

VILLAGENEWS

Sept 2023



A lotta bottles

PHEW, WHAT A SCORCHER!

Summer's last gasp in the form of 30 degrees of sunshine ensured a great turnout for the Bishopstone with Hinton Parva Village Fête on Sunday 9th September. Supporters from miles around thronged to the Old Rectory and the church in Bishopstone to enjoy a sultry afternoon of good old fashioned entertainment, whilst raising much-needed funds to help maintain our historic village churches.

Much-loved local musicians The Cheesehouse Band and The Jaybirds hit all the right notes, and stall holders and visitors alike found their feet tapping as they hummed along to familiar tunes. "What a lovely atmosphere" many commented as they enjoyed delicious cream teas on the lawn.

"A proper village fête!" others declared, as they downed a cooling pint of Ramsbury's finest, licked their ice creams, and munched on tasty snacks from The Flying Pig while recovering from their exertions smashing crockery, crashing cans and splatting rats! "There's so much to do!" visitors exclaimed, as they tried their luck at the raffle and tombola and perused the many stalls offering second-hand treasures, plants, cards, books, clothing, toys, honey and more.

Canine friends were also welcomed. Many took part in the "not quite Crufts" dog show, where rosettes were awarded for fun categories including "waggiest tail", "fluffiest ears" and "looks most like their owner".

Stall holders remarked on how polite and well-behaved all the children were, though some struggled to decide how to spend their precious pocket money and even suffered 'buyers regret'. One small girl returned a toy she had bought,

VILLAGE FETE SPECIAL



Country larder



White elephant stall

asking very nicely for a refund, as she "really wanted to have a go on the chocolate tombola". Another lad was so disappointed to win two cans of beer for his dad, as he really, really wanted a 'fruit shoot'! A few more goes on the bottle tombola and both father and son left, completely satisfied.

The organisers did a magnificent job, before, during and after the event, and everyone involved should be congratulated on providing a splendid day out at a traditional village fête. Thanks are due to the owners of the Old Rectory for providing the delightful venue, to all those who generously donated goods and prizes, and everyone who helped make the day such an outstanding success.



How many men does it take to raise a gazebo?



Cheesehouse Band

Gardening club show... (see page 3)



I love a list and it seems I am not alone. You may have read in the press last month that 'women find list making pleasurable as it means they can complete lots of tasks'... a statement that I'm sure could provoke a lot of comment from both sexes!



However, I don't just love a 'To Do' list. (Although if you're interested, a free product at todoist.com (no 'I'), which you can use both online and as an app, synching across devices, has been really life-enhancing for me and makes me feel much better organised. You can prioritise, schedule and move tasks around to your heart's content with satisfying 'dings', awards and stats as you complete your items.) Hopefully it's not just an age-related thing but listing my infrequently used items has also been of real benefit. I know where these items are, but I can forget exactly what I have - and trawling for them can be time-consuming and doesn't always happen. But, for example, a Freezer List helps keep track of exactly what is at the bottom of the freezer and when it needs to be used by preventing waste and unnecessary expense. I now even have a 'Soap List'! I'm very partial to a nice bar of soap and squirrel them away in my various clothes drawers so they can also multi-task and scent my smalls before coming out to fulfill the role they were originally intended for. Prior to a shopping trip when I intended to stock up with more of my favourites, I thought I would just check what we already had - and found we already had 18 bars hidden away! Hence - my list! Out of sight, no longer needs to be

out-of-mind and reaching for my purse!

And of course there's no point having lists if you then can't find and easily maintain them. Mine are kept near to where they can be used - on the freezer, in the case of the Freezer List; on my phone - books I want to read for visits to the library etc. or in the back of my Daily Planner. (Despite the tech, I'm a big fan of old-school writing and use and heartedly recommend the Clever Fox 6-Month Daily Planner - essentially a series of lists that help you break down and achieve your life goals. I find looking at it every day and physically writing it reinforces the message and motivates me.)

Another thing I've benefitted from this month which might be of use to you is a reminder about how useful search engines and YouTube videos can be. They might mean you don't have to call upon an expensive expert or replace something needlessly. In our case, we have tilt and turn windows and a friend who was house-sitting managed to both tilt and turn the window at the same time, causing it to then not shut properly. I was the fourth person to have a go at solving the problem and am not known for my practical skills - but I am very tenacious! Anyway thanks to Mr Google and sitting down and watching some videos on how they worked and various things that may have gone wrong and to try, I'm very proud to say it's now fixed! It's amazing how many skilled professionals (and probably otherwise so I'd suggest checking more than one source to make sure it sounds legit!) take the time to record videos or answer questions that may help get you out of a hole and save you money and resources. I've used them in the past to service our Dyson for example and I suspect, extend its working life. I find them much easier to use than the line drawings and descriptions in manuals etc and can work alongside the video and stop and replay any tricky bits. Definitely worth considering, for all sorts of problems and 'How do I's in your life! I could be inspired to tackle our leaky shower door next!

Karen Walker



Bishopstone Stores

Wow - that was a busy one....where did August go?! Lots of exciting things happened here in the shop. Pippin doughnuts made their first appearance and due to you lot loving them, they are now a regular feature on a Friday! We now have our very own Jute shopping bags for you to carry all your lovely purchases in and we've got some beautiful new additions to our gifting range. These are all fairtrade, handmade items using sustainable materials and offer the perfect solution to a last minute gift emergency!

This month we are very happy to bring you our all new Blackcurrant Sylvan Spirit! This has been specially made just for us by the fabulous chaps at Wood Brothers distillery just over the Oxfordshire border. They have cleverly used our Bishopstone Blackcurrants grown on the Agroforestry Project to make the most deliciously fruity spirit. Lower in sugar with no preservatives, additives or artificial flavourings its got to be a great choice! It really is divine served on its own over ice - nice and refreshing for the last of our 'sitting outside evenings'. If you prefer to mix it, a dash of soda or tonic is perfect, or for a special occasion pop a bottle of champers and mix the two!

