

# Village Scene

*Hampton Bishop October 2019 - November 2019*



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**Please note that the Ceilidh on 5<sup>th</sup> October has been cancelled see HBVA report.**

## Hampton Bishop Villagers Association

Well, Autumn is now definitely upon us. You can feel the morning chill (that early morning walk with the dog, is not quite the same) and the nights are certainly closing in. Fortunately, the Village Hall now has new vestibule entrance lights installed, so there is always a welcoming light, guiding you in to and out of the hall. We have also installed two LED spot lights for the car park.

The “**Village Scene**” is going electronic. Having considered environmental, printing and financial issues, the committee decided the magazine will now be available electronically through our web site: <http://www.hamptonbishop.info> Anyone wishing to receive a copy by email, please inform Peter Turner [pmdturner@btinternet.com](mailto:pmdturner@btinternet.com) There will be 6 copies of the Village Scene printed, 5 for the Church (as it is open daily) and a copy for Hampton House.

Further to previous comments regarding the Village Hall car park, the Village Hall committee have agreed that “**Private Car Park. No Unauthorised Parking**” signs will be displayed in the car park. We are currently awaiting quotes for the supply of suitable signs.

### Upcoming Events

**Ceilidh:** Regrettably, due to the lack of ticket sales, the Ceilidh scheduled for Saturday 05<sup>th</sup> October has been cancelled. The Ceilidh was well advertised, however, regardless of this, by Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September only a total of 6 tickets had been reserved. In light of the financial commitment involved in holding the event and in fairness to the Whiffeldy Band, the committee took the decision to cancel the event. The reserved tickets holders will be fully reimbursed.

**Our next event is a ‘Quiz Night’ to be held at 7.30pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.** Please come along and join us for this very popular evening. Form your own group of 6 or join in to make up a table. To keep those little grey cells refreshed, a Ploughman’s supper will be served and a bar available.

Adults £7.50 in advance (£10.00 on the door). Children under 11yrs £5.00 in advance (£7.50 on the door). For catering purposes please confirm your reservation at least 2 weeks in advance.

Look out for more details of upcoming events in future copies of the Village Scene.

**Date of next meetings:**

**7.30pm Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 16<sup>th</sup> January, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 AGM 7pm**

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

**John Anker**

Chair, Hampton Bishop Villagers Association

## Hampton Bishop Parish Council

The meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> September had to be cancelled and will be reconvened sometime in October – see <https://hamptonbishopparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

## Roger's Ramblings: Some thoughts on the sun

One or two things came into my mind over the last few days. After we had a brilliant spell of weather, this morning it had turned from a late summer into an early winter. Of course, one of the reasons was that the sun had passed over the Equator. The autumn equinox. The sun just sort of wobbles around the sky crossing the Equator twice a year and then coming as north as the Tropic of Capricorn before it goes south to the Tropic of Cancer.

As a result, after the autumn Equinox things do start to get a bit wintery. But it wasn't this I wanted to tell you about. I have always been a pretty good navigator. If you stick me in a car and ask me to drive to, say, Doncaster, although I don't know quite why Doncaster came into my mind, it's years since I was there. But the thing is I would just roughly know the way to go and set off in a sort of north-easterly direction. Bridget knows that I'm pretty good at finding my way around.

It has something to do with the sun. We all know it rises in the East and sets in the West so whatever the time of day you know roughly where the sun is and from that, which way is North. The rest follows. If I want to go to Doncaster, and I can't quite think now why, I would need to keep the sun somewhere over my left shoulder. It would depend on the time as to where exactly.

Now here's the strange thing. When I first went to South Africa, and if you haven't been there you should try to go, I found that I was constantly getting lost. I was driving on my own and didn't have the luxury of a sat nav so I had to look at the map before I set off and roughly memorise my route. I then relied on my gut feeling as to where the sun was and set off, much in hope that I would arrive at my destination.

I kept getting horribly lost. And getting lost in South Africa can be really horrible. I kept finding myself late for meetings as I was trying to find where I was going. I even got into places that I really shouldn't have been. It puzzled me why my usual sense of direction was so hopelessly wrong until I worked out why.

When you cross the Equator, the sun goes from what is called a Southerly Declination to a Northerly Declination. That means where we live the sun always appears to be to the south of us and south of the Equator it always appears to be to the north. So, if I wanted to go to the South African equivalent of Doncaster, I would need the sun to be somewhere to the right of my face and not over my left shoulder.

