

Village Scene

Hampton Bishop December 2019 - January 2020



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Hampton Bishop Villagers Association

No doubt villagers will have heard, or read about, recent events at the Village Hall. Regrettably, the Hall like several others across the County, fell victim to abuse during teenage parties. Due to social media, numbers grew and quickly got out of control. Fortunately, law enforcement response was rapid. Police arrived, took control, dispersed youngsters and made some arrests. Sadly, a complete disrespect of people and property, including the Church was shown. Family of those involved were mortified at the turn of events. HBVA and Church Deacons are at present liaising with police & those involved, with regard to damage and subsequent repair costs.

In light of these events, HBVA have taken action to prevent the likelihood of such disruption reoccurring. Forthwith, the Hall will only be available for birthday parties of primary school age or younger. HBVA will consider applications from residents for parties outside of this remit, on an individual basis and require a face to face meeting with hirer.

Sincere apologies on behalf of HBVA, to all residents disturbed and upset by these unacceptable events.

On a brighter note, despite atrocious weather conditions and minor flooding, Friday 15th November saw a great turn out for the Quiz Night. More than 60 people attended, with many new faces from within the village. Our quiz master, Dave Watkins kept our grey cells busy, whilst Ali Watkins kept our hunger at bay, with a wonderful chicken curry. Many thanks to both Dave and Ali, for hosting such an enjoyable evening. Our thanks also go to those who braved the weather. May I also take this opportunity to welcome all new families to the Village.

The **“Village Scene”** is now electronic and as such is available electronically through our web site: www.hamptonbishop.info Anyone wishing to receive a copy by email, please inform Peter Turner pmdturner@btinternet.com There will be several copies of the Village Scene printed, to be found in the Church (as it is open daily), Bunch of Carrots, Village Hall and a copy for Hampton House. If you know of a neighbour who is not ‘on-

line' and who would like a printed copy please let Peter know so he can deliver a printed copy to them.

Events.

Valentine Quiz Night 14th February. Look out for more details on this and other upcoming events.

Date of next HBVA meetings:

Thursday, 16th January 2020 7.30pm and then **19th March 2020 AGM 7pm**

Please put these dates in your diary. Come and join us in supporting and growing the life of our village.

As the festive season approaches, I would personally like to offer my sincerest thanks to all the Committee and residents for their help and support over the last year. On behalf of the Villagers Association, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas and Happy 2020.

John Anker

Chair, Hampton Bishop Villagers Association

Hampton Bishop Parish Council

For the October meeting report see

<https://hamptonbishopparrishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Roger's Ramblings: On Leaves & Neighbourhood Watch

As I was driving through Hampton Bishop this morning, I couldn't help but see that we had an awful lot of something. Leaves. Sycamore leaves, Ash leaves, all sorts of leaves; in small piles; in large heaps; in corners but nevertheless loads and loads of leaves. It reminded me of the spoof phone call created by Bob Newhart purporting to come from Sir Walter Raleigh. Newhart is receiving the call from "Walt" as he called from America about tobacco which "Walt" had just discovered.

Newhart somewhat incredulously says "OK, Walt, just let me get this straight, you dry the leaves, crush them up, roll them in paper, light them and then you "smoke" them?" You only hear one side of the conversation and then

Newhart says *“Walt, come the autumn we have a lot of leaves here, there’s no need to bring anymore”*

My mind then went on to humour, or humor as the Yanks would have it. What has happened to humour today, where is it? We used to have humorous songs, sung by artistes as different as Lonnie Donegan and Benny Hill. One of whom told us that his old man was a dustman and the other about Ernie who had the fastest milk float in the west.

When was the last time you heard a humorous song? They just don’t seem to exist. Don’t get me wrong, I do enjoy modern music, well most of it. I struggle a bit with Rap but most of the modern music is interesting. But what’s happened to the fun? We used to have “Lily the Pink”, “Right said Fred”, even “Nelly, the Elephant”. Now we have dreary songs about lost love and fighting.