And a side note for those (like me!) that need to ask.... why Sylvan? Sylvan is the Latin word for 'located in the woods'. Derived from Sylvanus - the Roman God of the woods and fields and the ideal name for our newly created spirit!

We have 35cl bottles available in the shop or a little mini 5cl if you want to give it a try first!

Enjoy September, embrace the colour changes in our beautiful landscape and hope to see you soon!

Lynne



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BISHOPSTONE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB SHOW

The highly awaited Bishopstone and District Gardening Club exhibition unfolded within the cozy confines of Bishopstone Village Hall on a scorching Saturday, 9th September. The event garnered an impressive attendance, showcasing exceptional quality in produce and delightful culinary creations.

Ingenious crafts adorned the venue, attracting numerous curious onlookers. Additionally, a charming collection of paintings by local school children graced the exhibit. The triumph of the winners was truly well-deserved, reflecting the dedication and talent within the community.



Bishopstone & Hinton Parva WI



The title for our August meeting was 'Survival'. Members weren't too sure what to expect and whether they were going to have to go outside and build a camp. Luckily they weren't required to do this but instead were given a very interesting and amusing talk by Jeremy Holt.



Jeremy has a military background and is a retired commercial solicitor.

In recent times he had become aware that some youngsters didn't know how to 'survive' because sometimes everything is either done for them or made easy. He does lots of work on this with groups like the Scouts and explaining the basics to them on having the necessities like a hat and water. Also easy ways to keep warm such as tucking your trousers into your socks and wearing layers of clothing rather than just one warm item.

Jeremy also demonstrated the value and benefits of having a small container (an empty tobacco tin or glasses case) that would be easy to carry and could contain a variety of everyday objects for use in an emergency. Everything was miniature in size and often had more than one use e.g. elastic bands that could hold the container shut but also be used to keep sleeves tight for warmth. Amongst other items the tin also



contained safety pins, a whistle (very useful), very small scissors, thread, a small box of matches, a pencil stub, small candles. The tin was packed full and also had some cotton wool balls to stop everything rattling.....very useful if you were trying to hide from somebody.

Some of the members are soon going on a guided walk around Ashbury it will be interesting to see whether they practice any of the above!



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

PLANT SPOTLIGHT Autumn Colour

I've chosen a handful of plants for Autumn that are tough and cheerful and provide a blaze of seasonal colour.

Cyclamen Persicum produces delightful flowers until the first hard frosts. It will continue blooming into the winter in sheltered gardens or protected positions, such as a porch. Some plants bear flowers with a sweet musky fragrance. It likes a free draining soil.



Cyclamen Persicum

Purple Sage (Salvia officinalis 'Purpurescens') makes an ideal ornamental plant. Its metallic evergreen leaves look good all year round and smell great. They are just as edible as their green-leaved cousins.



Purple Sage

Ornamental Cabbages. For a long-lasting unusual display try ornamental cabbages. They're available in an enormous range of colours and leaf shapes and combine well with fine-textured plants such as grasses.



Ornamental Cabbages

Japanese Blood Grass (Imperata cylindrica 'Rubra') provides great texture in autumn bedding schemes. Its narrow leaves shine out a rich red in the low sunlight at this time of year. Plants die back to ground level over the winter.



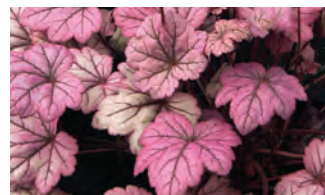
Japanese Blood Grass

Hardy Plumbago (Ceratostigma plumbaginoides) is a reliable performer for a sunny spot, with sky-blue flowers blooming for weeks on end in September and the leaves develop attractive wine-coloured tints. It's much loved by pollinating insects.



Hardy Plumbago

Heuchera 'Sugar Plum' is useful for contrast. It has bright pink leaves that provide long-lasting colour and a useful contrast to other plants, particularly grasses.



Heuchera

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SEPTEMBER MUSINGS

Hello again! The summer holidays are over and, on reflection, it's been a busy summer of garden making between rain showers. I'm now preparing gardens for the coming shorter days and cooler weather and mulching is on my 'to do' list. Back in July I wrote about Plant Feed & Fertilisers and promised to continue the conversation with soil conditioners and mulches, not a very sexy topic unless you're a freshly mulched plant, in which case, it's the best of treats!

FOR THE LOVE OF GARDENING September Feature: Soil Containers

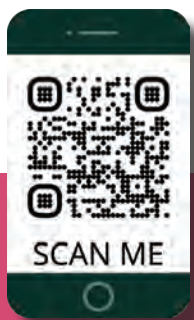
Back to basics: Soil improvers, soil conditioners and mulches are just other names for organic matter laid as mulches that improve your soil, plant growth and yield. Organic matter laid as a mulch will help to suppress weeds, and improves your soil structure and fertility, so it's worth using.

Home made garden compost, composted bark, leafmould and well-rotted manure are ideal, and autumn is a great time to use them. You can dig them into the soil, but I like to use the 'no dig' method and apply mine as a mulch on the surface (like a fluffy blanket) about 8cm (3 inches) thick and let the worms and winter weather work their magic. If you haven't got compost to hand, you can also use bark, woodchip and shredded woody waste and gently lay it between your plants.

I'll chat more about making compost and leafmould next month unless you can suggest me a different topic!

THE POTTING SHED THINGS TO DO IN SEPTEMBER

- Divide herbaceous perennials including grasses (but divide your crocosmia in spring).
- Plant spring flowering bulbs.
- Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals.
- Net ponds before leaf fall starts.
- Dig up any remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them.
- Cover leafy vegetables crops with bird-proof netting.
- Clean out cold frames and greenhouses ready for autumn use.
- Start to reduce the frequency of house plant watering.



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Bishopstone & District Gardening Club

We had a splendid turnout of 25 plus for our meeting in August to hear Mandy Bradshaw's talk which had to be postponed from March due to the snow. Known to her followers of her Blog, and on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as "The Chatty Gardener", she came to talk on "Getting the Right Angle at Chelsea". Primarily a journalist based in the Cotswolds, she is also a gardener and photographer so it is no surprise that she graduated from run-of-the-mill articles to a regular garden page in local newspapers and then Cotswold Life magazine with coverage of the major RHS shows including, of course Chelsea.



