



VILLAGE NEWS

Oct 2023



REMEMBER REMEMBER OUR PETS IN NOVEMBER

Once again, the time of year has arrived when we gather outdoors to enjoy the beautiful fireworks for Guy Fawkes night on 5th November and Diwali on 12th November, filling the air with a chorus of "oohs" and "aahs." As we all know, there will be numerous fireworks displays nearby, so please remember to consider everyone's beloved pets during this period.

If you are planning to host a fireworks display at home, kindly post a courteous notice on our local Bishopstone And Hinton Parva Community Facebook page beforehand. This will give people with anxious pets the chance to ensure that their nervous companions are well cared for during this time, making it as stress-free as possible. I know that horse, dog, and cat owners in the area, in particular, would greatly appreciate the heads-up.

Thank you to everyone for their efforts in making this period as enjoyable as possible for everyone involved.



BISHOPSTONE HALLOWEEN TRAIL 2023

Get ready for another exhilarating Bishopstone Halloween Trail on Tuesday, October 31st.

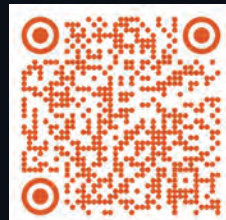
Remember to only visit homes adorned with spooky decorations. The trail kicks off around 5 p.m. as darkness falls. If your house is participating, you can decide whether to greet visitors at the door or leave treats in a container outside. Please ensure that each child takes only one treat from every house!

Dressing up in fun costumes is encouraged (while keeping in mind there will be many young children around).

To find which streets are participating, consult the community's Facebook page.... and don't forget to send your photos in to us:

BishopstoneEditor@gmail.com

so that we can show off your creations in the next issue!



A Snippet of Bishopstone History

Best Kept Village 1975

I was one of about twenty-five people, consisting of mums, dads, children, (and dogs), who assembled at the Village Hall earlier this year for a village clean up day. We all set off in different directions with our plastic bags and pick up sticks. I teamed up with Liz (Warwick) and Millie, and off we went.

It occurred to me afterwards, that not one of those volunteers, would have been aware of Bishopstone's accolade when, in the 1970's, we won 'Wiltshire's prettiest well-kept village'! It was a tremendous achievement at the time, as Castle Coombe had won it year on year.

It came about when a group of us were spring-cleaning the church, namely, Pat Selbourne, Nancy Harding, Mary Lee and me, and the conversation moved to whether we would stand a chance of beating Castle Coombe. They were a hard act to follow, but we determined there and then to give it our best shot and involve all the village - yes, all the village - and give it 110%.

We were a very small community back then, so it wasn't difficult to spread the idea via the two shops, school, WI, both pubs and the church. In those days there were very few of us under the age of 35. It was a predominantly older community with a wealth of experience, dignity and strength, which we struggled to match. We had deep admiration for their expertise and ability to 'get on with it', however difficult. It was a time when age and experience demanded huge respect.

And so, we started. It wasn't just a case of picking up litter - that was the easy bit. We had to dig and pull out metal headboards, springs, mattresses, car exhausts, tyres, fridges, freezers and washing machines etc. It was difficult to get rid of large items then, legally. There was no Barnfield Road or local authority to help and it was long before skips. These things had been sticking out of the ground for years! Headboards and springs were incorporated into boundary fences, with nature eventually covering them.

The day the committee arrived to inspect, Mary Lee and I went



up to Manor Farm to sit and worry with Nancy and Frank, and late afternoon we had a call to say we had won! The following day, the Press from all over Wiltshire descended on us, wanting to interview people and take photographs, but we were just happy to have won. It was a herculean effort by all the villagers.

The plaque commemorating the occasion was fitted on the front of the mill by Fred Razey, the builder in the village, long before it became a dwelling. The original plaque is now displayed outside the village hall for all to see. Hinton Parva's plaque is also on their village hall.

To this day there are still relics of beds to be seen in the village, which were just too embedded to be moved, so we left them. I have one in my boundary fence bordering the allotments, which has been there so long that a fully mature tree has grown right through it, with both ends sticking out.

So, ladies and gentlemen, as my personal salute to the year Bishy kicked Castle Coombe into touch, we will clean the rust off and paint it - no, not red, white and blue, and who knows, I might just put some bunting around it, and lights at Christmas.

A little bit of Bishopstone history. The party we had in The Oak afterwards is the stuff of legends, in the days when we used to drink. Pub closing time didn't apply that night, we all staggered home in the early hours.

Happy days. Roz

Bishopstone Stores

With October already upon us as and things taking a distinctly autumnal turn, we are very excited to be able to offer our first ever Eastbrook Farm Pumpkins for sale here in the shop! Expertly grown by Prof Richardson, these are absolutely perfect for carving and creating the centre piece for your contributions to the village Halloween trail.

The tradition of carving these splendid orange fruit originated from Ireland. If we were to wind the clock back several hundred years we would find a drunken, but clever chap, known as Stingy Jack. Jack managed to outsmart the devil on several occasions with his final success being marked by the carving of a tree and trapping devil. Jack's carvings were first replicated in Ireland on potatoes and turnips - coincidentally, also available in the shop! It wasn't until the Irish immigrants in America discovered the pumpkins that the Jack o Lanterns became what we know today.

So, pop down to the shop to pick your pumpkin and do Jack proud! Can't wait to see all your creations dotted around the village on October 31st. If you are planning on leaving treats out for the trick or treaters we've got a great selection of sweets and goodies here too.

