderful indie bookshop that calls itself Edinburgh's Radical Bookshop - well worth a visit if you're in the area. Usually I go there to find new books on feminism, neurodivergence, gender identity... All sorts of things I find interesting. On this occasion, I diversified and opted for *Amphibian* from the fiction section, having been intrigued by its synopsis and, if I'm honest, liked the cover (don't judge). When I went up to pay for this and a few other books, the person serving me picked it up and said, "Oh hey, this is my book!" Chuffed that I had chosen her first solo publication, Christina kindly offered to sign and dedicate it to me and we had a wee chat. You've got to love independent bookshops!

As I sit in bed writing this on a particularly dreich day in Edinburgh, having moved to the city only yesterday, *Amphibian* seems an appropriate book to feature as my first Peach Pip Books recommendation from afar. It centres around Rose, a young woman working in a corporate office in Edinburgh which is gradually flooded. On purpose. By the head office. To 'improve productivity.'

On the first day of the flooding, the water is ankle deep and the worst problems caused are soggy shoes and socks. As the days go on, however, and the water gets to knee-height, then waist and even shoulder-height, her working situation becomes more and more ridiculous. Measures are put in place to protect electrical items, screw desks to the floor and weigh down stationery to prevent the whole

office from floating. Employees sit at their desks in scuba masks and snorkels. Fish tanks become engulfed by the rising water, so that the office is essentially a fish tank. Rose traipses home through the Meadows day after day, soaked to the skin and baffled. Yet she doesn't quit! It seems to me to be a commentary on the extent to which big businesses can mistreat their employees without much complaint, how far employees will put up with jobs they hate, and how a productivity-fuelled environment is not conducive to productivity.

This book is absurd and hilarious. I laughed out loud on several occasions at various ludicrous mental images, including this one:

You'd walk into your office and find your chair floating there on its back, like a leisurely swimmer, and you'd have to pull it towards you, tilt it slightly and get on it when its feet were pointing downwards.

I don't know why that one tickled me so much.

Pip pip,
Anna



CHURCH NEWS

A Letter From The Vicar

Dear Friends,

Well - we have some good news from the Benefice – at last some may say!

From September the experienced Curate from Wroughton will come as our Curate-in-Charge until a permanent Vicar is appointed. He will still be under the care of the Vicar of Wroughton & the Area Dean.

His name is Rev'd Chris Hunter, who in a former guise was a primary school teacher. Chris' time with us will help to prepare him to move on to his next post in due course. Chris will be taking several services in the month and I will still be around to take some of the services – so not quite fully retired yet!

We already have a strong relationship with Bishopstone School which Chris will build on in the coming months. We hope he will be able to strengthen the links with Wanborough School, especially as they can use the Church again for some of their celebration services.

Chris will be the first point of call for pastoral services – baptisms, marriage and funerals .I will still be available to take services when asked for.

I am grateful for this help, freeing up some precious time to be with the family. I think it will be hard for me to 'let go' as I have loved my times in the Benefice and made many friends. So please pray for Chris and for me in this phase in our lives and that of the Benefice. With love & prayers.

Sandy

Church Services in the Benefice
full details on www.achurchnearyou.com

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Sun	13.08.23	10.30	All Saints', Liddington
Sun	20.08.23	10.30	St Mary's, Bishopstone
Sun	27.08.23	10.30	St Andrew's, Wanborough
Sun	03.09.23	10.30	St Swithun's, Hinton Parva
Sun	10.09.23	10.30	St Andrew's, Wanborough
Sun	17.09.23	10.30	St Mary's, Bishopstone
Sun	24.09.23	10.30	Harvest, All Saints', Liddington
Sun	01.10.23	10.30	St Swithun's, Hinton Parva
Sun	08.10.23	10.30	St Andrew's, Wanborough
Sun	15.10.23	10.30	Harvest, St Mary's, Bishopstone

The Villagers would like to remember
Linda Curley who passed away at
the end of July. We pass our sincere
condolences to Graham and his
family at this sad time.



Lovely Lillie, helping with the church flowers.

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If you do decide to join us, adult membership is just £40 for the first year.

The green will open on Saturday 8th April (weather permitting) and then every day until the end of September. There's lots of parking on site.
wanboroughbowlsclub.org.uk

The Parish Times

Bishopstone Parish Council, serving Bishopstone, Hinton Parva & Russley Park

August 2023

COULD YOU BE A COUNCILLOR?

