

# News and Notes

*For Bodenham, Britford, Charlton All Saints, Nunton and Odstock*

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## **Please note new**

**Deadline:**

**6pm on 14th  
of each month.**

## **Welcome to News and Notes**

The month of Easter - a longer holiday for those in school, bunnies, chocolate eggs and egg hunts, the celebration of new life. Birds lay eggs in this time of year and rabbits have large litters of offspring. That is why both are symbols of the new life that sprouts at this season. Historically, the Easter Bunny was a hare who judged whether the children were good or naughty before they got their Easter eggs (17<sup>th</sup> Century Germany). Whether this hare originates as the holy animal of a pagan goddess or as a Christian symbol is unclear from early sources. The eggs do originate in Christian practices as traditionally people did not eat eggs in Lent and the surplus of uneaten eggs were the first thing that needed using when the Easter festival came.

That Easter is about new life is clear in both Christian and pagan traditions. The Christian tradition is rooted in the Jewish Passover - a festival to celebrate the freedom of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and the first-fruits of the barley harvest. Jesus celebrates this Passover with his disciples just before he is crucified by the Romans. Christians believe that on the third day after his crucifixion Jesus is raised from the dead. Just as the slaves found freedom from slavery, just as the seed has to die in the ground to bear much fruit, so Christians celebrate freedom, growth and life through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Whether you are a Christian or not Easter is a time to celebrate life!

If you would like to know more about the Jewish Passover, you are welcome to celebrate a Passover meal with us in the Radnor Hall on 18 April at 6.30pm.

Reverend Dr Anna-Claar Thomasson-Rosingh

## *Regular Events*

WI	Second Monday of the month, 10.00am, The Radnor Hall, Bodenham
Singing Group	Tuesdays (ex. Aug/Dec), 4.30pm or 7.00pm, The Barker Room, contact Adrian Taylor on 07753 829027
Mobile Library	Britford (Shelter barn, Lower road) 10.00am – 10.20am
Acorn Club	Coffee Morning – Wednesdays 10.30am at The Orchard
'Local Vocals'	Singing group for everybody. No need to read music. 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays each month. The Radnor Hall, 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Please check with Clare Chitty 07899 718780
Circle Dancing	Simple dances from many countries to join in with, no partner or previous experience necessary. 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays at The Radnor Hall. 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Contact Clare Chitty 07899 718780
Village Prayers	If you'd like prayers to be said for someone you know, a particular situation or yourself, you may either put a note in the Village Prayers box at St Andrew's, Nunton or St Mary's, Odstock, email details to <a href="mailto:villageprayers@live.com">villageprayers@live.com</a> or come along. Next meeting: contact Adrian Taylor on 07753 829027
Church Events	Regular Prayer: Every Monday morning in term time (1 and 29 April) at 9.15 am at the Orchard Nunton. Bible study: Revd Anna-Claar offers Bible studies each term on the following dates: Monday 13 & 20 May and 3 & 10 June, at 7.00pm in the Barker Room next to St Andrew's Church, Nunton SP5 4HP. You are very welcome to join in.

# Community News & Events

## Odstock Nunton and Bodenham WI

### March Meeting

AGMs dull? The WI doesn't think so - with theatre visits, garden talks, book club, walks and knitting projects all to be discussed. Fourteen blankets for the Baby Unit and 10 jerseys and beanies for the Ugandan 'fish and chip babies' have been knitted to date. There was a synopsis of the year's activities to mull over and Angie Bryant's presentation on the work of the John McNeill Opportunity Centre to listen to and empathise with. The Committee and President were duly re-appointed for another year.

2019 is the Wiltshire Federation of WIs' centenary year and will be marked by an Archive Exhibition at Salisbury Library in June, a thanksgiving service at Salisbury Cathedral in July, and a party in Swindon in September. Our centenary event is on 2 April when we welcome Calendar Girl's Trisha Stuart, the original 'Miss October', to entertain us in the Michael Herbert Hall, Wilton.

Stuart Judd will be sharing his life as a documentary maker and showing us part of a 'Country Ways' programme featuring our local Odstock Downs at our meeting on 8 April. On 29 April we'll be learning about Short Mat Bowls. It's all go!