Don't forget that its not just pumpkins and turnips that Pete grows here at Eastbrook Farm! Autumn sees the change of the veg season and we will have a plentiful supply of gorgeous organic vegetables including my

favourite purple sprouting broccoli, leeks, carrots, beets, squash, cabbage.... If you are short on time and would like us to sort a mixed box of our lovely veg on a weekly basis just let us know! We always try to beat supermarket prices and you can't get more local than grown in Bishopstone!

Hope to see you soon!

Lynne

Opening Hours

Monday - Saturday 9am - 6pm

Sunday 9am - 3pm

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RECYCLING MATTERS



Hello! I benefitted from following my own advice last month. I updated my Freezer List so I could find out what really was in there and to put away more blackberries and fruit compote - and guess what I found? A tub of blackberries, a tub of apple, some of our Christmas picky bits that didn't get used up and a whole lot of bread that meant I didn't have to buy any for two weeks! I've learned my own lesson - and am using food up to make space for a bit more and thinking ahead for Christmas! Talking of our native Autumn fruits, aren't they great for saving money, plastic and air miles - particularly if you have access to your own or from a neighbour? I love fruit on my breakfast cereal and I open freeze and then store blackberries so they pour straight out and freeze apple and pear compote in single portions - silicone Yorkshire pudding trays are brilliant for this and once frozen, they can be stored in a reusable freezer bag. Lakeland has a great range that includes silicone trays and strong, resealable and reusable freezer bags. I remember my grandparents and Dad used to bottle pears in Kilner jars - and they used to taste wonderful. I've just been 'googling' (other search engines are available!) so that might be my next experiment with any pears we have over.

Also, as I wrote last month, more online searching came up trumps! I managed to resolve a problem I'd been having with my washing machine - I'd be hanging out freshly washed sheets and would spot mysterious blobs of black on them. I'd always leave the washing machine door slightly ajar when not in use, cleaned out the drum and the door rim all of which could contribute to mould if not done, but it still kept happening.

Anyway, my searching showed mould could build up around the washing powder drawer (who knew - particularly as we don't use washing powder!) and even better, I found out online how to remove the drawer from the machine to give it a good clean. (And yes, it was horrible!) Problem solved!

I discovered this month that Dobbies will recycle compost bags - they can't be recycled kerb-side or at supermarkets so this is another home for a difficult item to avoid land-fill.

I've adapted my '3 for the Sea' litter-picking routine. I'm definitely a fair-weather walker (Walker!) and also some days struggle to get a walk in depending on work commitments etc. Anyway, now I just take a bag and litter-picker whenever I do make it out and pick up whatever I see on route. Sadly, this always feels like a lot and I think I'm well above the aim of 3 pieces of litter per day. On my last walk with a neighbour, I picked up a bag full of rubbish and then dropped it off at the litter bin on the Ridgeway and then picked up a further 17 recyclable items on the way back down - all arrived in the 2 weeks since I walked that particular route last.

Next time - hopefully! A look at other small tweaks that you can take to make a difference - this time, environmentally friendly loo roll! We've been sampling 'Who gives a crap's recycled paper and bamboo offerings plus hope to include 'Cheeky Panda's bamboo toilet roll to give our verdict. Watch this space!

Karen Walker



Our main news this month is that we have appointed a Manager to take over the day to day running of the Hub and organise our volunteers and by the time you read this, she will have been in the job for a few weeks. She has had plenty of relevant experience and is keen to promote our ethos of sustainability.

All October we have a book - fiction only - jigsaw and video games swap, so come and grab yourself a novel or two to read now the evenings are beginning to draw in. Our popular repair café is on **Saturday 28 October**, when our talented group of repairers are here to solve problems on small electrical items and PAT test them either for your continued use or to donate to a new owner.

On **November 7th** we will be holding a **Members' Meeting in the Hub at 7pm**. (I think there might be some light refreshments, too). All members are welcome to get an update on our first ten months since opening. If you have not yet become a member and would like to support us, please go to our website for details. November will see the launch of our pop up Christmas decorations swap, so get yourself some fancy new baubles for your Christmas tree or other Christmassy bits and pieces.

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Happy Gardens



by Jane Pearson



OCTOBER MUSINGS

Hello! The days are growing shorter, and I find myself scanning the garden for cheerful colour to brighten up our shortening hours of light. It occurred to me that this is the time of year where colour is needed more than ever, and yet many of our favourite flowers are fading. My musings led me to research, and I have selected a lovely collection of 'carry-ons' (see plant spotlight) that you might like to include in your borders next year.

BOX CATERPILLAR DAMAGE

I had intended to chat about compost but whilst recently wearing my border maintenance hat, I've had the sad task of diagnosing box caterpillar damage in our area. Unfortunately, both box blight (a fungal disease) and box caterpillar damage are spreading across UK. If you have box plants, please check them for brown patches. Both ailments effect trimmed or topiary plants more than box that's left to grow naturally. Blight will change the leaf colour to brown and fallen leaves are found at the base of the plant. Treat your specimens with a spray such as Topbuxus Health Mix. Box caterpillars tend to eat the leaves and leave brown patches of twigs. Their webs are difficult to see with the naked eye but take a closeup photo of the damaged area with your phone and enlarge the image, hopefully you won't see any tell-tale fine webs but if you do, all is not lost. A range of treatments are available such as environmentally friendly Topbuxus XenTavi found on Amazon or use nematodes. Please let me know how you get and if you have experience of using other control methods, I'd love to know and share your findings with our community.