A vacancy has arisen on Bishopstone Parish Council (which includes Hinton Parva and Russley Park) following the resignation of Cllr Doug Stevens.

The parish council must, by law, co-opt someone to fill the vacancy as soon as possible and we hope to do this at the next monthly meeting on 4th September.

The ideal candidate will have the qualities shown in the person specification (see right). Bishopstone Parish Council has a clear and transparent procedure for co-

option, which can be found under 'Policies' on the parish website at www.bishopstoneandhintonparva.org/ documents and notices

If you would like to find out more about being a parish councillor, please contact the clerk or speak to one of our current councillors.

The parish council wishes to express its gratitude to Doug Stevens, who has given more than fifteen years of service to our community. His knowledge and experience were invaluable and will be missed.

MAKE A CHANGE
BECOME A COUNCILLOR

BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL PERSON SPECIFICATION: CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Competency	Essential	Desirable
Personal Attributes	Sound knowledge and understanding of local affairs and the local community	Brings a new skill, expertise or key local knowledge to the Parish Council
	Positive and enthusiastic	Adds to council's representative diversity (*see below for definition)
Experience, Skills, Knowledge and Ability	Forward thinking	
	Solid interest in local matters	Transferable vocational or professional skills (for example: knowledge of procurement, contract management, planning, financial control, risk management and compliance, agriculture, arboriculture, HR, public relations, communications)
	Ability to listen constructively	
	Good interpersonal skills	
	A good team player	
	Ability to communicate succinctly and clearly, including by email	Experience of working with voluntary and/or local community/interest groups
	Ability to pick up and run with a variety of projects	
	Ability and willingness to represent the Council and their community	Experience of working in another public body or not for profit organisation
	Ability to contribute opinions at meetings whilst willing to see others views and accept majority decisions	Basic knowledge of legal issues relating to town and parish Councils or local authorities
	Ability to remain calm and professional in a heated debate	Good standard of computer literacy
Other requirements	Ability and willingness to work closely with other members and to maintain good working relationships with all members and staff	*Diversity includes but is not limited to race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, social class, physical ability or attributes, religious or ethical values system, national origin, and political beliefs
	Ability and willingness to work with the Council's partners (e.g. voluntary groups, other parish Councils, principal authority, charities)	
	Ability and willingness to undertake induction training and other relevant training	
Other requirements	Ability and willingness to attend meetings of the council (or meetings of other local authorities and local bodies) in the evening and events in the evening and at weekends	

Meeting held to discuss 20MPH consultation

Thank you to all residents who responded to SBC's informal consultation on its proposals for a 20mph scheme in Bishopstone.

Swindon Borough Council will now collate the feedback and share it with our ward councillor, Gary Sumner, before deciding whether to proceed with detailed plans and come back to the community with a formal proposal and consultation.

Parish councillors do not expect to hear anything further from the borough council until the autumn.

Twenty-five villagers attended a 'town hall meeting' on 19th July.



It was convened at short notice by the parish council to enable villagers to

ask their questions about SBC's outline plan.

We hope that attendees found the session informative and helpful and were able to advise friends and neighbours.

Thanks to all parish councillors who attended, and to Cllr Sumner for coming along to explain the process to residents.

You can keep up to date with the progress of this proposed 20mph scheme for Bishopstone online at https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20135/traffic_management/657/traffic_regulation_orders_tros/2

THE PARISH TIMES FOR BISHOPSTONE, HINTON PARVA AND RUSSLEY PARK

MATTERS ARISING

Some of the matters discussed at August's parish council meeting were:

20mph consultation The Chair reported that 25 members of the public had attended a meeting on the subject, where feelings ran high. She reminded attendees the parish council's role is to facilitate the process and not express favour for any particular design. SBC officers will now collate residents views and an update issued in due course.

Verges Cllr Green had contacted Cllr Sumner with regards to New Road being overgrown and causing a danger. Cllr Sumner informed the parish council that SBC has a policy of re-wilding and has reduced verge cutting to sight-lines and entrances. A maintenance schedule has been requested and is still awaited from SBC.

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The Parish Council's policies and documents can be viewed at bishopstoneandhintonparva.org/

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2023/24

4th September **Hinton Parva**

2nd October **Bishopstone**

6th November **Hinton Parva**

4th December **Bishopstone**

2024

8th January **Hinton Parva**

5th February **Bishopstone**

4th March **Hinton Parva**

1st April **Bishopstone**

Meetings begin at 7.30pm. Late changes are shown at bishopstoneandhintonparva.org/parish_council/ and on the notice boards. Members of the press and public are welcome to attend.