Mandy attends the Press Day where as a journalist she is able to explore the show gardens, meet the designers and the celebrities brought in to add the glamour and sometimes bizarre angles to attract, amuse and entertain the judges. In her articles she concentrates on coverage of gardeners, designers, plantsmen and even contractors who have a link to the Cotswolds, so being of particular interest to her readers. She obviously thoroughly enjoys her work, loves to recount her stories and has fun interviewing all the celebrities, even if she does need the crib sheet to recognise some of them!

DIARY DATES:

Friday 13th 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. So get your team of six together, decide on your name and book your table. Please book your table in advance for catering purposes from Chris Thomas 01793 790132. See you all there.

Wednesday 15th November: Jane Pearson Design : 'Room with a View Practical Workshop' Bishopstone Village Hall 7pm

A chance to learn how to plan a design for an area of your (or someone else's!) garden. The first of two 'hands on' sessions, the follow up session being in November.

Contact: Marion Peck, 01793 791 001

Shrivenham & District Gardening Club

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

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 5 October with a talk from Sonya Wright from the nursery at Ogbourne St. George, entitled 'Autumn Sorted - What, When, Why'. She will also be bringing some plants for sale. All visitors will be made very welcome (there is a small fee of £3 per meeting). The November meeting will be about the rockeries at the Oxford Botanic Gardens.

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Ask Fanny



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

Dear F
Imagine our unfettered delight when we spotted a just recognisable part of our house in the last edition, with, glory be, those lovely plastic bags full of plastic recycling dangling from our railings! At last, we thought, accepted as real villagers after 3 years. But what also came to mind is the recent unreliability of the Swindon recycling collection team—and we have to ask, is this due at least in part to the recent change of political make-up of Swindon Borough Council?

We are aching to be told.
Mr and Mrs AS, Mount Pleasant

Dear Mr and Mrs AS

As you know, being a church organ we cannot go into politics (and lots of other entertaining stuff) but i would just like to say that the previous political masters in SBC have managed to make Wanborough a fun free and inaccessible zone for the past two years working mostly with a business that's now gone into receivership. They have (had) 5000 employees but only two of them ever found enough time to get to Wanborough to dig up the road over that period, it seems. I feel that the change of leadership in the interestingly named Euclid St (I'm sure he was a Greek philosopher, he'll be thrilled to have that byway named after him) can hardly do worse. We shall wait and see. As for being accepted into the village, 3 years does seem remarkably speedy. I'm not sure you've got there yet!

Yours apolitically, Fanny Hole

AN APOLOGY—SORT OF!

I (and my correspondent Mrs LC) have been brought to heel by a Mr R of this parish, who feels that we denigrated the inhabitants of the newly gravelled path down to Smiths Bottom, since we apparently accused them of semi suburbanisation in their attempts to tidy up that muddy track. As I said at the time, very difficult in stilettos, mud or gravel. Anyway, please be re-assured by local gossip which suggests that the residents of Sunnyside Manor are utterly thrilled to have been alluded to in this column, that any complaints are water off a duck's back, and they will continue to live in harmony with their bitter and twisted neighbours.

Dear Fanny
How delightful to learn that a famous US heavy metal rock star (57m listens on Spotify!) got married in this village on a Sunday at the beginning of September, and that in the process he has promised a much better life for a Chippenham tattoo parlour owner. Although I heard she wants him to live in Chippenham! And such delightful music wafting over the village during and after the ceremony. What with that and the Grove Armada thingy, these villages are really putting themselves on the international cultural map.

Yours, Mr F, Cues Lane

Dear Mr F

Ha ha—I fear your enjoyment is not shared by everyone. I've heard that a 16 year old girl working her first shift in the village pub received an anonymous phone call about 9pm that evening, and the male voice said 'if you don't turn that music off I'll come round and kick your head in!' With some expletives removed of course, for the dainty ones among us. We thought that this was a poor start to the negotiation, especially from a decent long term village dweller, and

anyway the rock star and his amuse bouche were, I'm told, so exhausted by their nuptials that they retired to bed at 10pm and took their music with them.

Yours disappointed, Fanny

Dear Fanny

I have heard that the Bishopstone and Hinton Parva Amateur Dramatic Society is looking for new members to appear on stage this winter? This sounds awfully exciting—is there any need for previous experience of this sort of thing?

Mrs DD (again!), Hinton Parva (on the left up the hill. In case you fancy a shot of Tequila)

Dear DD

Thank you for your regular and interesting correspondence. Judging by past performances, I fear that no previous experience will count in your favour. All you have to is turn up for about 30 rehearsals on cold wet nights, learn your 100 lines and if necessary write the important ones on the back of your hand or on a dark part of the set. Some previous players have decamped to far flung places like Highworth in the past month or so, I have heard. I'm sure they'd be pleased to hear from you. They need more intelligent women (and fewer men!!)

Yours dramatically
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

At the great risk to matrimonial harmony I quote a very old English verse that goes “ A woman, a spaniel and a walnut tree, the better you beat them the better they be”. Personally, this seems all wrong to me but it could apply to buddleia or the butterfly bush that responds to heavy pruning. We tend to cut ours back savagely every year and they seem to love it. Buddleia seeds can establish themselves in dry, unpromising situations. Once there was one growing from a buttress high up on St Mary's Church tower at Ashbury. I have always been confident working at heights but to remove this plant was a challenge up a long ladder. For extra safety I enlisted assistance from John Bunce, then helping us on the farm as a part time gamekeeper, and he was also responsible for the tower clock. I had a rope round me secured by him up on the tower roof in case I fell off the ladder!

I am mentioning buddleias which came from China, brought here by the plant hunters around 1890, because of their attractiveness to butterflies. On a nice summer's evening, watching red admirals, peacocks, commas, tortoiseshells, and an occasional brimstone feasting nectar from buddleias in the garden can be a lovely, calming experience. William Henry Davies's poem “leisure” seems so appropriate: “ what is life if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare”.