THE POTTING SHED THINGS TO DO IN SEPTEMBER

- Clear up fallen leaves and make leaf mould piles to use as next year's mulch.
- Protect ponds from leaf fall with netting.
- Plant tulip bulbs for next spring
- Prune roses (if you haven't already) to prevent wind-rock.
- Insulate outdoor containers that aren't frost proof with bubble wrap and raise them off the ground with 'pot feet' or bricks.
- Place grease bands around fruit trees to prevent winter moth damage.
- Mulch, mulch, mulch!
- Come along to Novembers Bishopstone Gardening Club and join our two-part design workshop ☺



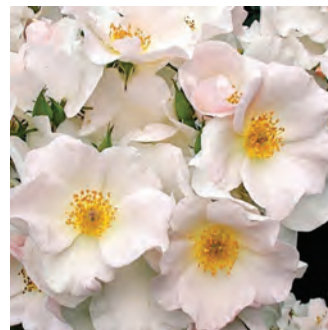
Please visit my website at janepearsondesign.com/blog for a list of my favourite evening scented plants, Readers Question Time and much more!
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PLANT SPOTLIGHT

Long flowering 'carry-on' blooms for your garden

These lovely 'doers' are great value and a reliable and long-lasting source of nectar and pollen for insects. I've split them into cool and bright colour groups.

COOL COLOURS



Rosa 'Sally Holmes' AGM. Huge sprays of single flowered blooms from June to October on this shrub rose draining soil.



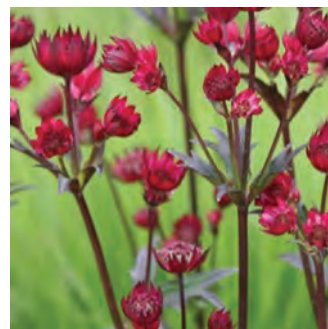
Dahlia 'Wine Eyed Jill'. A soft peach, early flowering dahlia that lasts for four months.



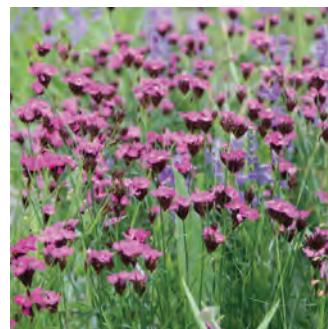
Alstroemeria 'Apollo' AGM. Flowers from June to the first frosts once it's settled in.



Achillea Filipdulina 'Gold Plate' Long lasting golden plates of colour.



Astrantia major Gill Richardson Group. Grow in full sun for the best deep red colour.



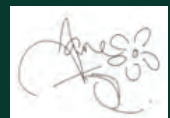
Dianthus carthusianorum. Lots of tiny, bright pink flowers from June to September

COMING UP

I'm running my first ever design workshop at Bishopstone Gardening Club. A two-part fun and practical workshop is planned for November and December in the village hall. More details in the Gardening Club column opposite ➡

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Bishopstone & District Gardening Club

Garden Club Show Update

The Trophies for the show were awarded as follows:-

The Fred Smith Perpetual Trophy (vegetable section): Adrian Dent
The Garden News Shield (fruit): Marion Peck
The Miss Betty Britton Memorial Perpetual Trophy (pot plants): Marion Peck
The Jim Cordon Shield (flowers): Sue Dent
A Garden News Shield (floral art): Chris Thomas
The Wilson Perpetual Trophy (domestic): Carol Sarchet
The Yallop Perpetual Trophy (photography): Sue Dent
The Jim Ball Handicraft Bowl (handicrafts): Ninx Flanagan
The Langford Perpetual Trophy (potatoes): Freddie Day
The S.G. Dehn Perpetual Trophy (specimen rose): Sarah Bally
The Browning Perpetual Trophy (highest points in show): Marion Peck
The Margaret Gill Memorial Etched Glass Bowl (best in show): Cheryl Keene (patchwork Quilt)

Children's trophies: There was a trophy winner in each of the year group categories, these were presented to the children in school, along with a small prize of pencils, for all the effort they put in to create their wonderful pictures. A shame they couldn't all be winners!

Well done to all those who entered, it couldn't have happened without you, and a big thank you to all the helpers and especially the judges.

We hope to see you all again for next years event plus any friends and neighbours you can encourage to take part - more competition is always welcome!

DIARY DATES:

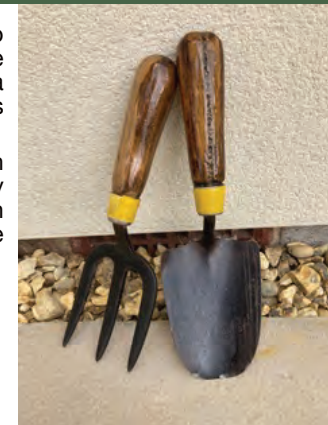
Wednesday 15th November:
Jane Pearson Design:
'Room with a View Practical Workshop' Bishopstone Village Hall 7pm

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.

Wednesday 13th December: Jane Pearson Design:
'Room with a View Practical Workshop' Bishopstone Village Hall 7pm

Session 2. A follow up session to complete your design!

Contact: Marion Peck, 01793 791 001



Border Design Workshop at Bishopstone Gardening Club



A two-part fun and practical design workshop is planned for November and December in Bishopstone village hall. The 'Room with a view' workshop is created and facilitated by Jane Pearson, a gardening club member, local garden designer and horticulturalist.