Useful Information

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Report fly-tipping or pot-holes to SBC: swindon.gov.uk/my_account

Wiltshire Police non-emergency number (less urgent than 999): 101

Borough Councillor Gary Sumner - GSumner2@swindon.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCILLORS' KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Finance Nigel Crisp/Lucille McGrath

Footpaths and Highways Julian Cooke (Hinton Parva)/Ian Thomas (Bishopstone)

Pond & Island Steve Bell/Ian Thomas

Hinton Parva Village Hall Val Brodin

Bishopstone Village Hall Steve Bell

Hinton Parva Charities Peter Cooke (PC nominee)

Bishopstone United Charities Doug Stevens, Christine Thomas (PC nominee), Laurie Manktelow (PC nominee)

Trees Julian Cooke (Hinton Parva) Ian Thomas (Bishopstone)

Russley Park Liaison Nigel Crisp

Responsible Financial Officer Jaine Blackman (Clerk)

Planning Ian Thomas/Tom Green

Website/IT Nigel Crisp

Policies Gill May

School liaison Lucille McGrath

CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

All planning applications, their history and all supporting documents can be viewed at: www.swindon.gov.uk/planning

Planning issues are discussed at the monthly Parish Council meetings. Public representations are heard prior to the start of the meeting.

S/HOU/23/0761 Erection of a car port at Lower Farm House, Lower Farm Lane Bishopstone.

LATE RECEIPT OF PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS

S/HOU/23/0678 Installation of solar panels to the south and east facing roof of the dwelling at Winding Wood, Icknield Way Bishopstone. **Comments by 21/8**

PENDING DETERMINATION

S/23/0190 Change of use from agricultural to residential land and erection of 1 no. dwelling (class C3) with detached garage at land adjacent to Westhill House, Hinton Parva.

S/HOU/23/0718 Extension to existing garage to provide home office at Charlbury Cottage Icknield Way Bishopstone.

S/LBC/23/0392 Erection of a detached outbuilding/ home office at Hergest Ridge, Cues Lane, Bishopstone.

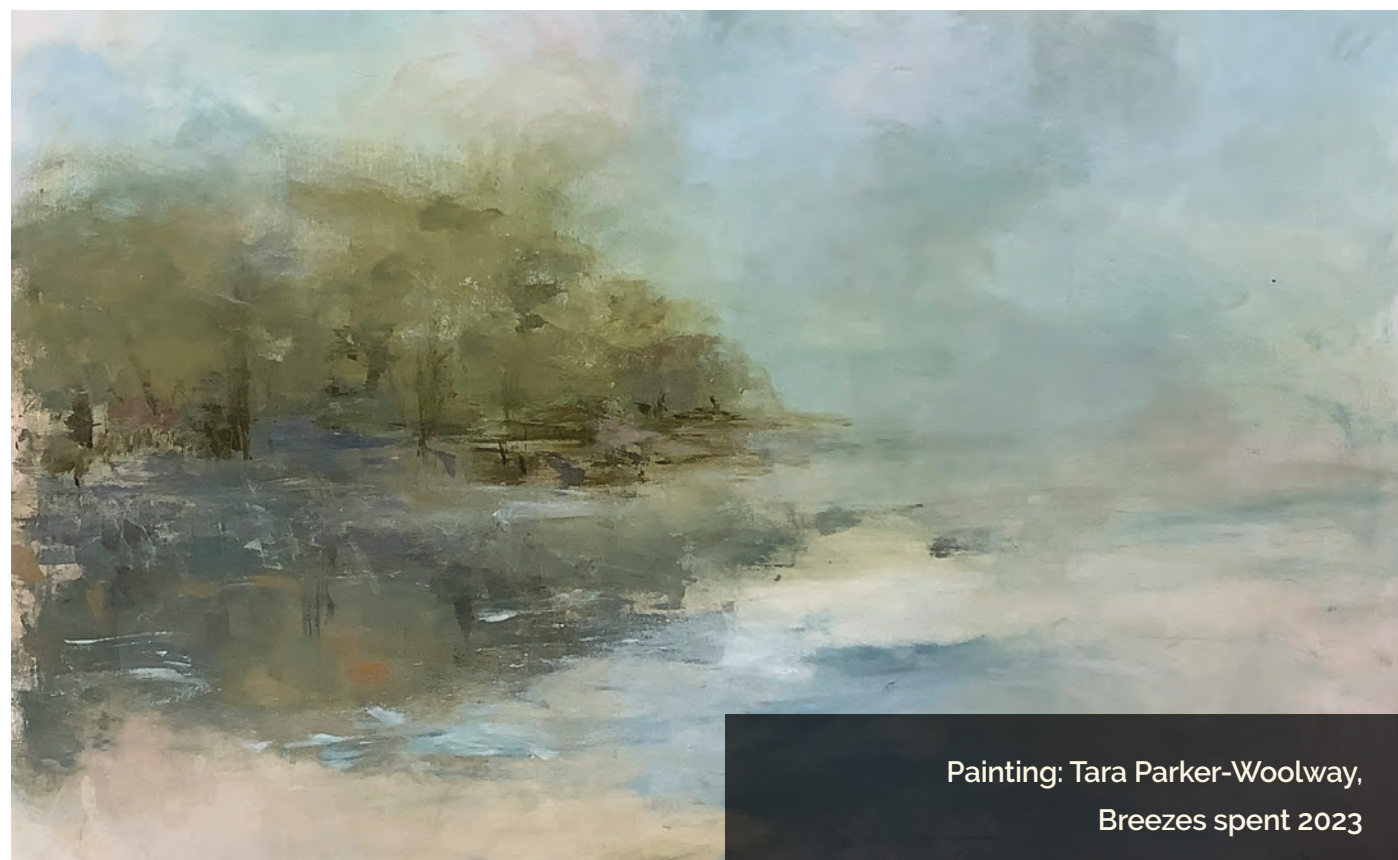
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S/HOU/23/0498 Erection of a two storey rear extension, replacement windows, removal of chimney stack, heat pump installation and associated works at: Hill Manor House, Hinton Parva.