So far this year we have seen a profusion of red admirals. I counted ten on our bush. They are amongst the brightest most colourful of our native species, only surpassed in my view by the larger purple emperor. This species, if you are lucky,



can be found flying high around the Ailesbury monument or amongst oaks on the rides of Savernake Forest in high summer. Another flashy butterfly is the orange-coloured silver washed fritillary and I spotted one this week in Devon in the Endsleigh Hotel gardens. I have read that we are seeing more red admirals because of climate change. Instead of arriving here from north Africa to lay eggs and breed, more are now overwintering here. Painted lady butterflies come over from the continent blown by helpful winds every few years in their thousands but I have not yet seen one this year. Meadow browns, skippers, marbled whites, gatekeepers and speckled woods are pretty common this year. On the downs, you see common and small blues. In the past I have recorded the rarer small copper and the green hairstreak but never so far here the duke of burgundy that lays its eggs on cowslips. They are seen on sites near Marlborough.

SEPTEMBER PUZZLE: win a £10 voucher

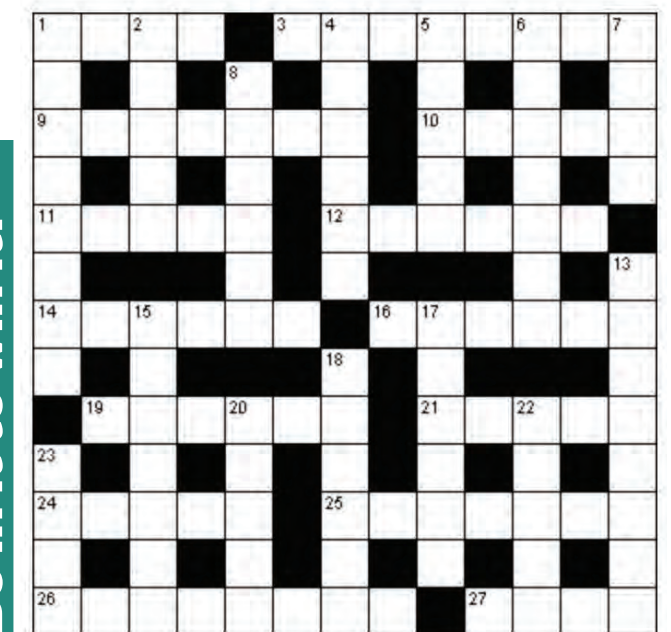
Across

- British sailors in American vessels (4)
- Dismissal repeated quickly (4-4)
- Very cold northern bird (7)
- Wood shot away from army base (5)
- Reference book eventually incomplete (5)
- Organised party members, originally haphazard (6)
- Get in a mess having a meal (6)
- Get to grips with equipment (6)
- Fight with energy in awkward situation (6)
- Trainee acted oddly (5)
- Sloth disturbed a composer (5)
- Tonic going backwards and forwards (7)
- Playful remarks may be injurious in time (8)
- Captured soldier with Resistance leader in front of boat (4)

Down

- As champion may be avoiding corporal punishment? (8)
- Neat trail, oddly enough, in part of South Africa (5)
- Ace has left the country, being in need of food (6)
- Flat land is not beautiful (5)
- Fish tricked by weed (7)
- Old man right for the role (4)
- More off for instruction? (6)
- He has a project for an airport (8)
- Parasite was first to be amused (7)
- Conservative embraced by a sweetheart in the recess (6)
- Her Majesty turned up with something boring or something infuriating (3,3)
- Continue performing somewhere in London (5)
- Many left port (5)
- City centre providing fish (4)

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

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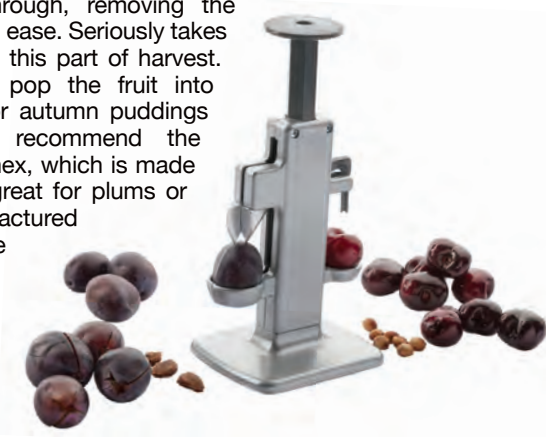
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The Gadgeteer



Plum Job

Seasons of mellow fruitfulness, etc., the time of year for harvesting stone fruit is upon us. What better investment is there than a Plum Stoner or Cherry Pitter. "Pah!" I hear you say, "another gadget to clutter the cupboard", However I beg to differ. Plum Stoners can actually make really light work of your harvest. They allow the efficient, bulk processing of fruits, giving a uniform finish ready for the next stage of processing. Simply pick your fruit, wash in brined water to remove any bugs, then pop into the hopper of your stoner. Plums and cherries (or olives in warmer climes) are pushed through, removing the stones/pits with ease. Seriously takes the bore out of this part of harvest. You can then pop the fruit into freezer bags for autumn puddings or purees. I recommend the Westmark Steinex, which is made in Germany - great for plums or cherries, manufactured from strong die cast metal, or their entry level Cherry Pitter which separates stone from the fruit with ease.



Inside the Peach Pip

How to Be Good, by Nick Hornby

I have always preferred novels about ordinary people living ordinary lives, rather than fantasy or sci-fi or any other more interesting genre. There are a few reasons for this. Partly, I enjoy being reminded of other people's problems to distract from my own; partly, I find it more calming not to be worried about whatever horror might be on the next page; and partly, I find it helpful to read work that shines light on the infinite beauty, sorrow and mirth of the real world we live in. Fundamentally, though, I find it difficult to care about things I can't relate to. Do androids dream of electric sheep? I honestly do not care.