## Anyone for Croquet?

Hamptworth Croquet Club, will be holding an Open Afternoon on Sunday 12 May between 1.00pm and 5.00pm for anyone who would like to just drop in and find out more.

See e-News&Notes for more info.

## Car Boot Sale

**Sunday, 14 April and 28 April 2019**

The Football Field, Nunton

Admission: £5 – Traders Cars, £7 for Vans,  
30p for Buyers

Gates Open 10.00am

All proceeds in support of local charity

## Charlton All Saints Garden Society

Monday 29 April 2019

At 7.30pm

In All Saints Church

Roy Broughton will be talking about  
Seed Sowing and Propagation

Guests will be very welcome

## Beetle Drive

Scuttle along to a Beetle Drive,

**on Friday 5 April 2019**

at Britford Memorial Hall at 7pm

(for a 7.15pm start and finish 9.30pm )

£5 per adult and £2.50 per child.

**All proceeds go to St Peter's Church, Britford.**

**Beetle** is a game in which one draws a beetle in parts, it is entirely based on random die rolls, with no skill involved, but great fun for all ages.

To reserve a place call: 01722 328064 or 327321.

## Villages Facebook Group

The new Facebook Group dedicated to our News and Notes community is now up and running with some lively discussions and useful information concerning our village life.

Find the group at

[www.facebook.com/groups/BBCON/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/BBCON/)

and click +Join Group if you wish to do so.

It is a closed group to restrict public access

# Events

**Come and join us for a  
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**Thursday 18 April 6.30 pm**

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See e-News&Notes for more info



## ***Easter Party! 30 March***

All children from the villages are invited to celebrate Easter. We are organising a party with games, an egg hunt, a story and party food on

**30 March from 4 - 5.15pm  
at the Radnor Hall.**

**You are very welcome to join us.**

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## **Chalke Valley Link Scheme**

The Scheme's Annual General Meeting will be held  
at Broad Chalke Village Hall on  
Thursday, 4 April at 7.30pm.

The Scheme is a registered charity whose volunteers provide transport to residents of the Chalke Valley who need it. The Scheme's volunteers and users are invited to attend the AGM.

Any other residents of the Valley who would like to know more about the Scheme would also be most welcome and should please contact the Secretary, John Lace, at Bingham's Farmhouse, Bowerchalke (01722 780214).

## **Radnor Arms events, from 8pm:**

23-May-19: Sarum Morris Dancers

07-Jun-19: Break Cover & BBQ

09-Aug-19: Hugh Budden & The Blue Chords  
& BBQ



## **CALENDAR GIRLS**

**A Talk by Tricia Stewart - Miss October**

**Michael Herbert Hall, South Street, WILTON SP2 0JS**

On Tuesday 2 April 2019, from 2.00 to 4.30pm

£10 includes Tea & Cake

For tickets please contact: Sally Hadley 01725 510308 or Dee Prince 01725 511766  
Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham WI

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### **Village Fête and Ebblefest**

*Save the Date*

**Weekend of 6 & 7 July 2019**

**Saturday 6 July 2019**

The Fête will open 2.30pm and run through to about 5pm, when the first of the Ebblefest bands will start playing. Further bands will play until 11.00pm.

Bar, bands, food, village games, farm animals and Fête attractions are being arranged.

**Sunday 7 July 2019**

Church service at Jubilee Gardens followed by the Duck and Raft race.

Lunch will be available at the Radnor Arms with Bar, BBQ and music.