I would love to hear some new humour, maybe it would give us all a lift. I always, as you know, steer away from politics but the last few years seem to have been full of nastiness, almost like kids in the playground and not serious people on whom we rely to steer our country through the difficult times whether it is climate warming or the increasing threat of China.

So now for something a bit more serious. The Neighbourhood Watch scheme works very well and helps to keep our community safe but there is a newer and better way. An app called WhatsApp is a very secure and instant way of communicating information to a large group of people. All you need is to download the app to either your phone or a computer or tablet. You would then need to contact, by text, either myself on 077853-67723 or email to Rogerwhalley@aol.com or Michelle Nugent, who has very kindly agreed to be the co-ordinator on 07495-517843 or michelleanugent@yahoo.co.uk.

This WhatsApp is completely secure. I am told it is far more secure than say, Facebook, so you should have no fear of hacking. The benefit is that contacts or information can be circulated around villagers instantaneously. There have been a few events recently that have caused some of our neighbours’ concern. An unknown man in a van was circulating in the late evening purporting to be selling food. Now he may have been absolutely genuine, but it did concern a few folks. Also, a much-loved dog went walkabout which caused her owner some distress. Now both of these events proved to have been resolved very quickly, however it could have been handled even more

quickly had we had the WhatsApp link. I know this works very well in other villages, it's free, at least it only costs a text message. If you would like to join and link our village together then please download the app and contact either Michelle or me.

I hope you have a lovely, merry and blessed Christmas and a prosperous, safe and happy New Year

Garden Wisdom of days gone by

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**“The gardening season officially begins on January 1st,
and ends on 31st December”**

Katherine S White.

EARLY WINTER

The weather is often entirely unpredictable now. Penetrating frosts and icy winds; continuous dull, depressing rain, or mild, calm, sunny days more like early autumn; anything is possible. It may not be the best time to be working outside but seize your opportunities when they arise.

GENERAL

- Continue winter digging on vegetable plots
- Make paths to avoid wear on lawns
- Cover compost heaps to keep dry.

ORNAMENTAL GARDEN

- Continue to plant containers for winter and spring interest.
- Firm newly planted trees and shrubs after windy weather.
- Protect the blooms of Helleborus Niger (Christmas Rose) with straw on the ground.
- Check trees and shrubs for root rock or lifting after frosts, refirming them in if necessary.
- Order flower seeds from catalogues, especially those needing an early start.
- Put up tree guards to protect young trees against rabbits.

LAWNS

Avoid walking over frosted grass. Turfing is still possible if mild.

WATER GARDENS.

Thaw holes in frozen ponds.

KITCHEN GARDENS

- Protect autumn-sown broad bean and sweet pea seedlings.
- Order seeds from catalogues.
- Prune fruit trees if required, including soft fruits such as black currant.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA.

- Poinsettias need bright but filtered light, away from strong sun and draughts. Temperature range ideally 55-65*f (13-17*c) min/max.
- Transporting your poinsettia home from the shop in the cold weather can damage the foliage, so make sure it is well wrapped top to bottom or use a plastic bag, for complete protection.
- Be wary of purchasing from outdoor markets and avoid buying from sites near shop doorways, for the above reason.
- Sometimes your plant may wilt soon after bringing home, through experiencing cold conditions prior to purchasing. Apart from trying to soak the compost in warm water for a while, there is little you can do to save the plant.
- Water sparingly as over watering can also cause your poinsettia to wilt as well as encouraging grey mould. Once a week is sufficient. Also flowering life is extended by regular misting to increase humidity.
- Under watering will cause leaves to yellow at the edges and encourage pests.
- A little feed with tomato food will benefit the plant in December and January.