Nick Hornby is the master of realism. In *How to Be Good*, he gives voice to a GP, Katie, who is just beginning to look beyond her stale marriage when her husband has a transformative experience with a spiritual healer that turns their homelife upside down as he becomes obsessed with being a good person. He trades his disparaging sense of humour for a straight-faced piety that Katie can't help but find exasperating. He starts inviting the homeless to stay in their house, giving away vast sums of money and donating their children's toys to charity on a whim. Katie finds his sanctimony particularly unbearable, because she has always thought of herself as a 'good' person - that's why she became a doctor. Does she also need to sacrifice all her worldly possessions and open her home to strangers on top of this? How good do you have to be to be good?

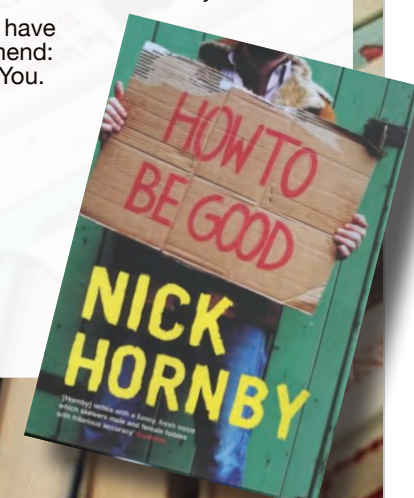
As well as being great food for thought, this was a hugely relatable, entertaining read.

I underlined many passages that made me laugh, but much of the humour relies on its context, so choosing one to include here was tricky. Instead, I have opted for this lovely expression of the sanctuary Katie rediscovers in books as an escape from her family life:

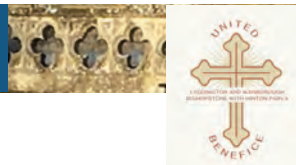
It is the act of reading itself I miss, the opportunity to retreat further and further from the world until I have found some space, some air that isn't stale, that hasn't been breathed by my family a thousand times already.

Other Nick Hornby novels I have enjoyed and would recommend: *About a Boy* and *Just Like You*.

Pip pip,
Anna



CHURCH DATES



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

Day	Date	Time	Venue
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	St Mary's Bishopstone
Sun	22.10.23	10.30	All Saints', Liddington
Sun	12.11.23	10.30	Remembrance: St Andrew's Wanborough.

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Lots to look forward to in the Hub. Currently we have a Primary School Uniform Pop-up, which runs until the schools go back after the summer holidays. Lots on offer and all in excellent condition – also includes some children's shoes. This will be followed in September by an Adults' Clothes Swap, so come and get yourself a new outfit. Also in September there will be the usual Crafters' morning on Saturday 9th (don't forget the new opening hours on Saturday – 0900-1400). The Repair Café (postponed from 26 August (because it clashed with the Shrivenham fete) will be held on Saturday 23 September. We also have some small electrical items that have passed through the repairers' hands and been PAT tested – yours for a donation to SS.

On 16 September we are lucky enough to welcome local girl, Tracey, who makes the most attractive painted and decorated planters, containers, storage boxes, etc. all out of wood she has reclaimed. These can be used inside to show off your houseplants or for the kids to store their toys in, or outside where they can be used for bedding plants, bulbs etc. Everything is very reasonably priced and you could always buy one as an early Christmas (sorry!) present. She will also take commissions.

Following on in October there will be a Book Swap, November a Christmas Pop-up event and December, Toys. If you have any thoughts on events you would like to see in the Hub in the future, please let us know, as remember, the Hub is for you, the community, or if there are any sustainable products you would like us to stock to enhance our already growing refill station.

We continue to save a great deal from going into landfill – in June 126.45kg and July it jumped to 348.41kg. Everything that leaves the Hub gets weighed and recorded, whether from the Repair Café or the Craft Scrap Store (which is getting more and more popular, whether for the odd matching button, thread or ball of wool and piece of material).

Lastly, we are very grateful for the continued support from our community and the encouraging comments we get. One person commented that The Hub was just what Shrivenham needed, so thank you, it makes this project so much more worthwhile and enjoyable.

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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

WELCOME GIVEN TO A NEW COUNCILLOR

Russley Park resident is co-opted

A NEW councillor has joined Bishopstone Parish Council, following the resignation of Doug Stevens.

Russley Park resident Gary Pass was co-opted unanimously and welcomed by councillors at their September meeting.

Chair Val Brodin said: "I am delighted to welcome a resident of Russley Park to the parish council's team and look forward to closer engagement between the three communities we serve."

Cllr Pass moved from the outskirts of Newbury to Russley Park with his wife, daughter, two dogs, two mini-Shetlands and a Connemara/Cob five years ago.

"You can guess the reason for moving to the countryside," he said.

"We fell in love with the area before we even saw the house which has spectacular views towards Ashdown Park and the Lambourn Downs.

"I'm fascinated with the history of the Park and keen to preserve what's left of it. Thankfully development has been sympathetic in the most part and there are still plenty of horses around and dozens of racehorses."

Cllr Pass, who recently discovered his grandfather had served as a councillor, was interested in joining the parish council to represent Russley Park, as well as Bishopstone and Hinton Parva.

"My wife recently took the initiative to get a defibrillator installed on the Park which the Parish Council kindly agreed to fund," said Cllr Pass.

"It struck me that there hasn't been much interaction between this community and the Council in the past, so I'd like



to facilitate that."

Cllr Pass works for a California start-up called SDVI as Vice President of Technical Solutions.

"We're a distributed company so we all work from home," he said.

SDVI are a cloud software company in the Media and Entertainment space—their biggest customer in Europe is Sky.

"I have plenty of transferrable skills from my 35-year career in Customer Services, Support and Professional Services in the M&E Technology sector," said Cllr Pass.

Outside of work his interests include reducing CO2 emissions, managing to move the EPC on the family's Edwardian Cottage from a D to a high B, and conservation. He's a member of Berks/Bucks/Ox & Wiltshire wildlife trusts, enjoys hiking, does some home brewing and plays bass guitar in a covers band.

He's also a Reading season ticket holder... well, no one is perfect!