S/HOU/23/0641 Erection of a single-storey infill extension, conversion of garage into living accommodation and installation of a flue to west elevation at 1 Whatleys Orchard, Bishopstone.

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Painting: Tara Parker-Woolway,
Breezes spent 2023

Opportunity to Visit Your Local Artists

16th & 17th, 23rd & 24th September 2023

Swindon Open Studios is a free community exhibition celebrating the talents of local artists, including several village-based artists from Wanborough, Liddington, Bishopstone and Bourton.

During the weekend of 23rd and 24th September your local artists would like to invite you into their studios and homes for a chance to see where and how their art is made, with the offer of refreshments too.

As a visitor you will have the opportunity to engage directly with the artists in their studios, to discover what they do, giving you a direct insight into their methods along with the chance to buy original and affordable artwork or commission a piece.

Your local artists are: Sheryll Fox, Hilary Sinclair, Nicky Sutton, Charlotte Riley, Ushma Sargeant and Tara Parker-Woolway. They will be distributing printed brochures locally, through pubs, shops, clubs and local events. However, if you would like a brochure delivered, do get in touch and they will drop one through your letterbox.

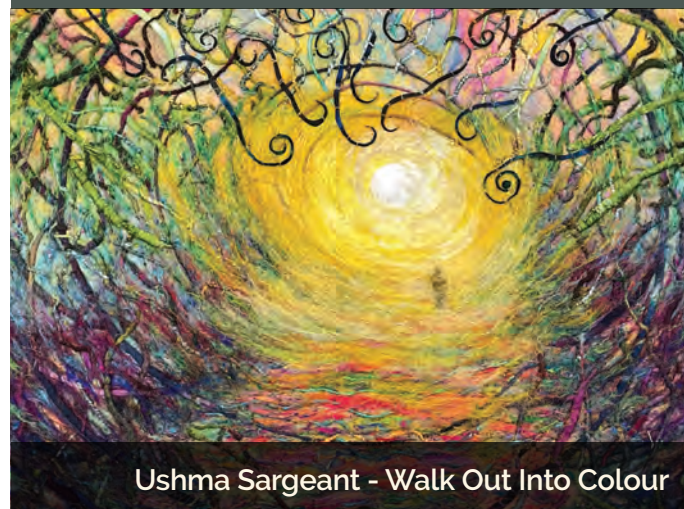
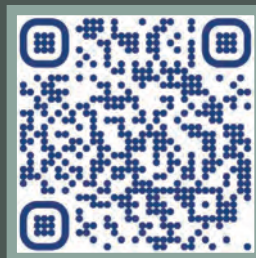
With 49 venues opening up and around 150 artists exhibiting across Swindon and the surrounding villages for this year's event, there is going to be a tremendous choice for visitors. The studios and venues are as eclectic and individual as the makers and artists themselves, so please go along and support the creativity in your neighbourhood.