Problem solved. As always in life we learn new things every day and that was one of them. Now, if you want to know whether the water goes down the plughole in the opposite direction. That is another story for another time.

## Garden Wisdom of days gone by

**"Garden Wisdom of Days gone Bye"**

**"Love the trees until their leaves fall off, then encourage them to try again next year"**

**Chad Sugg.**

## **Autumn.**

Many autumn tasks involve clearing away the debris of the summer season, but there's also plenty of sowing and planting to do. Some warm sunny days and an abundance of late flowering plants, bright foliage and fruit make the melancholy job of clearing up more enjoyable.

## **Autumn Tasks.**

1. Remove fallen leaves and turn them into leaf mould.
2. Clear away all garden debris to avoid pests and diseases.
3. Protect vulnerable plants from rain and cold; beware of early frosts
4. Tidy herbaceous borders and divide border plants; apply bonemeal to borders and around shrubs and trees.
5. Plant tulips and hyacinths; plant lily bulbs as they become available.
6. Remove and burn diseased leaves fallen from roses.
7. Plant bare-root trees and shrubs.
8. Lift and store dahlia roots when the leaves have blackened by frost.
9. Lift and store gladioli and tuberous begonias.
10. Finish planting spring bedding.
11. Protect newly planted shrubs from strong winds.
12. Continue to sweep up leaves and repair damaged areas of grass. Mow as necessary.
13. Prune blackcurrants, blackberries and hybrid berries.
14. Sow broad beans and hardy peas for overwintering.
15. AND! Don't forget those pesky WEEDS! Don't let them sit comfortably in your borders through the winter, get them out now!

## **Recipe: Quince Sorbet**

55g caster sugar

150ml water

5 quinces, peeled, cored and chopped

juice of 1 lemon

2 egg whites

## **Method.**

Simmer the sugar and water in a saucepan with until the sugar has dissolved. Bring to the boil and simmer for 3 minutes. Leave to cool. In a separate pan simmer the quinces with a little water and lemon juice until they form a soft purée, leave to cool.

Both the sugar syrup and quince purée must be completely chilled before making the sorbet. When chilled mix the purée and sugar syrup together and freeze for about 3 hours or until the mixture is slushy, then beat with a whisk to break up the ice crystals. Whisk up the egg whites to soft peaks and fold into the slushy mix. Return to the freezer for a further 4 hours or until the sorbet is frozen.

“A bowl of raw quinces will fill your kitchen with a wonderful vanilla aroma”

## 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 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday  | 19:30 – 22:00         | MH    |
| National Women’s Council* | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday | 12:00 – 16:00         | CR    |

## Village Hall Regular Bookings

### 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

|                                       |   |                         |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| <b>Church Treasurer</b>               | Ken Tinsley   | 870620                  |
| <b>PCC Secretary</b>                  | Julia Pearson   | 870459                  |
| <b>Tuesday Lunch</b>                  | Thelma Netherway or<br>Julia Pearson  | 870968<br>870459        |
| <b>Church Wardens</b>                 | Dr Richard Miller   | 870612                  |
|                                       | Mr Edwin Moss   | 870278                  |
| <b>Villagers Association Chairman</b> | John Anker  | 870483                  |
| <b>VA Treasurer</b>                   | Jo Evans  | 870724                  |
| <b>Village Hall Booking Clerk</b>     | Val watson  | 07762 103110            |
| <b>Parish Council Clerk</b>           | Lynda Wilcox  | 353492/07713 077077     |
| <b>Chairman of Parish Council</b>     | Steve Hunt  | 07970 822348            |
| <b>Vice-Chair of Parish Council</b>   | Mark Frankland  | 870735                  |
| <b>Womens Institute Secretary</b>     | Barbara Kerr  | 870648                  |
| <b>Mordiford Community Choir</b>      | Tom Hughes  | mordifordchoir.co.uk    |
| <b>St Andrew's Bell Ringers</b>       | Edwin Moss  | 870278                  |
| <b>EA Flood Warning</b>               |   | 0345 988 1188           |
| <b>Police non-emergency</b>           |   | 101 / 03003333000       |
| <b>Iyengar Yoga</b>                   | Fiona Hawkins   | 860270                  |
| <b>Dance Fusion</b>                   | Heather Winterbourn   | 07834 208639            |
| <b>National Council for Women</b>     | Lois Davies   | 851558                  |
| <b>Shushinkai Karate</b>              | Amy Powell  | 851868                  |
| <b>Girls around the Block</b>         | Lyn Daffurn   | 870201                  |
| <b>CAMEO</b>                          | Thelma Netherway  | 870968                  |
| <b>The Vicarage, 107 Church Road</b>  |   | 353068                  |
| <b>Tupsley, HR1 1RT.</b>              | vicar@stpaulshereford.org.uk  |                         |
| <b>The Benefice Office</b>            | Tupsley   | 274490                  |
| <b>Village Scene</b>                  | Peter Turner,<br><a href="mailto:pmdturner@btinternet.com">pmdturner@btinternet.com</a> | 870911 /<br>07576587639 |