Recipe: Chicken Liver Parfait with Cranberry Butter

200g butter

1 banana shallot, 1 large sprig of thyme, 1 bay leaf

2 garlic cloves finely chopped

pinch nutmeg, pinch allspice, S & P

500g chicken livers

50ml brandy, 50ml Madeira or Sherry

3tbsp double cream

Oil for greasing

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Melt 50g butter and gently fry the shallot, thyme & bay leaf until soft but not coloured. Add the garlic, nutmeg & allspice cook for 1 minutes stirring throughout. Add chicken livers and cook over a high heat for 2-3 minutes until browned, add the brandy and Madeira to the pan and boil for 1-2 minutes until most of the liquid has evaporated. Remove from the heat and discard the thyme and bay leaf. Pour into processor and season.

Melt the remaining 150g butter in a small pan. Blend the livers and shallot mixture for 1 minute, then gently put in the melted butter followed by the double cream. Grease 6 ramekins and divide the mixture between them.

Cranberry butter.

100g butter

6 tabs cranberry sauce

Melt the butter over a low heat, pour into a measuring jug and skim off any foam, leave to settle, when the butter has cleared add the cranberry sauce, when melted together spoon over the ramekins, chill for about 4 hours or overnight. Will keep for 3 days in the fridge.

Reflections on 35 years of care at St Michael's Hospice

By Dr Richard Miller

As a medical student, I spent six months helping to care for people with advanced life-limiting conditions, such as leukaemia and Hodgkin's lymphoma. Being so involved with patients and their families left a lasting impression.

Subsequently, I went into general practice in Hereford and soon became aware of my limitations when caring for people at the end of their lives. I became interested in the holistic approach to end of life care provided by the hospice movement.

I spent time in several hospices. Each one welcomed me with that special atmosphere of loving care that is so familiar to all who have visited St Michael's. I soon became convinced that Herefordshire needed a hospice of its own. The catalyst for St Michael's came when I met Freda Pearce 40 years ago in July 1979. She and her ladies' committee had already raised a

remarkable £90,000 for a body scanner in Cheltenham. Together we shared the ambition to establish a hospice in Herefordshire. A new committee was formed and set about the daunting task of planning and raising funds. In spite of the obstacles, the faith of the committee never wavered from creating a fully equipped hospice.

One late summer's day architect Nigel Dees, quantity surveyor Brian Adams and I met the sisters at Bartestree Convent. We ended the afternoon admiring the fantastic view and instinctively knew we had found the perfect location. In spite of a phenomenal local response, we were yet to reach the target of £750,000. However, using his charm and political skills, Dr Jeff Kramer arranged an interest-free loan from the Regional Health Authority. Also, at the last minute, we received a donation for £50,000 from the King of Saudi Arabia. Building work proceeded on schedule, and St Michael's opened its doors to patients on 31st October 1984.

Freda never lived to see the difference St Michael's made to people's lives. However, she would have been overwhelmed by how her inspiration helped establish one of the most highly regarded hospices in the world. The positive impact the Hospice has had on the community, and the support it receives, is a tribute to everyone involved. St Michael's has helped raise the standard of care locally, nationally and internationally through sharing its expertise.



I'm immensely proud of the care St Michael's continues to provide and grateful to all who give their time and support to making our Hospice a place like no other. Being involved with St Michael's has been an enormous privilege and proved to be a real blessing in my life; my faith in human nature soars every time I visit.

Village Hall Regular Bookings

Function	Date	Time	Place
Yoga*	Thursdays	09:30-11, 19:30-21:00	MH
Ballet*	Mondays	16:00 - 20:30	MH
Quilting*	Thursdays	10:00 – 14:00	CR
WI*	2 nd Thursday	19:30 – 22:00	MH
National Women's Council*	1 st Wednesday	12:00 – 16:00	CR
Community Choir*	Tuesdays	19:30-21:00	MH