You may also wish to venture to nearby artists in Liden and at The Richard Jefferies Museum, where Deanna, Rachele and Claire will welcome you.



www.swindonopenstudios.org

For more information
about Swindon Open
Studios and to find out
more about your local
artists you can visit the
website



Ushma Sargeant - Walk Out Into Colour

2023 Participants

Sheryll Fox (Wanborough)

Principally a figurative artist, Sheryll loves to explore characters to convey emotion through her paintings. Much of her work is inspired by her background in theatre. She works with textures in acrylic paint and uses a mixture of graphic and abstract techniques to give a dramatic effect. www.skfoxart.com



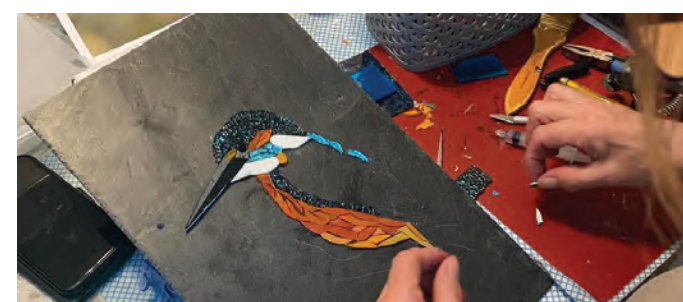
Hilary Sinclair (Wanborough)

Hilary has a representational painting style and enjoys exploring the effects that both oils and watercolours can achieve in different circumstances. Hilary paints predominantly still life and landscapes. Inspired by the natural world, Hilary also loves to paint outside, to create small studies that she can use to develop larger paintings. Making a visit to her studio you will see how she sets up to paint a still life, as well as see original paintings, and cards in both media. www.hilarysinclairfineart.co.uk



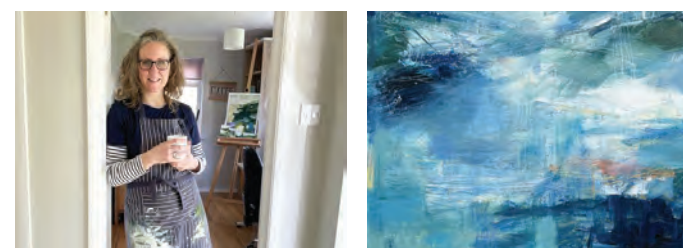
Nicky Sutton (Wanborough)

Nicky is a passionate mosaic artist. She started making mosaics 6 years ago, and was hooked from the outset. The endless possibilities and many types of tesserae available to create mosaics is what Nicky loves the most about her art making. Having fallen in love with stained glass, as well as incorporating preloved jewellery, her pieces make for a beautiful and unique addition to your home or garden. Nicky also offers bespoke commissions and workshops to learn how to work with glass too. www.instagram.com/fabricamosaics



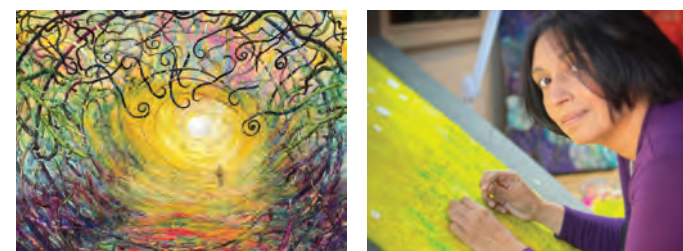
Charlotte Riley (Liddington)

Charlotte is an intuitive abstract artist. She creates paintings and collage pieces inspired by the line, shape and texture of the landscape. She enjoys working in acrylic paints, pastels and pencil to make marks, and build up layers, textures and depth to her pieces. Charlotte will have a collection of original artworks on display, as well as her studio sketchbooks and works in progress for you to see. www.instagram.com/charlotterileyart



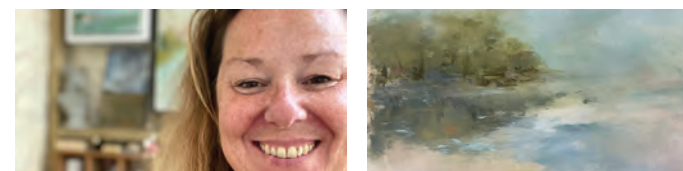
Ushma Sargeant (Bishopstone)