# W I Report August & September

## **Minutes of Hampton Bishop WI meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Ten members gathered at the village hall on a dry and warm evening. Our original speaker had cancelled so we organised an informal game of boules outside on the grass.

There was no correspondence from county. Kay reported that Claire had successfully completed her challenge and had raised over £5000 and thanks everyone who donated.

There was much laughter and everyone enjoyed the evening and Lynne Hatley won the WI pen.

The evening was closed with delightful homemade scones, jam and cream provided by Lynne Hatley which we enjoyed with cups of tea. It was a lovely change to our normal meeting.

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September**

Eleven members attended the meeting. Apologies from Gill, Carolyn, Sue, Julia, Peggy, Barbara J, Faustina and Jean

Our speaker was Jill Salmon, we have had Jill a couple of times over the years, and her talks are always very interesting and colourful. This month's talk was on the Customs and Costumes of Africa, it is one of Jill's favourite places. She first went out to Africa with the VSO, then a very naive 21-year-old. She was sent to an area of Nigeria where she soon found out that she liked the Art, especially the mask and all ceremony that was attached to the masks.

Jill met her husband in Africa as he was an English anthropologist, they travelled extensively and met some wonderful people whom they remained very close to and visited as often as possible. On one occasion they travelled with their 5-month-old son. The baby was paraded around the village by a masked man, she was convinced they were going to boil him for dinner. Luckily he was returned safely. He was the first white baby they had ever seen.

Much of Jill's career was connected with African art. Jill then showed us some fabrics with intricate patterns all handmade. Once again Jill wowed us with her knowledge and enthusiasm. As an aside Jill told us about one African man who had fathered 42 children. Jill was given a hearty round of applause.

We then had a break for tea and biscuits supplied by Val and Kay; Val had made some homemade Almond biscuits.

The business meeting then took part. The only correspondence was info about an International Evening and also the Christmas Concert which is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at Holy Trinity Church, Whitecross Road, £5.00 to include mulled wine and a mince pie. The committee meeting scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> October has been cancelled as both Kay and Barbara are unable to attend. A couple of members had been to see Peggy and were able to report that she is doing very well, and that she hopes to come back to WI in November.

Sarah has taken over the raffle and she is planning to have a Christmas Hamper again this year. Any contributions would be gratefully received, please bring along to the November meeting, no perishable products please.

Joan is now giving her talk on The Ghosts of Hereford on 10<sup>th</sup> October. Kay and Barbara will be demonstrating Paper Folding (more exciting than it sounds) on 14<sup>th</sup> November, which is also the AGM.

## Services at St Andrews

**6 October 11:00am.** Family Worship. Harvest Festival

**13 October 18:00pm.** Holy Communion

**20 October 18:00pm.** Evening Worship

**27 October 18:00pm.** Holy Communion

**3 November 11:00am.** Family Worship

**10 November 18:00pm.** Holy Communion

**17 November 18:00pm.** Evening Worship

**24 November 18:00pm.** Holy Communion

**1 December 11:00.** Family Worship

## Dates for your Diary

**Chapel Cafe 1st October and 5th November Lady Chapel St Andrew's Church 10-12**

**Family Service 6th October and 3rd November St Andrew's Church 11 a.m.** The 6<sup>th</sup> October service will celebrate the Harvest Festival and will be followed with light refreshments in the Lady's Chapel. Everyone welcome.

**Community Lunch 8th October and 12th November Village Hall midday for 12.30pm**

**Cameo 31st October and 28th November at The Studdies 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.**

**For transport for any of the above or for more information please contact Thelma 870968 or Julia 870459**

## Tales from the Churchyard

The churchyard at Hampton Bishop's St Andrews church – our churchyard – is managed with wildlife very much in mind. It is a country churchyard after all, God's Acre, not a golf course.