Please bring along your pencil case, containing a pencil, black felt tip pen and some colouring pencils, or crayons and an A4 photo (colour or greyscale or preferably both) of a view from your window that you would like to improve. Photograph quick tip: To help keep your focus on the scale and distance of your view, stand a garden fork in the photo, towards the back of the border.

Session 1: Wednesday 15th November

Session 2: Wednesday 13th December

Shrivenham & District Gardening Club

Our October meeting was extremely well attended with over 50 members and visitors coming to listen to Sonya Wright who has recently retired from running her own nursery at Ogbourne St. George. Her talk, entitled 'Autumn Sorted – What, When, Why', was very informative, so we shall all be very busy in the garden this autumn!

In November Timothy Walker will be talking about the Rockeries at the Oxford Botanic Gardens. He is an ex-director of the Botanic Gardens so this talk should be very interesting. It takes place on **2 November at 7.30pm in the Vic Day Hall at Shrivenham Memorial Hall.**

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



Ask Fanny



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

Dearest F

Thanks for bringing colour and light to my sleepy village life. And thanks also to Lycra Lil, almost formerly of this parish I believe, for her interesting bike ride routes. I suspect we've not heard from her for a while because, like my partner, she probably fell into the canal while trying to cycle to Bath.

That Kennet and Avon towpath route she recommends is fraught with visible and invisible dangers. Apart from quite clearly getting semi-stoned just by standing outside that pub at Honeystreet and inside of course you could learn how to make crop circles, what else, in all that glorious counter culture that permeates canal living), there was the ever present danger of a watery ending because the towpath needs a certain agility in places, an agility that we 70 year olds don't always possess. I do feel that Lil (or her successor) might put the occasional health warning on her route notes. Or send people off with a life jacket. Fishing my man out of the grubby water was not a task for the faint hearted. Yours with thanks, Mrs B, Bishy

Dear Mrs B

Loathe as I am to comment on another column in this organ, I have also heard that the canal route is a good way to get rid of a partner, as discussed before in these columns. I understand there is a vacancy in these pages for someone else to don the shiny Lycra, and get writing. We all love a man in Lycra, don't we! Especially one with a big pen. FH

Dear Fanny

I have noticed again this past week the inconsistency of our recycling collections. You now don't know what's going to be picked up on Wednesdays, and it could be Thursday or Friday it appears. I ask the same question as your correspondent last month, is it because Liz Truss is no longer Prime Minister?

I am looking at the litter strewn streets of HP as I write this.

Mr NP, HP

Dear NP

We all miss the entertainment value of Liz Truss, and the lettuce of course. A most revealing time in our political lives. Sadly however, I don't think we can blame either her, or the lack of her, for inconsistent recycling collections in the parish. It is a deeper seated malaise, within the whole country, regardless of who the prime minister is. As reflected in the demise of the husband swapping parties we oldies used to enjoy. It's all gone to wake!

Yours in despair, Fanny

There's a limit!

Dear Mrs Hole

All this talk of a 20mph speed limit in this village is making me nervous, ever since I spent a wet weekend in Abergavenny at the end of last month. As you know, the Welsh nanny state has imposed a 20 limit in all built up areas, and as I crawled towards my downtown hotel at 15mph on a dark Friday night, a rather attractive young woman tapped on my window and asked politely if there was anything she could do for me! I blushed and said I was just trying to obey the speed limit. Can you believe it? Do you think anything like this is likely to happen in Bishopstone or Hinton Parva?

Incredulously yours

Mr Briggs,

Hinton Parva

Dear Mr Briggs (are you sure that's your name?)

Certainly not. The first few weeks of the new speed limit in Shrivenham have not encouraged this sort of behaviour, I am advised. But it does mean you can drop someone off at the florist's and continue driving and your passenger will be waiting for you at the Prince of Wales! Very handy indeed.

Reassuringly yours

Mrs H

Dear Mrs H

I was fortunate enough to be able to spend some time in your charming village towards the end of August, but shock/horror one night we were plunged into complete darkness. Asking a neighbour if it was a power cut, he replied helpfully 'aaarrrrr'. Anyway, being none the wiser, I strolled around the village as it darkened, and I heard voices in the shrubs. An excited female voice saying 'oh my, that's a big one, and an older male voice saying 'you don't get many of those to the pound'. I wondered if this was an ancient ceremony praising seasonal vegetables, of course. I am asking if you could advise what was going on so I can polish up my prized aubergine and join in the fun.

Yours

Big Col from Ooop North

Dear Big Col

I have checked around, and this was clearly in the lead up to the annual gardening club vegetable competition and show. I have a feeling that an exotic polished aubergine would make a big impression down here. I'd be pleased to see it next time you're around.

Yours anticipatingly

Mrs H

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

DICKIE'S diary

The first harvest I can recall was 1958. Writers like to fantasise, remembering the benign summers of times past. Well, this one was stormy and difficult. As small farmers (250 acres) with 40 Shorthorn milking cows and followers, my father also grew 80 acres of corn plus about 10 acres of potatoes and 10 acres of sugar beet. For us, this was the last year with the binder before he bought a small combine and I remember the sheaves in stooks, placed to dry but incessant rain prevented carting and the wheat was growing out, so the tops of the sheaves were green. JM Stratton's agricultural records give wheat yields that year of 1.25 t/acre (3t/hectare) sold at £20/t. Now we expect 4t/a (10t/h) and prices have come down from last year's highs over £300/t to around £200. The Ukrainian war and oil supplies remain volatile drivers for prices in agriculture and food generally.