Bishop Village Hall Booking Charges

Main Hall	£10.00 per hour / £12.00 at weekend
Villagers	£7.50 per hour / £9.00 at weekend
Committee Room	£7.50 per hour / £10.00 at weekend
Villagers	£6.00 per hour / £7.00 at weekend
Weddings	£250 (up to 3 days)
Villagers' Weddings	£200 (up to 3 days)
Marquee Surcharge	£25.00
Other Functions	£70.00 per day
Use of Kitchen	£10.00 per session
Glasses Hire	£10.00 per booking

To hire the hall please contact Val Watson on 07762 103110

Please note:

- **Booking forms can be found at <http://www.hamptonbishop.info/publications>**
- **The hall should be left clean and free of any litter. Otherwise any costs incurred will be charged to the hirer.**
- **A discretionary hire fee refund can only be given if at least 72 hours' notice of cancellation is provided.**
- **Main Hall Capacity for use of tables (i.e. meals etc..) is 80 people while it can accommodate 120 standing.**

Useful Contact Details

Church Treasurer	Ken Tinsley	870620
PCC Secretary	Julia Pearson	870459
Tuesday Lunch	Thelma Netherway or Julia Pearson	870968 870459
Church Wardens	Dr Richard Miller	870612
	Mr Edwin Moss	870278
Villagers Association Chairman	John Anker	870483
VA Treasurer	Jo Evans	870724
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Parish Council Clerk	Lynda Wilcox	353492/07713 077077
Chairman of Parish Council	Steve Hunt	07970 822348
Vice-Chair of Parish Council	Mark Frankland	870735
Womens Institute Secretary	Barbara Kerr	870648
Mordiford Community Choir	Tom Hughes	mordifordchoir.co.uk
St Andrew's Bell Ringers	Edwin Moss	870278
EA Flood Warning		0345 988 1188
Police non-emergency		101 / 03003333000
Iyengar Yoga	Fiona Hawkins	860270
Dance Fusion	Heather Winterbourn	07834 208639
National Council for Women	Lois Davies	851558
Shushinkai Karate	Amy Powell	851868
Girls around the Block	Lyn Daffurn	870201
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W I Report October

Minutes of Hampton Bishop W.I. Meeting held at Hampton Bishop Village Hall Thursday 10th October 2019 at 7:30.

15 Members were present, and we welcomed one visitor, Elaine.
Apologies from: Barbara James, Lesley, Wendy, Peggy, Faustina

Joan Lawrence gave us a really interesting & informative talk on The Horrors & Hauntings of Hereford.

Joan was a Hereford city guide for 13 years & is very knowledgeable on the history of Hereford. She made a ghostly atmosphere by using night lights & took us on a virtual tour of Hereford starting at the West end of the Cathedral. Her first spooky story involved King Ethelbert in 792 when his head was chopped off & his body & head were thrown in the Marsh.....

Joan then took us to Gwynne Street where a woman's face was seen at the window then disappeared.

We heard about Isobelle Chandos, the 13 Ghosts at the Black Lion, the Bridge Street sightings where the graveyard used to be & the Orange tree pub where workmen's tools were mysteriously moved. We learnt about ghostly sightings in the Spread Eagle pub. Even the Catholic Church in Broad Street had a dark story with the resulting mummified hand which is now in a glass case at the back of St Francis Xavier Church.

We were told stories involving the Green Dragon Hotel, the meeting of East & West street & the Queens Arms pub. All Saints Church & Greyfriars Avenue were next, leading on to mysterious happening at the old building now placed above street level opposite Boots the Chemist, where Joan herself witnessed an unexplained event when doors of the old building opened & closed on a windless & calm night & when investigated by police the doors were found to be locked!

We heard about the awful punishments publicly carried out in High Town involving stocks, the pillory and the whipping post for often quite petty crimes or bad behaviour. Worst of all the public executions-Hugh Despenser for being the friend of a King & Owen Tudor for leading the losing side in a battle. It was interesting to hear about the Old House which used to part of Butchers Row. Even St Peters Church, the Shire Hall& the Lichfield Vaults had stories linked to them.