Visit Ushma's garden studio to see her original artwork, hand-made with dyed fibres and full of vibrant colour. She has lots of new work to see this year, including new abstract work exploring mental health, symbolism and colour. Meet Ushma and see demonstrations of her fibre work and the materials she uses, as well as enjoy some refreshments and the Ridgeway view from her terrace. www.ushmasargeantart.com



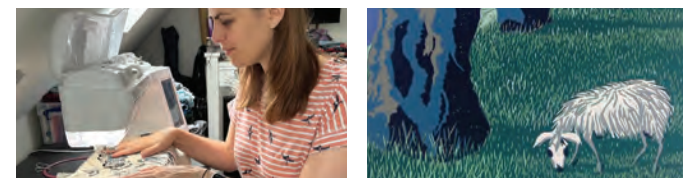
Tara Parker-Woolway (Bourton)

Tara will be opening her art studio in Bourton. Her lively gestural painting style enables her to convey an impression of a subject which is rooted in reality but not bound by it. Tara works in many media, but mainly acrylic and chalk. www.parkerwoolway.co.uk



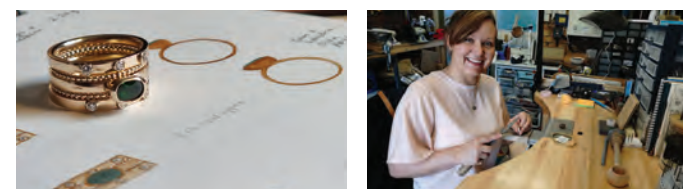
Richard Jefferies Museum

Rachele Dickie, a textile artist with a passion for wildlife and nature, will be exhibiting with printmaker **Claire Tubb**. They will both be showcasing a collection of their nature inspired original pieces, as well as offering demonstrations of their working practices. www.racheledickiedesigns.co.uk www.clairetubb.com



Deana Baker

Deana, a bespoke jewellery designer and maker based in Liden, will be opening her home studio, demonstrating how she uses her clients' unworn sentimental pieces, to create new pieces of jewellery inspired by simplicity of form. She will also have her current collection on display. www.deanabaker.co.uk



VILLAGE hall news



BISHOPSTONE

The answer is (was) blowing in the wind! It's been a quiet month in the Village Hall. We've just taken down the Union Flag that was hoisted for the country's premier event this year: Pig Racing for the King, and of course the Coronation! This has subsequently reminded us of the mark left by the hall sign. The original signage came loose in the storms earlier in the year and was later removed for repair and replaced by the flag, the right way up this time (thanks for the earlier guidance Adam!) The recently disclosed unsightly blot on the end elevation that marked the sign's location will be repainted and jury is out on the resurrection of the signage.

We have some electrical works scheduled at the Hall from 19th August - 25th August - please keep the car park clear during this time to allow contractor access and placement of a skip.

Many thanks.

Richard W

Chairman BVH

BISHOPSTONE ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE

On behalf of the Church Commissioners and their land agent Strutt & Parker, several half allotment plots are now available to rent by the local community. A perfect opportunity to grow your own fruit and vegetables.

The price is £8 per half plot per year (April to March)

No permanent structures such as sheds are allowed but low level storage is permitted.

Although livestock cannot be kept, bee keeping is encouraged by the owners.

If you are interested in taking an allotment in Bishopstone, contact **Steve Bell** on **07598 185643**



We've heard through the grapevine there is an appetite for a regular village Fitness Class or Pilates/Yoga class to be run in Bishopstone.

Should anyone be interested in setting up or running an event please contact: **Jo Homan: 07714 745 408**
jo@theorchardproject.org.uk for Village hall availability.

Fact of the month

Richard Gere's father, 'Gottler' was a famous ventriloquist.

Credit: Colin Wadsworth



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HINTON PARVA

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FRIDAY 7PM

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Dale and Jim Mitchell
Email: **hintonbridge@hotmail.co.uk**
Tel: **01793 627301**

VILLAGE HALL HIRE

Both Bishopstone & Hinton Parva Village Halls have availability if you would like to hire either of them.

BISHOPSTONE INFO/BOOKINGS:
Jo Homan: jo@theorchardproject.org.uk
Tel: 07714 745 408
Hourly rate: £11 residents, £15 non-residents

HINTON PARVA INFO/BOOKINGS:
Janet Hawkins: 01793 791391
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SECTION 14 - THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
- HINTON PARVA LANE, HINTON PARVA, SWINDON

This Order is being introduced for THAMES WATER works and will impose a restriction on driving on Hinton Parva Lane at City Corner outside West Hinton Cottage.