This year's harvest was stop go to get it in the barn and generally across the country we have finished up with disappointing yields. Like the curate's egg it has been a harvest of two halves. Early sown autumn planted wheat and barley yielded OK but later planted wheat, spring barley, oats and beans have been poor. The three things farmers cannot control are the weather, the world prices and the politicians. I do not grumble, but the weather is always breaking records good and bad. Floods in Libya, earthquakes in Morocco, terrible fires in Canada and Greece, we must be thankful we can get our harvest. Looking at weather effects this last year, later planted autumn crops suffered plant loss from very early



hard frosts in mid -December. The spring was cold, wet and extended then dry in May followed by a lovely June. July was wet and August poor and showery. With regard to the politicians, Theresa Coffey, the environmental minister seems to be listening. Progress is unreliable on vaccinating badgers against Tb so the cull continues to mitigate cattle slaughtering and she has endorsed the continued use of roundup, essential for non-organic regenerative farming.

It's never an ill wind. The wet summer has been good for the bird cover we plant for game shooting and examining our hedgerows they have put on a lot of growth. I don't think it's my imagination but the hawthorn berries or haws seem to me to be a deep red and unusually profuse this year. However, blackberries are there in numbers but they are small and not very sweet which may be a clue to the disappointing harvest especially for crops other than those sown in September/early October last year.

OCTOBER PUZZLE:
win a £10 voucher

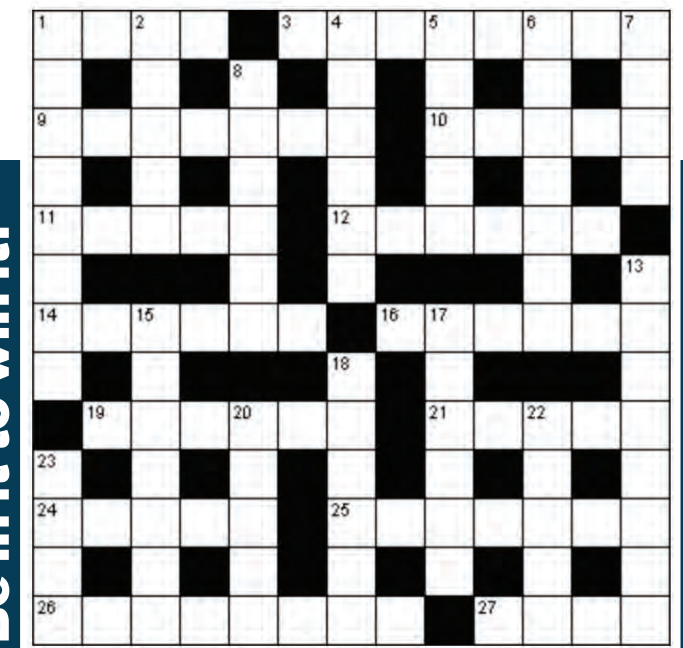
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- 9 Writers (7)
- 10 Eye shield (5)
- 11 More mature (5)
- 12 Rarely (6)
- 14 Rides a bike (6)
- 16 Nut from a horse-chestnut tree (6)
- 19 Centre (6)
- 21 Aspect (5)
- 24 Verge (5)
- 25 Rust (7)
- 26 Late afternoon church service (8)
- 27 Taverns (4)

Down

- 1 National emblem of Ireland (8)
- 2 Abatement, alleviation (3-2)
- 4 Help (6)
- 5 Slum dwelling (5)
- 6 Bushy clump of grass (7)
- 7 Stiff paper (4)
- 8 Origin (6)
- 13 Pigs' feet (8)
- 15 Culinary art (7)
- 17 Old-established English university (6)
- 18 Signal fire (6)
- 20 Noblemen (5)
- 22 Old five-shilling coin (5)
- 23 Competent (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 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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THE GADGETEER

Hubble Bubble - Pumpkin Carving!!

Don't let your Halloween prep turn into a horror story. Keep thumbs intact and invest this year in a decent Pumpkin carving kit which will stand the test of time. Troll the internet and you will see magnificent masterpieces of hollowed and carved pumpkins particularly from the USA where they do this big time. YouTube has some fun stuff too, but in order to achieve these high levels of creativity the right tools for the job are required. I'm not suggesting your Black and Decker drills, per se, but these are often useful for intricate holes at a pace whilst you act out Drill Killa in the garage!! Otherwise, I suggest not opting for the plastic kits for less than £5.00 from the supermarket – these are feeble and will simply snap or bend within ten paces of the nearest squash.



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Inside the Peach Pip

The Most Human Human: What Artificial Intelligence Teaches Us About Being Alive, by Brian Christian

Hello, all. Just a quickish recommendation today, as I have been busy living it up in the city (not The City) and have left this to the last minute.

I have just finished reading *The Most Human Human*, a non-fiction book looking into the Turing test and what exactly distinguishes human from machine. Brian Christian writes about his preparations for participating in the 2009 Loebner Prize competition, a recently discontinued yearly contest aiming to establish how far AI programs are able to imitate human conversation in typed interactions. The contest involved four human participants, four AI programs and a panel of judges, each of whom conversed with both human and computer and cast their vote for whichever they believed to be the human. Once votes were cast, a prize for 'The Most Human Computer' would be awarded to the program that fooled the most judges, whilst the human who best conveyed their humanity would be bestowed the prize, 'The Most Human Human.' Christian would be vying for the latter.