More details to follow

### **How to stay protected from scam telephone calls**

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## *Dates for 2019*

Date	Event
01-Apr-19	Valley Lent Bible studies in Bishopstone Village Hall at 12 Noon & Coombe Bissett Chapel at 7pm
02-Apr-19	WI - Calendar Girls talk in Wilton at 2pm
05-Apr-19	Beetle Drive in Britford Memorial Hall at 7pm
14-Apr-19	Car Boot sale, Nunton Field
18-Apr-19	Passover Supper in Radnor Hall
19-Apr-19	Good Friday
21-Apr-19	Easter Sunday
24-Apr-19	Filling Station in Radnor Hall at 7.30pm
25-Apr-19	ONB Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Barker Room at 7.30pm
28-Apr-19	Car Boot sale, Nunton Field
29-Apr-19	Charlton All Saints Garden Society in the church at 7.30pm
30-Apr-19	Charlton All Saints Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the church at 7.30pm
01-May-19	Britford Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the church at 7.00pm
06-Jul-19	Fête and Ebblefest
07-Jul-19	River events and Radnor Arms festival

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## Longford Estate

### David Canty, Estate Manager

As the new Resident Agent of Longford Estate I have been immersed straight into this magical place as you might imagine. For me, my family and for a good number of people who live in the villages it is our place of work. For some this has been the case for generations, but it is also our home as it is for you as residents of the villages. As residents of the villages we are all impacted by the Estate and its workings to a lesser or greater extent. So what does the Estate do? Well, a lot in short, but let me give you an insight into the range and diversity of businesses that the Estate operates and supports:

- A mixed in-hand farming operation growing 1,247 hectares (3,081 acres) of combinable crops including wheat, oilseed rape, barley, peas, oats and maize. 430 hectares (1,062 acres) of grassland grazed by 250 Aberdeen Angus suckler cows, 12 bulls and all of their progeny which we keep until they are between 18 and 22 months of age to produce high quality beef,
- 183 houses, housing employees, both existing and retired, as well as letting to the open market,
- A small number of commercially let buildings which include planners, photographers and scaffolders,
- A maintenance team who look after all our properties and are assisted by a regular team of contractors,
- Two pubs: the Radnor Arms and the Green Dragon,
- Trafalgar Fisheries produce in the region of 1,200 tonnes of rainbow trout a year and are supported by local external farms to process in the region of 1,500 of trout a year. Trafalgar Fisheries supplies nearly 200 retail customers including two of the major supermarkets in the UK, being Waitrose and Morrisons,
- Our River Keeper looks after 12 miles of river and carriers ensuring that our syndicate fishermen and women are provided the best opportunity to catch both coarse and game fish,
- Our Gamekeeper looks after all our game birds as well as being a key part of our conservation team,
- Our Woods Team manage 740 hectares (1,828 acres) of mixed woodland, they are supported by a father and son contractor team who do most of our felling and thinning work. The team supply about 500 loads of logs throughout the winter months; all of the logs are sourced from our own woods and are seasoned for two years and then cut to order on the day of delivery,
- Our farms, woods, game and river teams work together to manage and provide a suitable habitat for a range of wildlife to thrive on the Estate including barn owls, otters, marsh harriers, English partridge, stoats, weasels and many others,
- Nunton Dairy will be well known to many of you and this is a partnership farm with the Estate, milking 800 cows and providing the beautifully fresh milk at the Radnor Arms and at the Bird & Carter farm shop outside Wilton,
- South Allenford Farm at Damerham is another partnership farm, which is an arable and outdoor pig enterprise with over 1,850 sows. The farm is one of few businesses which has a RSPCA Freedom Foods accreditation for pigs,
- There are 12 let farms on the Estate which are run independently of the Estate. These are diverse businesses producing combinable crops, beef and lamb as well as having commercial units, wedding venues and workshops on them.

The Estate is part of a number of environmental schemes and initiatives including Countryside Stewardship, a Lapwing Management group and the Avon Valley phosphate offsetting and conservation group. This year the Estate has planted over 1,800 metres of new hedges, 4,000 trees on reinstated ground at Brickworth Quarry, all as part of the Estate's commitment to reinstating, improving and enhancing the environment and countryside we are fortunate enough to call home.

**David Canty | Estate Manager**

## ***Facts about the Asian Hornet***

The Asian hornet (*Vespa velutina nigrithorax*) is an invasive non-native species which was first sighted in the UK just over two years ago. Since then the number of sightings has increased every year. It is a highly aggressive predator of our native insects, and a serious threat to bees and other pollinating insects. To date, there have been 13 confirmed sightings of the Asian hornet in England and six nests have been destroyed. Two of these nests were found in Hampshire last year, so is very likely that it will soon arrive in South Wiltshire.

