

Village Scene

Hampton Bishop February 2020 - March 2020



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Hampton Bishop Villagers Association

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish one and all a 'Happy New Year'. January 2020 sees not only the start of a new year, but a new decade. With new beginnings in mind, it will also see me passing on the baton to a new Chairperson. I hope as many of you as possible will attend the AGM 7pm Meeting room, on Thursday 19th March, to take part in the election. Although stepping down from the committee, both Lesley and I look forward to continuing our support of members and events.

I am pleased to advise, that due to popular demand, the committee is looking at ways to reintroduce a hard copy of the Village Scene. In the meantime, please keep abreast of information and events, via flyers and the following:

HBVA website: <http://www.hamptonbishop.info/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hamptonbishophereford/>

Also note the WhatsApp group mentioned in Roger's column below.

For those who may be interested, training courses will be forthcoming for use of the Defibrillator, which is now fully functioning. Look out for further details on the HBVA website and in the Village Scene.

Our first event of 2020 will be the

Valentine Quiz Night

Friday 14th February 7pm for 7.30pm start.

**Please reserve tickets for catering purposes (Chilli & Rice).
Advance tickets £7.50, tickets on the night £10. Bar available.**

I take my leave by thanking you all for the support you've given me over the years, particularly those who have been active on the committee during my time as Chairperson.

John Anker

Chair, Hampton Bishop Villagers Association

Hampton Bishop Parish Council

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Roger's Ramblings: Noye's Fludde

Ben Britten knew what he was doing when in 1958 when he set the medieval play to music because you know that music is the food of love. Maybe he wanted us to enjoy floods. Well, I guess if the choice is between a fire and a flood, I would choose a flood any day. Having endured a fire at home when an oil-fired boiler chose to self-ignite and we had to call the fire brigade and also having been flooded I have to say that the choice is simple.

Now there's a thing. I have grown up calling it the Fire Brigade and those who sit in the big red trucks firemen, I am now corrected and told that it should be called the Fire Service and the personnel be called Fire Fighters. I do understand the reason for the change in name of the brave folk who risk their lives for our lives and our properties. It's because a large number are now females. In fact, there was a lady fire fighter who helped us in our fire, but I can't understand why we lost the word Brigade.

I have digressed as always because I really wanted to talk about floods and the week before Christmas when the main road was closed, and all three village lanes were badly affected. I do hope that none of you had your houses affected. It wasn't nearly as bad as 2014 both for depth and time as I guess we could get out in ordinary cars by the third day. Folks with 4x4 vehicles would hardly have noticed a problem. Again, I digress because I really wanted to comment on the excellent communications, we got on the village WhatsApp Neighbourhood. There were hourly updates on the problem and none of us who are on the system were left not knowing the state of play. Particularly helpful were Susan and Simon Marr who were able to update all of us on the state of the main road so that even though it had big red closed signs up we were able to come and go.

So, if any of you have not yet signed up to the WhatsApp group then I strongly recommend that you do it without delay. 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.

As I write this the sun is shining, we have two or three daffodils in the garden and the snowdrops have nearly finished. I find this an exciting time of year as it seems like a renewal of everything that is lovely about England in the spring. I know it's not spring yet but when February has gone and the

hedgerows start to green up then we are through the worst of the winter and should have a spring in our step. Spring or spring that's just another example of our puzzling English language.

I know I have always tried to keep politics out of this but it amused me recently when the Council of the EU was in session and the only way they could all communicate was by speaking English. Maybe we should copyright our language and get the EU to pay a royalty for using it?

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.

**“I grow plants for many reasons;
To please my eye or to
please my soul, to challenge the elements or
challenge my patience, for novelty or for nostalgia,
but mostly for the joy in seeing them grow”.**

David Hobson.

EARLY SPRING

Ever-lengthening days give us more time to spend in the garden and we need it because there is plenty to be done. Although the days are chilly, with overnight frost an ever-present danger, there will gradually be more sunshine to cheer things up, and a distinctly milder feeling in the air.

Early Spring tasks.

1. Prepare the soil for sowing when the weather allows.
2. Remove weeds and apply a moisture-retaining mulch.

Ornamental Garden.

3. Plant container-grown trees and shrubs, and plant and divide herbaceous perennials.
4. Support border plants as soon as the shoots start to lengthen.
5. Sow hardy annuals and *Lathyrus odoratus* (sweet peas) outdoors.
6. Prune roses and shrubs such as buddleja, hydrangeas and dogwood.
7. Remove winter protection from plants.
8. Fertilise Spring-flowering bulbs, perennials and shrubs if not already done.
9. Mulch round alpine plants with fresh gravel.
10. Trim back winter flowering calluna (heathers).

Lawns.

11. Begin mowing regularly, continue to carry out repairs to turf. Kitchen Garden.
12. Dig up the last of the over- wintered crops and sow early crops in their place.
13. Plant early potatoes, rhubarb and shallots.
14. Continue harvesting rhubarb and sea kale.
15. Stake autumn or early Spring sown broad beans and peas.
16. Protect early blossom on fruit trees, if possible.
17. Plant soft fruit bushes. Try Autumn- fruiting Raspberries for a late crop.
18. Check raspberry supports.

Check Plants for Pests

Garden pests of all sorts continue to thrive in the warm weather, and plants need to be checked regularly and pest infestations treated promptly. One of the most troublesome pests is the vine weevil. Greenhouse plants are most at risk, but the adult weevils spread outside as the weather becomes warmer. Outdoor weevil activity starts now, and peaks between early summer and mid-autumn. You may see leaves that have had characteristic notches bitten out of their margins by the adult weevil but it is the damage done by the grubs that is more serious; they feed on the roots and can completely destroy the root system. Suspect vine weevil grubs, where plants suddenly die for no apparent reason, especially plants in containers or pots. A biological control containing nematodes can be applied now, provided there is a reasonable warm spell of weather. This will be effective against larvae that emerged from eggs laid last autumn. Alternatively you can use a liquid application such as Bug Free vine weevil killer, available in most garden centres.