Traffic to be diverted via City Corner, Body Horse Hill and vice versa.
The Order comes into force on the 16 August 2023 for 6 months but it is anticipated works will take place between 16 to 18 August 2023.

Strategic Transport
11 July 2023

For further information please contact:
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For more details of road works and road closure around the Borough please visit www.swindon.gov.uk

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NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
- HAM ROAD, WANBOROUGH

This Order is being introduced for BEWLEY HOMES development and will impose a restriction on driving on Ham Road at the junction with Church Road.

Traffic to be diverted via B4192 to Commonhead Roundabout, Pack Hill and vice versa.
The Order comes into force on the 7 August 2023 for 6 months but it is anticipated works will take place on the 7 to 21 August 2023.

Strategic Transport
11 July 2023

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Photo of the month



Swallow tailed moth

CONGRATULATIONS to our team member and Bishopstone villager Graham Curley with this stunning moth picture.

Achieve local fame with your photographic skills. The lucky winner will be chosen by the team each month. They will have their photo printed in full colour, right here, for the whole community to see.

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The Royal Oak Diary



News that the mammoth bones found near Swindon, three years ago, might be being wrapped up and sold to a country in the middle east (for an eight figure sum, to the people who own that patch of land) reminds me of the relatively recent time that those Neanderthal remains were found near Ashbury. The enterprising landowner at that time was also considering selling to the highest bidder, but the Neanderthal relatives still living in the village kicked up such a fuss, even though their knuckles were dragging on the ground, that the (very long) forearm were re-consecrated up towards the Ridgeway. That family no longer runs the Rose and Crown, newcomers will be pleased to learn.

Anyway, for want of no other pressing news stories, I thought I'd have my annual pop at the neighbouring village, in the spirit of summer fun. It reminds me of the time that Kate Keller found the missing Boson Particle under table 4 at HB's Royal Oak, or so we thought. In fact it was a fossilized chip from the reign of the long lamented Brian Walkley, who ran this place as a proper pub - some of you will remember the horse racing on the two TVs, Brian acting as the telephone contact for a local bookies, smoke filled rooms, and a kitchen that served an interesting salad made of mandarin oranges from a tin. We did, despite all that, really enjoy it. Brian, I think of you often. He somehow managed, by spending at least £48, to create five bedrooms; three (three!) where we have our current upstairs (not outside) kitchen, and two where the shop now is. My, they were ghastly. But they were used often by unwary travellers who somehow found themselves marooned in Bishopstone, only too happy to pay £30 a night to climb into a bedframe and onto a mattress that then sunk so low you had to be winched out of it the next morning. We used these beds in our first couple of years here, around 2007, and finally relented and bought something better after one especially old but reasonably agile guest had to be rescued from his 'bed' by his two mates. When the Prince of Wales (now King Charles) turned up with his sixty guests in 2014, he used one of these rooms for his euphemistic 'rest' period and, as some of you will recall, it was re-named the Prince of Wales suite for the rest of its miserable life, and continued to trap unwary travellers from time to time.

As for the current month or so, all I can say is that there's an eclectic mix of entertainment lined up for those with, ahem, specialist interests. Do you fancy learning more about The Archers, the everyday story of country folk, on September 14? Long-time friend and media colleague Graham Harvey was the agricultural story editor and regular weekly script writer over twenty years, until about four years ago. His latest book, Underneath the Archers, is published this month by Unbound (find them online) and he comes to talk about his life with the Archers, and the Grundys, and what it's like working with them, and what the whole thing's about, over supper. £45 per person, great generous food, tell us if you'd like to be there.

We're hoping to have a rugby World Cup supper here, October 2, 3 or 4, on the assumption that England (most rugby people round here support them, I think) and most of the other home nations make it through the group stages. Our guest speaker is likely to be Dave Attwood, holder of 25 England caps and a stalwart of Bath and Gloucester. We will confirm dates and other

details next month. He is a supreme talker (and he was quite good at rugby).

The first ever National Agroforestry Show takes place at Eastbrook Farm on September 6 and 7. Tickets for one or two days can be bought online, and it's for professionals and enthusiasts. Trees can help to save us all, and deliver lots of other goodies at the same time, whether you're farming, or gardening on a decent patch. Advice, talks, tours, demonstrations, they're all part of the programme. Then there's some music and dance on the 6th, from 6pm - Andy Cato, our farming neighbour and musical genius, is performing a Groove Armada DJ set; supported nobly by Big Mudfish and Hooch. We have about 50 tickets left for this, all being sold through the pub at £35 each. A day ticket to the event also gives access to the music that night.