### **Where has it come from?**

As the name suggests, the Asian hornet comes originally from Asia. It was introduced accidentally to south-west France in 2004, probably in a consignment of pottery from China. The French authorities were slow to react, and it spread rapidly across France and soon reached Spain, Portugal and the Channel Islands.

### **Why is it such a serious threat?**

This hornet has badly damaged the French beekeeping industry and altered the natural biodiversity across regions of France. Its risk to humans is no greater than other hornets or wasps, but it poses a hazard to people who are allergic to wasp stings.

### **What should you do if you see an Asian Hornet?**

It is important to report any suspected sightings as soon as possible. When a sighting is confirmed, experts from the National Bee Unit (NBU) and the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) will work quickly to find and destroy any active nests in the area. (On no account should you attempt to destroy the nest yourself.)

If you spot one, please try to and capture/ kill it, or to get a good photograph. A free app 'Asian Hornet Watch' is available for iPhone or Android, or you can send a photograph and location details to [alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk)

**Please see the E-News&Notes on the website for the full version of this article by Sally Nelson**

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# **The Prodigal Son**

## **Go on, read this aloud!**

Francis the Foolish felt a filial fondness for his flawless, fastidious father, Ferdinand the Fourth. Following one February fortnight, Francis, feeling footloose and frisky, forced his fond father to fork over five hundred forty five farthings, then fled his father's fertile fief.

Fleeing to foreign fields, Francis finally frittered away his fortune on fickle females, firkins of foaming ale, freeloading friends and feasting.

Fleeced by those fiendish fellows of the fleshpots, and facing fateful failure and famine, Francis finally found himself flinging foul feed to the swine in a filthy farmyard as a forlorn farmhand. Footsore and famished, he fain would have filled his flaccid frame with filched food but found it fit for only a footman.

"Fie!" flared Francis, "My Father's flunkies fare far finer."

Fortunately the frazzled fugitive finally faced the facts. Frustrated from failure and fulfilled foreboding, he fled forthwith to his far away family.

Falling fatigued at his father's feet, Francis feebly phrased his feelings: "Father," he fumbled, "I've flunked - and fruitlessly forfeited family favour ... forgive me."

The far-sighted father, forestalling future family fissures flagged his flunkies. "Fetch a fatling from the flock and fix a feast for Francis. Forthwith. Fall to Faster!"

Frederic the Feculent, Francis' feisty, fault-finding brother, frowned upon his father's forgiveness of Francis' former philandering. "Flog the Flounder!" he fumed. But the faithful felt that Francis' former foibles should be freely forgiven. "Filial fidelity is what fathers are for, Frederick," said Ferdinand with feelings flowing.

"Forsooth, the fugitive is found, so what forbids festivity? Fly the flags freely, amid fifes, fiddles and fanfares . . . FLING A FEAST!"

Francis, face flushed, foreswore frippery forevermore by forcing his frame into a friar's frock.

By Stanley Baldwin

# Church News

## Reflection: The Still Centre

For the last few months I have managed to write in Notes and News about spirituality without ever mentioning traditional spiritual practices like meditation or study. In creativity, community and nature we come across our 'still centre' now and again. Our values, world-view and our actions often spring from that same 'still centre'. But none of those themes reflect a deliberate search for stillness or union or for spirituality. Searching for stillness and union comes in many different guises: mindfulness, yoga, sacred dance, pilgrimage, worship, silence, study (of sacred texts), or just a simple prayer. *Homecoming* is a poem by the Welsh poet Gwyneth Lewis:

"Two rivers deepening into one;  
less said, more meant; a field of corn  
adjusting to harvest; a battle won  
by yielding; days emptied to their brim;  
(...)"

Gwyneth describes meditation as "coming home" and as a place "two rivers" meet. We live by a 'rivers meet' where the Ebbble flows into the Avon. A river is such a powerful image of consciousness and identity. It is ever changing and flowing and at the same time a recognisable form, the same river as yesterday but different. It can run deep or wide, fast or slowly. And so with us, as our consciousness flows might it meet another stream? Jesus says: "The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

How do you find yourself at home with yourself? What do you pray for? Please feel free to contact me with questions or answers or prayers or something else.