This was a slow read at times, as Christian discusses at length the mathematical theory behind developing a program that plays to its strengths, maximising the

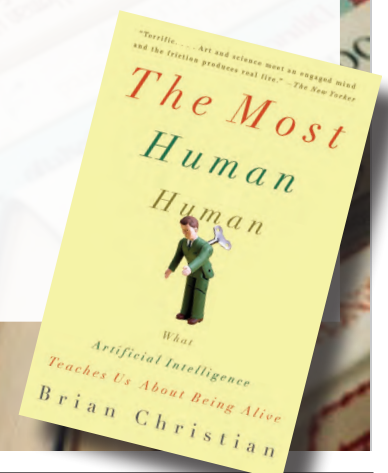
imitable and minimising the characteristically human. He likens it to playing a game of chess entirely 'by the book' and winning. These sections were interesting, but not why I started reading. What I was really interested in were Christian's reflections on the personality of language and its endless creative potential in the hands of humans. Humans innovate. Robots, circa 2009 (and still in 2023), merely imitate. Christian writes:

The great chess players change the game; the great artists change their mediums; the most important places, events, and people in our lives change us.

If AI terrifies you and you're looking for reassurance that being human isn't out of fashion just yet, this is the book for you.

Not such a quickish recommendation after all.

Pip pip,
Anna



CHURCH NEWS

A Letter From The Vicar

This is a busy time for the churches in the benefice. First of all, we have the service for All Saints and All Souls, which will be at All Saints, Liddington, on Sunday 29th October at 10.30. The next big event is Remembrance Sunday, which will be at St Andrew's, Wanborough, at 10.30 on Sunday 12th November. Both of these are always significant moments in the life of the church and of a community, so it will be great to see lots of people at these special services.

The other notable thing happening currently in the benefice at the moment is behind the scenes but it is still very important. We currently have two PCCs (the Parochial Church Council is the body responsible for making sure a church is running properly!) across four churches but think it would be a good idea to combine into one, responsible for Wanborough, Liddington, Bishopstone and Hinton Parva. It means fewer volunteers needed to fill positions and the opportunity to share resources and collaborate. As we're already doing this in lots of ways, it makes sense to streamline this, too.

The catch is that we need a name. We can't use anything with Ridgeway, because that is already taken, and the same goes for Icknield. We are currently looking at options that include "The Villages" but no decision has been made. United Villages sounds like a football team, while Villages Unified sounds like a maths term! If you have a suggestion, or would like to contribute to the discussion, please either email me: curate@wroughton.com, talk to a church member or come to the service on a Sunday to chat with us. We are gathering ideas until our next joint PCC meeting, on the 27th of November, so that is how long you have to come up with a great idea!

Rev. Chris Hunter

A Prayer for Times of Change

God, who is unchanging:

Help us when new things come our way.

Give us patience with what we don't understand,

give us wisdom to make good choices

and give us courage not to look back

thinking of what might have been.

We ask this in your holy name.

Amen.

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

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Sun	22.10.23	10.30	All Saints', Liddington
Sun	29.10.23	10.30	All Saints', Hinton Parva (All Saints & All Souls)
Sun	05.11.23	10.30	St Swithun's, Hinton Parva
Sun	12.11.23	10.30	St Andrew's, Wanborough (Remembrance Sunday)
Sun	17.11.23	10.30	St Mary's Bishopstone
Sun	24.11.23	10.30	All Saints', Liddington



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The Parish Times

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

October 2023

MEETING CALLED ON ROAD SAFETY PLANS SBC officers will explain proposals

A public meeting will be held for residents to see and comment on the latest proposals for improving safety and reducing speeds through Bishopstone.

Swindon Borough Council officers will present their revised proposals for a new 20mph scheme and School Safety Zone.

They will be on hand to listen to the views of the community at Bishopstone Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 13th November.

All residents are welcome. Anyone who works in the village and parents and staff of Bishopstone School children, whether resident in the parish or not, are also invited.

The new proposals take into account feedback received from the community



during the first informal consultation and seek to ensure that Bishopstone's rural ambience is preserved whilst reducing traffic speeds through the heart of the village.



MATTERS ARISING

GIGABIT FIBRE IS COMING!

Residents will have noticed that a few new telegraph poles have been erected throughout the villages.

These are currently being wired up ready for fibre.

Some fibre connections will also be provided through underground ducting.

Openreach informs us that they are just waiting for some wayleaves - a legal provision allowing them to cross some areas of private land - but they hope to start 'turning us on' by the end of this month.

Fingers crossed that more residents will have gigabit for Christmas!

LATE DELIVERY BY ROYAL MAIL

The Parish Council is still awaiting a reply from Royal Mail requesting data from the past six months on how many deliveries have been missed in Bishopstone and Hinton Parva.

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

WORK NEEDED AT THE DINGLE

The parish council is seeking quotes for work to replace the retaining boards which are failing badly at several places alongside the path through The Dingle.

30MPH LIMIT REQUESTED

Ward councillor Gary Sumner has been asked to follow up on the parish council's request for a 30mph limit on Bodyhorse Hill as a matter of priority.

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

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

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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/Gary Pass

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/23/1069 Demolition of existing chalet, erection of 1no. dwelling (Class C3), retention of garage and ancillary accommodation and associated works at The Chalet, Church Row Hinton Parva

S/HOU/23/0391 Erection of a detached outbuilding/ home office at Hergest Ridge, Cues Lane, Bishopstone.

S/HOU/23/1019 Erection of single storey rear and side extensions at 8 High Street, Bishopstone.