Finally, it's that time of year when you can bring your spare apples, pears, plums, etc. to the pub for us to juice. You know the score - we take them to the juicer, bottle and label them, and we give you some bottles back depending on what you've brought us. Make sure we take a name and phone number when you drop stuff off for us. We take almost any fruit in good condition, from now till mid November. Think about us when you see that fruit starting to drop from your trees.

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We have been busy gathering information on how to garden more sustainably and, to this end, we have had visits to both the Eastbrook Farm polytunnel and the Defence Academy market garden, where they have a policy of 'from plot to plate and plate to plot'. They have produced the most amazing rich compost that looks and smells like coffee! Not your usual compost smell.

There is no Repair Café in August as the date clashes with the Shrivenham Fete, so the next one will be **Saturday 23 September**. You might not be aware that we have adjusted our opening hours for Saturdays to (hopefully) catch more people as they go to get their papers, milk etc. Wednesdays stay the same at 1000-1600, but on Saturdays we will now be open from 0900-1400.

Currently we have a **pop-up school uniform event** – lots of primary age clothes – and we are also still accepting donations to this event. Why waste your money on new when you can get perfectly good pre-worn. The rate children grow, it makes sense and all we ask for is a donation to SS. Talking of donations, we have just accepted our 1,000th item to the Thrifty-50 store, where there is a very wide selection of new/pristine condition items from clothes to small electrical items (all checked and PAT tested) to children's toys to all sorts of household items.

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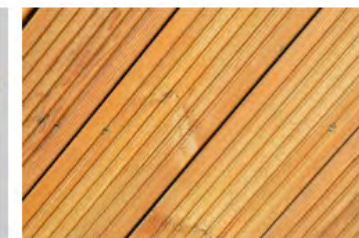
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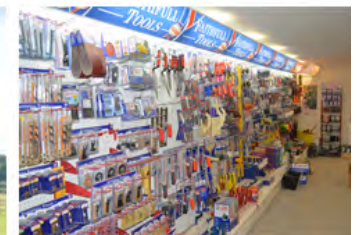
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2023	Time	Event	Place	Contact
19.08.23	from midday	Wanborough Village & Country Show	Church Meadow	wanboroughshow.org
19.08.23	from midday	Mini Pig-Stock. Mini farm tours & guided walks (pg 18)	Eastbrook Farm	01793 790 481
19.08.23	3-8pm ish	Music in the pub garden (see pg 18)	Royal Oak	01793 790 481
August Cancelled		Repair Café: The Hub (see pg.20)	56 High St. Shrivenham	sustainablesshrivenham@gmail.com
28.08.23	Summer Bank Holiday			
05.09.23		Deadline: Gardening club show entries. (see pg. 5)		Chris Thomas 01793 790106
06.09.23		Groove Armada/Andy Cato DJ set. (see pg. 18)	Info through Royal Oak	01793 790 481 tickets
06/07.09.23		National Agroforestry Show and Exhibition (see pg. 18)	Eastbrook Farm	01793 790 481
09.09.23		Bishopstone & Hinton Parva Village Fete 2023	The Old Rectory Bishopstone	Chris Thomas 01793 790106
09.09.23	1pm	B&D Gardening Club Show (see pg 5)	Bishopstone Village Hall	Chris Thomas 01793 790106
14.09.23	Supper	Graham Harvey, The Archers speaking over supper	Royal Oak	01793 790 481 bookings
16th/17th & 23rd/24th September		Swindon Open Studios: Free Local Artists Community Exhibition (see pg. 14/15)	Various locations	www.swindonopenstudios.org
23.09.23	9.30am - midday	Repair Café: The Hub (see pg.20)	56 High St. Shrivenham	sustainablesshrivenham@gmail.com
05.10.23		Shrivenham & District Gardening Club. Talk from Sonia Wright (see pg 4)		01793 782 338
2nd Mon of month	7.15pm	Bishopstone School parents' Fundraising Supper	The Burj, Foxhill	katew@bishopstone.school.uk
1st Tues of month	6-7pm	Sounds Like Women Radio Show	Swindon 105.5 fm	Hosts: Mandy, Tracy & Luiza
2nd Thurs of month	7pm Start 7.30pm	WI: Bishopstone and Hinton Parva WI	Bishopstone / Hinton Parva Village Hall	Jan Chapple janatwan@icloud.com

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