MATTERS ARISING

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

POOR POSTAL SERVICES

Residents have complained about the sporadic postal deliveries in the parish of late.

The Parish Council has written to Royal Mail requesting data from the past six months on how many deliveries have been missed in Bishopstone and Hinton Parva.

VERGES After complaints to Swindon Borough Council that New Road was overgrown and causing a danger, along with other roads in the parish, a maintenance schedule was requested.

The Parish Council has now received the cutting schedule from SBC and we do not expect to see any work take place until October.

20MPH CONSULTATION We are awaiting an update from our Ward Councillor Gary Sumner on progress regarding the 20mph zone



and will publish the information on Facebook and notice-boards when we have any news to share. Residents are reminded that the parish council's role is to facilitate the process and not express favour for any particular design.

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

The Parish Council always extends a warm welcome to all new and prospective residents of the Parish and is happy to answer any queries they may have.

The Parish contains two conservation areas and everything south of the Icknield Way is also in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Many houses are also listed.

Naturally this brings with it all sorts of challenges when it comes to tree felling, house alterations, etc. There are also other regulations aimed at preserving the character and beauty of the parish. If in doubt, please check, we are only a phone call away. The Parish Council is always available to answer any questions you may have. Contact the Clerk, the Chair or any member of the council - the councillors email addresses appear below.

BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2023/24

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

Swindon Borough Council: Reception Premier House 01793 465055/465056; **Civic Offices** 01793 463668; **Wat Tyler House** 01793 463725

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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 (PC nominee), Christine Thomas (PC nominee), Laurie Manktelow (PC nominee)

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

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/23/0837 Change of use of land from agricultural to private equestrian (retrospective) at land at White Hill, Hinton Parva.

S/23/0961 Erection of a Stable Building at Land To The North Of The Grove, Hinton Parva Lane, Hinton Parva.

S/HOU/23/0958 Conversion of existing garage to a residential annex and erection of rear dormer window at The Old Inn, Bodyhorse Hill, Hinton Parva.

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

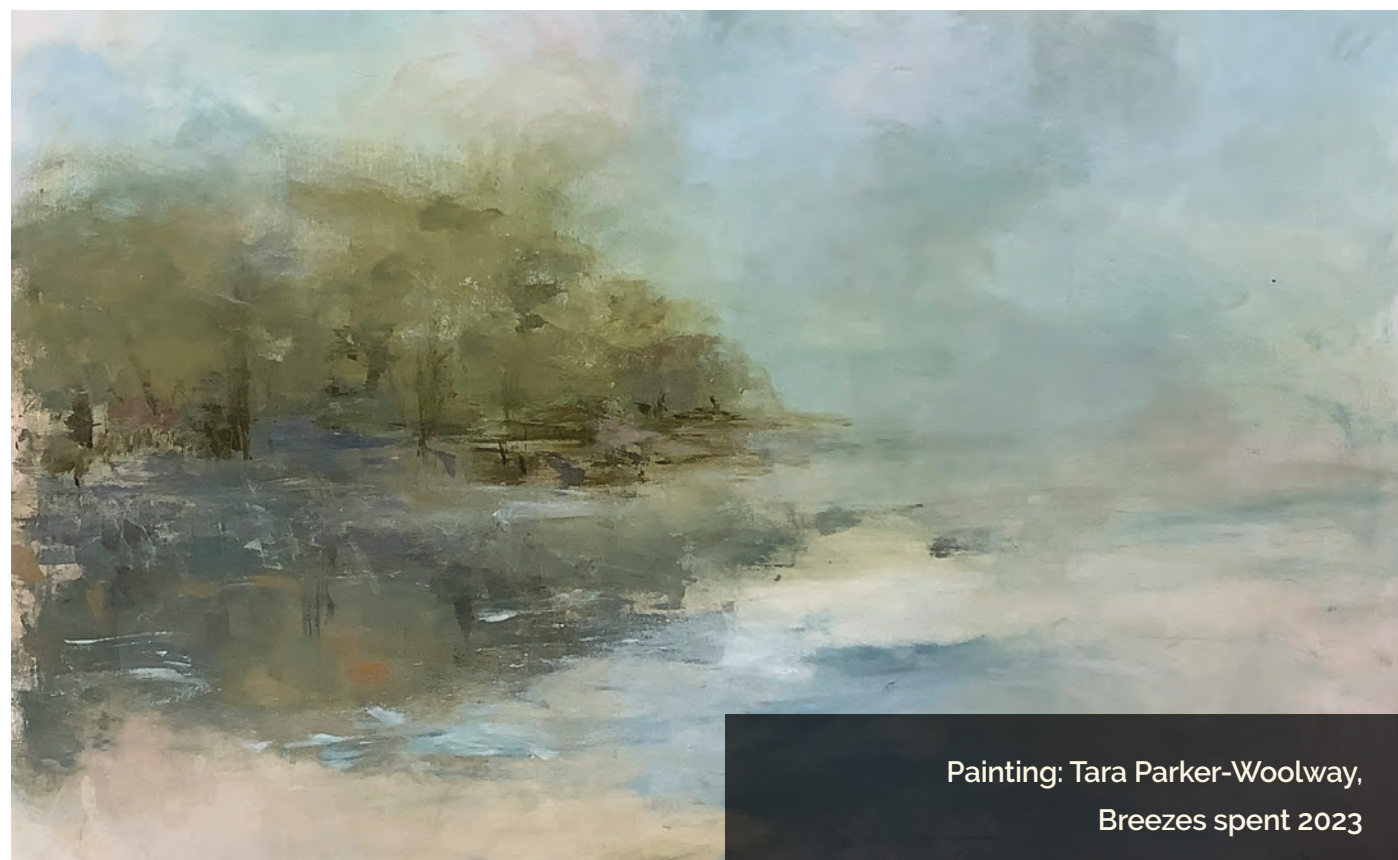
S/23/0190 Change of use from agricultural to residential land and erection of 1 no. dwelling (class C3) with detached garage at land adjacent to Westhill House, Hinton Parva.

GRANTED

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

REFUSED

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



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.