S/23/0438 Outline Planning Application (means of access off Wanborough Road notreserved) for demolition and/or conversion of existing buildings and redevelopment to provide up to 2,500 homes (Use Class C3); up to 1,780 sqm of community/retail uses (Use Class D1/D2/A1/A3/A4); up to 2,500 sqm of employment use (Use Class B1); sports hub; playing pitches; 2no. 2 Form

Entry primary schools; green infrastructure; indicative primary access road corridors to A420; improvements to Wanborough Road and associated works. Variation of conditions 9, 10, 41, 42, 43, 46 and 47 from previous permission S/OUT/19/0582. At Lotmead site, New Eastern Villages.

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VIEW THE PARISH WEBSITE AT WWW.BISHOPSTONEANDHINTONPARVA.ORG

Photo of the month

This month's to this funny picture was sent in by Lesley Coates. Well done Lesley, it's lovely.

Location The Coombes Hinton Parva. National Trust sign

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ON THURSDAY 23rd of NOVEMBER 6pm to 8 pm

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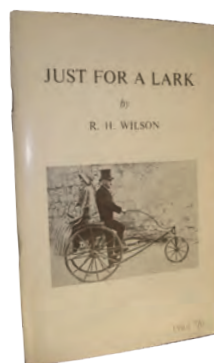
Chris Thomas

Oops, sorry!

In September's edition we wrongly stated that the venue of the summer fete was the Old Rectory, Bishopstone. It was, of course, the Old Vicarage. On behalf of the community, the editorial team thanks the owners of the Old Vicarage, Bishopstone, for their generous support in providing this picturesque location and for all their help organising this very successful village event.

Question: What is the difference between a Rectory and a Vicarage, and why are so many of them now called 'the old'? Answers by email to BishopstoneEditor@gmail.com

Letter to The Editor



Vivien Moss from Shrivenham has written to us as she is looking for a copy of "Just for a Lark" by R H Wilson; farmer in Bishopstone in the early 20th century. She wonders if anyone has a spare unwanted copy. If so please contact her on 01793 782 539. Thanking you! We'd love to hear whether you managed to get hold of a copy Vivien.

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- ASPECTS OF THE NATURAL WORLD may be the source of inspiration, such as signs of the seasons e.g. the first frosts of winter, spring buds, summer swallows, lambs and calves, autumn bronzes or wonderful birdsong and summer heat haze.
- PEOPLE AND MAN-MADE THINGS could feature e.g. the signs of travellers along the route or indeed the waymarks and finger posts that assist them.
- THE RIDGEWAY HAS AN ANCIENT HISTORY OF ITS OWN, of course. Signs and symbols of peoples' long past have left indelible inspiration on and near the Ridgeway National Trail.
- WE HOPE that you will be inspired to produce more amazing works of art to help The Friends of the Ridgeway celebrate our national trail in art again in 2024.

To enter applicants should contact The Friends of The Ridgeway. Entrants need to complete the Entry Form and submit it with their artwork. Close of entries **March 25 2024**

Further information can be obtained from either

Jane Imbush 07739 644064 or Nathan Boyd 07568 707469, joint administrators Email: swireartsprize@gmail.com

Gallery and history: [Swire Ridgeway Arts Prize | Friends of the Ridgeway](https://www.swireartprize.org.uk/)
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THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER

Doors: 7pm film starts 7.40pm

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry. 12a

Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton star in this wonderful adaptation Rachel Joyce's 2012 Novel. Harold Fry is an ordinary man who has passed through life, living on the side lines. Receiving a letter from an old friend, Queenie, who is dying, he goes to post a letter in return..... and just keeps walking. **** The Times **** The Observer

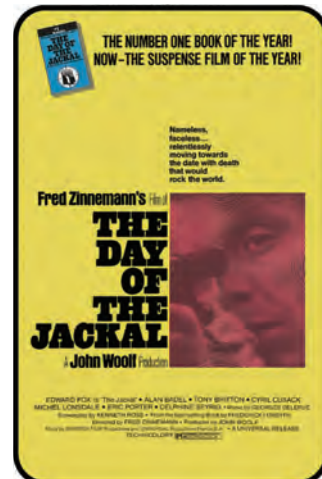


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THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Doors: 7pm film starts 7.40pm

Barbie. 12a

(Wear something pink if you dare!)

Greta Gerwig's critically acclaimed and box office smash hit comes to the village hall! The owners of Barbie, Mattel, wanted a franchise movie celebrating all things pink of the famous iconic toy doll..... what they (and audiences) got was a movie layered with comedy, social commentary and songs to sing along to! **** The Telegraph ***** The Independent



"Greta Gerwig delivers a nuanced commentary on what it means to be a woman in a whimsical, wonderful and laugh-out-loud funny romp. The entire cast shines, especially Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling in roles they were clearly born to play." Variety



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.

VILLAGE HALL HIRE

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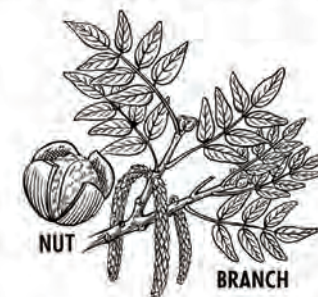
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The Royal Oak Diary



After basking in 25 deg of heat on a mid-October day, serving 100 people in the pub garden on raspberries that were picked on the farm that morning, just occasionally you can forget that global warming is a VERY bad thing. What a fecund place this can be, this remarkable and virtually unknown part of the country - some of the lunch that day came from freshly picked grapes (red and white) from Helen's bountiful Lower Farm, and the blackcurrants and sea buckthorn are now the base ingredients of the business's Sylvan Spirit (our cassis equivalent) and of course the HB Gin. While on Lower Farm, thanks to everyone who supported, and put up with, the invasion of about 2200 people in early September for our celebration of trees and a bit of music thrown in.