The last story was probably the scariest of all- A 12th century tale about 'the living dead'. Heuno, an ugly Welsh Tanner, who had died & been buried but rose from the dead, terrifying the townsfolk & causing the deaths of several before finally being returned to the grave, where he finally rests..or does he??

It was a great, scary, enjoyable talk & no one fell asleep! Well done & thank you Joan.

Correspondence

The International Evening has been cancelled due to lack of response.
Carol Concert with the Male Rail Choir 9th December 7:00 at Holy Trinity Church £5 to include Mulled wine & mince pie.

Poetry Competition 2020

Visit to Denman College 6th to 8th July £250

Centenary memorabilia for sale

Diaries £5 each

Finance £533-45

A.O.B.

Next month is AGM.

Lynne & Sue will give out named envelopes for subs 2020 which are £43

We had our raffle.

Thank you to Lynne Hateley & Julia for our refreshments. The homemade biscuits were delicious Lynne.

Meeting closed at 9:30

N.B. November cancelled due to access issues.

Hampton Bishop Readers Group

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Date	Host	Discussion Title	Author
Tuesday 17 th December 7.00pm	Bunch of Carrots	Good Reads	
Wednesday 8 th January 7.30pm	Lesley Anker	A Hundred Pieces of Me	Lucy DILLON
Wednesday 12 th February 7.30pm	TBC	The star of the sea	O'CONNOR

New members welcome.

We are members of the Hereford Library Service, which means sets of our chosen read are available. We aim to meet monthly - 2nd Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in finding out more, please call: Lesley Anker 870483 or Sian Turner 870770

Services at St Andrews

Sunday December 1st at 11am Family Worship for St Andrew's Day

Sunday December 8th at 4pm Light up a Life with St Michael's Hospice to remember loved ones who have died, with light refreshments.

Sunday December 15th at 6pm Carol Service.

Sunday December 22nd Holy Communion

Christmas Eve 2.30^{pm} Christingle, 11pm Midnight Holy Communion

Sunday December 29th no service.

Sunday 5th January at 11am Family Worship

Sunday 12th January at 6pm Holy Communion Epiphany 1

Sunday 19th January at 6pm Evening Worship Epiphany 2

Sunday 26th January at 6pm Holy Communion Epiphany 3

Dates for your Diary

Chapel Cafe 3rd Dec/ 7th Jan Lady Chapel St Andrew's Church 10-12

Community Lunch 10th December / 14th January at Village Hall 12 noon for 12:30 meal. PLEASE phone 870968 by 6th December / 10th January for a place.

Cameo 12/19th December and 30th January at The Studdies 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

Please call Thelma on 870968 to confirm attendance.



Hampton Bishop Village Open Gardens

Saturday May 30th and Sunday 31st May 2020

Please can you help?

To organise this event in aid of three wonderful charities, I need your help in various ways: -

1. Would you consider opening your garden to the paying public? Perfection is not a requirement – just an infectious enthusiasm for your gardening efforts!
2. Refreshments, raffle, parking and entry fee will be based in the village hall so volunteers are required to man the tea urn, make cakes, donate raffle prizes and sell tickets – the more volunteers the merrier it will be!
3. There will be a sale of plants, pots and other gardening paraphernalia at the village hall. Have a sort out in your shed and donate any unwanted items (in good condition of course)!

If dividing plants this autumn, please pot up and grow until May – or give to me and I'll try and keep them alive until then! Take cuttings and keep your fingers crossed and plant seeds come the spring. Whatever isn't sold will be donated to the village fete so your hard efforts will not go to waste – remember to label everything!

If you want more information or can donate or help in any of the above ways, please contact Ali Watkins 01432 873110, aawatkins@btinternet.com or 07973 278292. Supporting St Michael's Hospice, St Andrew's Church and The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity

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