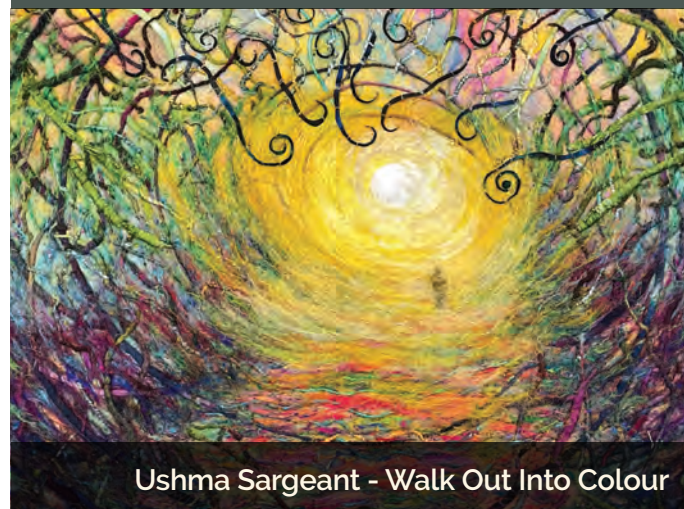
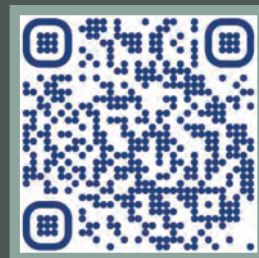
With 49 venues opening up and around 150 artists exhibiting across Swindon and the surrounding villages for this year's event, there is going to be a tremendous choice for visitors. The studios and venues are as eclectic and individual as the makers and artists themselves, so please go along and support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



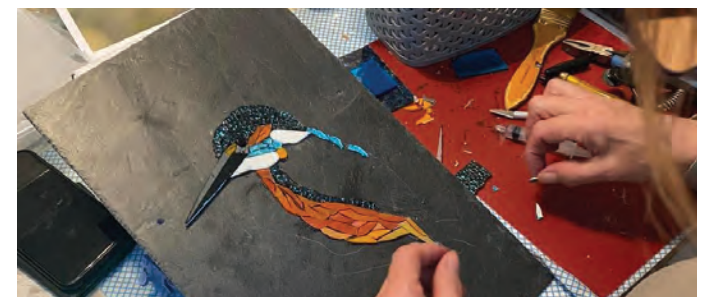
Hilary Sinclair (Wanborough)

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



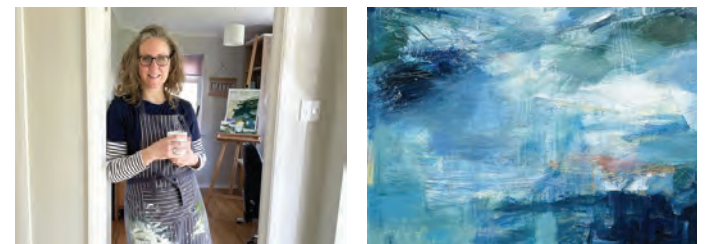
Nicky Sutton (Wanborough)

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



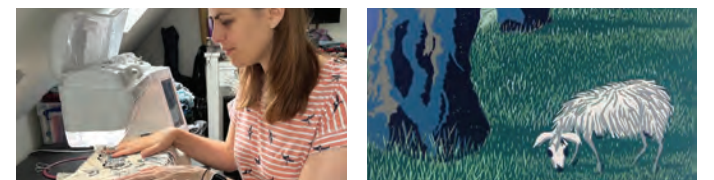
Tara Parker-Woolway (Bourton)

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



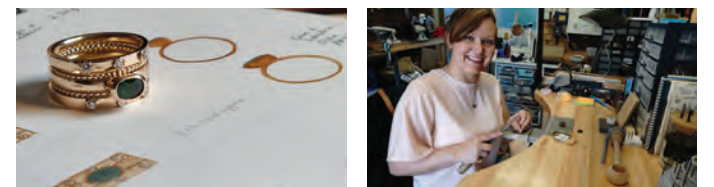
Richard Jefferies Museum

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 Village Hall Team have had a busy August. Il Professore has been busy coordinating the electrical overhaul, undertaken by Jason Stoneham's firm. We now have energy efficient LED lighting, so if you need to top up your tan, this is the place to be. Seriously though, a great job, clean, tidy and efficient, thank you. Also undertaken was a loft clear out, which I'm advised wouldn't have been possible without the herculean effort volunteered by Remus. A whole skip's worth of detritus and odds and ends. Finally, City Lights is to return after the clocks go back - more details in the October edition of the newsletter.

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**



VILLAGE HALL HIRE

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

BISHOPSTONE INFO/BOOKINGS:
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HINTON PARVA INFO/BOOKINGS:
Janet Hawkins: 01793 791391
Email: jaymaybee02@icloud.com
Hourly rate: £8 residents, £10 non-residents

CALLING ALL FITNESS INSTRUCTORS

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.

HINTON PARVA

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Eat and Raise Money

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 9th October, 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.



Photo of the month

Blue Skies, Buzzards and Balloons

CONGRATULATIONS again to our team member and Bishopstone villager Graham Curley for winning 2 months in a row! What a great 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.

SEND US YOUR SNAPS
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Joke of the month

I'm thinking of going on the Dolly Parton diet following a great recommendation from my old friend Joe.

It really worked; Joe lean, Joe lean, Joe lean, Joe-leaaaaaannn!

Thanks RW, this one was really scraping the barrel. Please send us some hilarious or equally groan-worthy jokes so that we don't to come up with ones like this every week. Go on, show us how funny you are.