In diary terms, we have quiet days ahead in terms of headline events, but remember we do host the village Guy Fawkes' Night, Sunday November 5. It's a school night, so we'll try to get things moving by 5.30pm, and fireworks soon after 6 and all home in bed by 8 please! Russell and Steve Ayres are in charge of pyrotechnics, and we ask that while we organise the event, you bring some fireworks for us to show off. Food in the garden, and some nice beer and cider for those with a thirst. If you have some sensible stuff for us to burn (as usual, don't hide any of your aged relatives inside those boxes and wooden scrap) please bring it along in week beginning October 31, you'll find the location if you look for 'bonfire wood pile' signs. All cars out of the car park by 3.30pm please, unless you're planning an insurance claim.

The staffing here continues to resemble a sensible meeting of the UN Security Council. Last time I looked, we had representatives from Greece, Brazil, Germany, Ghana, New Zealand and Australia (I've probably forgotten some of them), plus our sturdy and reliable and lovely local crew. We're always looking for more smart talent - front of house, we need an experienced bar manager; housekeeping could do with an extra helping hand part time, and occasionally I find areas of the pub that I need to get on my hands and knees for to sort out. My knees are quite old now, and well used.

Several leavers I wish to say thank you to - Aleks and Richard, whom we found hiding in Brazil on their travels, have run the place beautifully for a year, and now off to start their own leisure venture in Devon (no leisure for them); and glorious long termers Anger and Blunt have gone off to university in various parts to ensure the rest of us get emergency medical attention if we ever need it. And Rita's gone of course, so the whole village is quieter, and the local recycling businesses have just about coped with the tonnes of hoarding that she did here over the past 4 years, which we knew nothing about!

Pip pip

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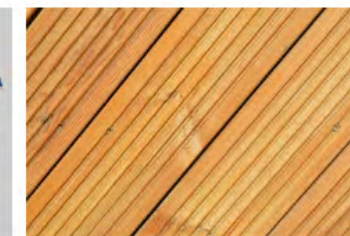
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2023	Time	Event	Place	Contact
All of October		Shrivenham Hub: Book, jigsaw & video games swap (see pg. 3)	56 High St. Shrivenham	sustainablesshrivenham@gmail.com
21.10.23	9am	Wanborough Farmer's Market (3rd Saturday of every month)	Wanborough Village Hall	Lorna 07903 210 505
28.10.23		Shrivenham Hub: Repair Cafe	56 High St. Shrivenham	sustainablesshrivenham@gmail.com
28.10.23	10-11.30am	Family Foraging Walk around Bishopstone with Jo Homan edibleeastbrook.org.uk (pg.17)	Meet: Royal Oak Front Door	07714 745 408 @EdibleEastbrook
31.10.23	from 5pm	Village Halloween Trail	Bishopstone	(see front pg)
02.11.23	7.30pm	Shrivenham & District Gardening Club Talk: Timothy Walker. Rockeries (see pg. 5)	Shrivenham Memorial Hall	01793 782 338
05.11.23	5.30pm	Guy Fawkes Night (see pg 18)	The Royal Oak	01793 790 481
07.11.23	7pm	Shrivenham Hub: Members Meeting (see pg. 3)		sustainablesshrivenham@gmail.com
Nov: Date TBC		Shrivenham Hub: Christmas Pop Up (see pg 3)	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 1	Bishopstone Village Hall	(see pg 5)
18.11.23	9am	Wanborough Farmer's Market (3rd Saturday of every month)	Wanborough Village Hall	Lorna 07903 210 505
18.11.23	7pm	Quiz Night. Fund Raising (see pg 17)	Hinton Parva Village Hall	karen.walker2701@gmail.com 07866 837247
23.11.23	6pm-8pm	Christmas Craft Fair (see pg. 14)	Bishopstone Village Hall	Chris Thomas 07789 414 147
26.11.23	10-3pm	EGLR Christmas Market	Shrivenham Memorial Hall	friends-of-egl@outlook.com
Dec: Date TBC		Shrivenham Hub: Toys (See pg. 3)	56 High St. Shrivenham	sustainablesshrivenham@gmail.com
02.12.23	9.30am? TBC	Wreath making class BYO Foliage	Bishopstone Village Hall	Chris Thomas 07789 414 147
02.12.23	3pm & 6pm	The Snowman: Wantage Silver Band	The Beacon Wantage	ticketsource.co.uk /wantage-band
03.12.23	1.30pm & 4pm	The Snowman: Wantage Silver Band	Amey Theatre Abingdon	ticketsource.co.uk /wantage-band
13.12.23	7pm	B&D Gardening Club: Jane Pearson Design Workshop 2	Bishopstone Village Hall	(see pg 5)
16.12.23	9am	Wanborough Farmer's Market (3rd Saturday of every month)	Wanborough Village Hall	Lorna 07903 210 505
23.12.23	5pm	Village Get Together & Christmas Sing Song	Hinton Parva	karen.walker2701@gmail.com 07866 837247
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 & Hinton Parva WI	Bishopstone / Hinton Parva Village Hall	Jan Chapple janatwan@icloud.com

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