### **Mummy Pheasant and babies**

Haymaking was started a bit too early this year. Strimming the long grass by the Preaching Cross, the bloke that doesn't cut the grass discovered a pheasant's nest. It was so well camouflaged that it wasn't noticed until the sitting pheasant's wing feathers had been clipped. Haymaking was immediately suspended, and fortunately Mummy Pheasant stayed put, determined to raise her brood. She was observed on the nest every day for another eight days. Only once was she found briefly absent, no doubt to powder her nose and grab a bite to eat. Despite the grass around the nest having been cut, she was still sufficiently well camouflaged to successfully hatch ten of her eleven eggs.

### **Cinnabar Moths and caterpillars**

It's been another good year for Cinnabar moths and their caterpillars in the churchyard, thanks to the caterpillars' favourite food plant being left to

flower, rather than considered a weed. The brightly coloured day flying moth is often mistaken for a butterfly. It is named after the red mineral cinnabar, due to the red patches on its predominantly black wings. The caterpillars are also brightly coloured, with black and orange stripes. The bright colours of caterpillar and moth are a warning not to eat them, as they absorb chemicals poisonous to predators.

### **Giant Puffball**

Another thing you won't often see on the greens at a golf course is a Giant Puffball, about the size of a football. Two were discovered hidden by long grass near the east gate.

### **Dogs**

Dogs with their walkers are very welcome in the churchyard, as is everyone else. But rarely a week goes by without dog mess being left behind. Often, it's three or four times a week. It is difficult to imagine any of our neighbours knowingly failing to clear up. It seems likely that the problem occurs while owners stop to chat, perhaps with their back to their dog. It's great that it's such a friendly village, with so many splendid people to pass the time of day with, but please keep a close eye on your dog. If that's not convenient, please keep them on a lead in the churchyard. Apart from our wonderful clergy, St Andrews has no paid employees; it's down to volunteer regular worshippers to clear up dog mess, as well as everything else involved with keeping a church ticking over, ready for when it's needed by the wider community, for weddings, funerals, Carol services etc.





## Hampton Bishop Readers Group

| <b>Hampton Bishop Readers Group</b>  |                               |  |   |
|--|-------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Date</b>  | <b>Host</b>                   | <b>Discussion Title</b>  | <b>Author</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>9<sup>th</sup> October<br/>7.30pm</b>   | <b>Daralyn<br/>Smith</b>      | <b>The Suspicions of<br/>Mr Whicher</b>                          | <b>Kate<br/>SUMMERSCALE</b>                                 |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>13<sup>th</sup> November<br/>7.30pm</b>   | <b>Janette<br/>Blenkinsop</b> | <b>The Guernsey literary<br/>and potato peel pie<br/>society</b> | <b>Mary Ann<br/>SHAFFER<br/>&amp;<br/>Annie<br/>BARROWS</b> |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>11<sup>th</sup> December<br/>7.30pm</b>   | <b>Bunch of<br/>Carrots</b>   | <b>Good Reads</b>  |   |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>8<sup>th</sup> January<br/>7.30pm</b>   | <b>TBC</b>                    | <b>A Hundred Pieces of<br/>Me</b>                                | <b>Lucy DILLON</b>  |
| <p>We are members of the Hereford Library Service, which means sets of our chosen read are available. We aim to meet monthly - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. <b>New members welcome.</b> Call Lesley Anker 870483 or Sian Turner 870770 for details.</p> |                               |  |   |



## Hampton Bishop Village Open Gardens

**Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:aawatkins@btinternet.com) or 07973 278292. Supporting St Michael's Hospice, St Andrew's Church and The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity

## Welcome Corner

This is a new addition to introduce 'newcomers' to the village, so that those of us who are non-dog walkers and spend more time at work than at home do not mistake them for visitors or ramblers. We would like everybody to be on the lookout for new neighbours and keep us informed. Due to General Data Protection and Privacy Regulations (GDPR), we are bound by law to seek consent before we use anyone's photos or any personal information that can identify the person. Please let us know or ask any neighbour who has been here in the last year if they wish to be introduced this way. This month we welcome the families below and hope you can address them by name when you bump into them. Some of us were fortunate to meet them, even if briefly, at the Family Summer BBQ, held at "The Studs" on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

### The Jones Family



Marie was born and bred in the village and has now returned with her husband Dan, children Oliver and Aidan and their dog, Poppy. They have been busy renovating their house.

### The Jackson Family



Richard, Elizabeth (Libby), their son Tom and Molly the dog, moved to the village from Thame, Oxfordshire in August. They say they 'are loving it here, feeling very welcome and looking forward to getting involved in village life.

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