The Royal Oak Diary



Oh well, you can't please everyone, but our Groove Armada evening, combined with the UK's first ever Agroforestry Show (designed to get farmers and tree huggers talking to each other) seems to have worked well for the 1800 people who found it, including about 200 villagers/locals, on Lower Farm. Let's hope they choose to have it here again next year, although some others seem to think the music part of it should be much nearer the village so many of you can hear it without having to be there! We've had a lot of music here recently, and one or two B list celebs—the rock star who got married here on that blissful Sunday evening was the lead singer from the band you've never heard of (Drowning Pool) but who've had more than 50m listens on Spotify, much to my surprise. Going back to the Groove Armada/Andy Cato night, mention should also be made of support acts Hooch and Big Mudfish, neither of whom had played in front of more than 60 people previously, and suddenly found themselves in front of 600 or so. They had certainly tidied up their acts and expanded their portfolios, as they say. Thanks to all of you if you took part, and to all of you for remaining such good customers anyway despite our wayward and occasionally irritating and laissez faire ways.

In other events, Dave Attwood, the former England, Bath and Bristol lock forward is speaking here on October 3, 7pm ish, because we've assumed that all the home nations will have progressed out of their World Cup pools by then. It's not a certainty, but they've all made the right starts—even Scotland, who refused to be bullied by the Springboks—but still lost. Mr Attwood was here for a coffee last week, and predicted that neither England nor Wales would escape their polls—he might have changed his mind by now! He has some great stories about the Farrells, Eddie Jones, why Ireland look so good, why Mr Lancaster was such a relative failure—he'll be worth the £45, AND YOU GET A GREAT MEAL AS WELL. Rugby enthusiasts will know what I'm talking about. The TV will be on for the key and relevant games, downstairs usually, occasionally upstairs on the big screen.

The Archers supper we have postponed to late October—date tbc—since we're all exhausted after last week's parties. We'll let you know the date. Graham Harvey's book, Underneath The Archers, is now available—book shops, and online, published by Unbound.

'Tis the time of year for autumn fruitfulness—our first 2023 apples have been juiced, many of them from one of our High St residents, hence the label 'Fruity Vanessa'. We want everything you can spare (apples, pears, grapes, berries, we chuck it all in), and every year we get better at saying thank you with a case or two for your own enjoyment, depending on how many you've brought.

And of course Bonfire Night is effectively just round the corner—6/7 weeks, so if you have legal stuff to burn, or relatives that you're tired of, put it/them somewhere accessible and deliver during the week leading up to the 5th. Full health and safety and risk assessment as usual (I know you don't believe us, but it's true) and in return a generous and responsible evening.

Happy autumn, to our customers and very hard working staff.

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Worth the walk

Cycling past people picking blackberries on New Road and the Bourton Road today reminded me of the day in July when ten children from Al Fresco Nursery walked all the way to Lower Farm to visit the agroforestry project.

Al Fresco staff Justin and Rachel brought the pre-schoolers to help with the blackcurrant harvest and to have fun in the wildly beautiful 4 hectare field. Even though there was a LOT of berry testing, they managed to add over 2kg to this year's 37kg harvest.

Some of these blackcurrants were eaten at the Agroforestry Show and some will find their way into the exciting new HB product: cassis. Blackcurrants and alcohol – what a winning combination! Of course the raspberries, elderberries and rosehips are all ready to be harvested right now, along with plenty of top fruit. Perhaps we can all take inspiration from the Al Fresco children who walked 5km to get picking!

Jo Homan, Edible Eastbrook



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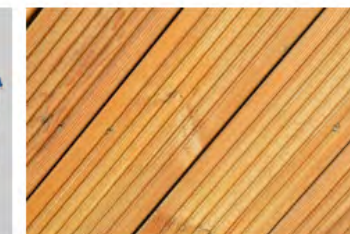
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2023	Time	Event	Place	Contact
16th/17th & 23rd/24th September		Swindon Open Studios: Free Loal Artists Community Exhibition (see pg. 14/15)	Various locations	www.swindonopenstudios.org
22.09.23 - 24.09.23	Fri 6pm - Sun 9pm	The Great Barn Festival	Great Coxwell Tithe Barn	greatbarnfestival.com
23.09.23	9.30am - midday	Repair Café: The Hub (see pg.20)	56 High St. Shrivenham	sustainablesshrivenham@gmail.com
23.09.23	6.30pm	Yorkshire Kernel & The Land Girl	Ashbury Village Hall SN6 8LS	badappletheatre.co.uk 01793 710 801
27.09.23	11am - 1pm	Wiltshire Police Drop-in Session. All residents welcome	Wanborough Village Hall	
Oct: Date TBC		Shrivenham Hub: Book Swap (See pg. 10)	56 High St. Shrivenham	sustainablesshrivenham@gmail.com
03.10.23	7pm ish	Dave Attwood Talk, Rugby & Supper.	The Royal Oak	Book: 01793 790 481
05.10.23		Shrivenham & District Gardening Club. Talk from Sonia Wright (see pg 4)		01793 782 338
11.10.23	7.15 for 7.45pm	Living History: Rebuilding Wilts & Berks Canal (see pg 18) Tickets on door	Tom Brown's Sch. Museum Uffington	uffingtonmuseum.co.uk
13.10.23		Bishopstone & District Gardening Club: Quiz and Chilli Supper Night (see pg 5)	Bishopstone Village Hall	Chris Thomas 01793 790132
Late Oct Date TBC		The Archers/Graham Harvey (Postponed)	The Royal Oak	01793 790 481
Nov: Date TBC		Shrivenham Hub: Christmas Pop Up (see pg 10)	56 High St. Shrivenham	sustainablesshrivenham@gmail.com
08.11.23	7.30-9pm	National Trust Star Gazing Walk, White Horse Uffington	nationaltrust-tickets.org.uk/event-tickets/34724	
15.11.23	7pm	B&D Gardening Club: Jane Pearson Design Workshop	Bishopstone Village Hall	(see pg 5)
26.11.23	10-3pm	EGLR Christmas Market	Shrivenham Memorial Hall	friends-of-eglro@outlook.com
Dec: Date TBC		Shrivenham Hub: Toys (See pg. 10)	56 High St. Shrivenham	sustainablesshrivenham@gmail.com
2nd Mon of month	7.15pm	Bishopstone School parents' Fundraising Supper	The Burj, Foxhill	katew@bishopstone.school.uk
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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