Recipe: Vegetarian Haggis Pakoras

- 250g gram flour (chickpea flour)
- 1 tbsp Garam masala, 1 tbsp fenugreek leaves
- 1 tsp Aswan seeds or dried thyme, chilli powder to taste
- 3 tbsp plain yogurt, 1 small vegetarian haggis
- 3 fresh green chillies, 2-3 cabbage leaves
- 2 large potatoes grated, 1 large onion sliced, Pinch of salt.
- Sunflower oil for deep-frying.

Put all the dry ingredients in a large bowl and mix. Add the yogurt and stir, drizzling in water gradually until the batter is smooth but not thick. Set aside for 5-10 minutes. Steam the haggis for 20 minutes and leave to cool. Chop the chillies and cabbage, mix these into the batter with the grated potatoes and onion slices.

Scoop the cooled haggis into the batter making sure it is well coated. Heat enough oil in a deep heavy pan to come halfway up the sides. Carefully lower spoonfuls of the batter into the hot oil (the oil should sizzle straight away) deep fry for 2-3 minutes until golden brown, turning repeatedly to ensure even colour, remove from the pan and drain on kitchen paper, keep warm while you fry the remaining pakoras.

Serve with chutney accompaniments.

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

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
Village Hall Booking Clerk	Val watson	07762 103110
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
CAMEO	Thelma Netherway	870968
The Vicarage, 107 Church Road		353068
Tupsley, HR1 1RT.	vicar@stpaulshereford.org.uk	
The Benefice Office	Tupsley	274490
Village Scene	Peter Turner, pmdturner@btinternet.com	870911 / 07576587639

W I Report October January 2020

Our December meeting which was going to be a Pudding & Punch Evening, had to be cancelled due to the inaccessibility of the village hall.

However, our January meeting was our annual New Year lunch held at the Bunch of Carrots 10th January 2019. There was again a good turnout despite many apologies received from several members who were unable to attend. It was an enjoyable occasion.

Our February meeting is on 13th Feb 2019 at 7:30 pm with a talk about Diving in the Galapagos. We hope to see as many members as possible. Newcomers are welcome.

Hampton Bishop Readers Group

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Date	Host	Discussion Title	Author
Wednesday 12th February 7.30pm	Sian Turner	The Star of The Sea	Joseph O'CONNOR
Synopsis: A ship sets sail in the freezing winter of 1847 to New York, those on board are escaping the famine in Ireland. In this spellbinding tale of tragedy and mercy some of those on board will discover shocking secrets, seek vengeance and even lose their lives.			
Wednesday 11th March 7.30pm	Pam Porter	Citadel	Kate MOSSE
Synopsis: 1942, Nazi-occupied France. Sandrine, a spirited and courageous nineteen-year-old, is drawn into a Resistance group in Carcassonne - codenamed 'Citadel' - made up of ordinary women who are prepared to risk everything for what is right. And when she meets Raoul, they discover a shared passion for the cause, for their homeland, and for each other.			
Wednesday 8th April 7.30pm	TBC	Started Early Took My Dog	Kate ATKINSON
Synopsis: The fourth novel featuring retired police officer Jackson Brodie. It only takes one impulsive action to turn Tracy's humdrum life as a security guard upside down, into one of fear and danger at every turn.			

The Readers Group Welcomes New Members.

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 February 2nd at 11am Family Worship

Sunday February 9th at 6pm Holy Communion.

Sunday February 16th at 6pm Evening Worship.

Sunday February 23rd Holy Communion

Sunday March 1st at 11am Family Worship.

Sunday 8th March at Holy Communion

Sunday 15th March at 6pm Evening Worship

Sunday 22nd March at 6pm Holy Communion

Sunday 29th March at 6pm Holy Communion

Dates for your Diary

Chapel Cafe Tuesday 4th Feb/ 3rd March at Lady Chapel St Andrew's Church 10-12.

Community Lunch Tuesday 11th February/ 10th March at Village Hall 12 noon for 12:30 meal. PLEASE phone 870968 by 7th February / 6th March for a place.

Cameo 27th February and 26th March at The Studs 2.30 - 4.30 p.m. Please call Thelma on 870968 for information or transport.

Welcome Corner

We would like everybody to be on the lookout for new neighbours and keep us informed so that we can ask them if they would like to be introduced. This month we welcome two families:

The Ashfords, Nichola, Edd, Madeleine and their cat Milo moved back to Herefordshire from Wallingford in Oxfordshire. Everyone they have met in the village have been very welcoming, especially during soggy December! They look forward to being part of the community.



Kathryn introduces her family (photo to follow). 'Hello, we are the Waters' family, Mike, Kathryn, Mollie, Lexi, Max and Cwtch. Mollie is 8 and Lexi is 5. Cwtch and Max are our dogs. Some of you have already met Max as it turns out he is a bit of a Houdini and managed to escape. Luckily for him Jayne and Gill managed to get hold of him and safely delivered him to Brookfield Vets. We are all from Hereford but moved to Hampton Bishop to be closer to the girl's school and to family. We've only been in our home for a couple of weeks but have been overwhelmed by the kindness already shown to us. Thank you for welcoming us to your beautiful village of Hampton Bishop.'

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: -

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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