*By Reverend Anna-Claar Thomasson-Rosingh*

Shalom (peace and goodwill), Anna-Claar..

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## Valley Lent Bible studies: "Out of Egypt I have called my son"

On Monday 1 April at Midday - 1.15pm in Bishopstone Village Hall and 7 - 8.15 pm in Coombe



## EASTER CHOIR

Come and sing, and be part of the choir for the Easter service in Odstock Church.

**All are welcome**

**Rehearsal:** Saturday 20 April from 10:00am - 12:00 noon in the Barker Room (next to St. Andrew's Church) Nunton.

**Service:** Sunday 21 April 11:00 Odstock Church

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## Annual Church Meetings

### Election of Churchwardens

### followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

- Odstock with Nunton and Bodenham in the Barker Room Thursday 25 April 2019 at 7.30pm
- Charlton All Saints in the church Tuesday 30 April 2019 at 7.30pm
- St Peter's, Britford in the church Wednesday 1 May 2019 at 7pm

Everyone welcome





## Services in Chalke Valley Benefice – April 2019



BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional Language), CW = Common Worship (Contemporary Language)

**Every Wednesday at 12.15pm, there is a short service of Holy Communion. In Lent, they will be at:  
April – 3<sup>rd</sup> Homington, 10<sup>th</sup> Bowerchalke after which we return to our normal pattern**

<b>7 April 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Ann Philp
	11.00am	Mattins (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	11.00am	Morning Service plus APCM	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Catherine Blundell
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Homington	David Blundell
<b>14 April PALM SUNDAY</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	10.30am	Ecumenical Service	Broad Chalke Chapel	Jackie Lowe/John Collins
	11.00am	Morning Service	Alvediston	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Choral Mattins (BCP)	Charlton All Saints	Michael Chandler
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	3.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Fifield Bavant	Biddy Trahair
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Berwick St John	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
<b>15, 16, 17 April</b>	8.30pm	Compline	Coombe Bissett	
<b>18 April MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	4.00pm	Short Communion(said) (CW)	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	6.30pm	Passover Supper	Radnor Hall	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	7.30pm	Commemoration of the Last Supper – Communion(sung) (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
<b>19 April GOOD FRIDAY</b>	11.00am	Passion Reading & Music	Alvediston	Lay Led
	12 noon	Devotional Service	Bowerchalke	Catherine Blundell
	1.00pm	Devotional Service	Broad Chalke	Jenny Taylor
	2.00pm	Devotional Service	Nunton	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
<b>21 April EASTER DAY</b> 	6.30am	Sunrise Communion	Lodge Farmhouse	Catherine Blundell
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Homington	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bowerchalke	Kate R Smith / D Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Anthony Hawley
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	10.30am	URC Holy Communion	Broad Chalke Chapel	Jackie Lowe
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Ann Philp
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Catherine Blundell
<b>28 April 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Kate Rosslyn Smith
	9.30am	Family Communion plus APCM	Broad Chalke	Catherine Blundell
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service (CW)	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	11.00am	Choral Mattins (BCP)	Coombe Bissett	David Blundell
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Ann Philp
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Lay Led
<b>5 May 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Anna-Claar T-Rosingh
	11.00am	Mattins (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led
	11.00am	Morning Service	Bishopstone	Sally Leaver
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Ann Philp
	11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
	6.00pm	Evensong (BCP)	Homington	Jenny Taylor

### Ministry Team:

Team Rector ~ The Revd Catherine Blundell: 01722 780134

Team Vicars ~ The Revd Canon Jenny Taylor: 01722 503081, The Revd Dr Anna-Claar Thomasson-Rosingh: 01722 238267

Licensed Lay Minister ~ Mr David Blundell: 01722 780134 Team Administrator ~ Mrs Emily Broomhead: 07890 262376

URC Ministers ~ The Revds Ana & Tod Gobleale 01722 330980, The Revd Jackie Lowe: 01722 780008

**Assisting Ministers:** Canon Anthony Hawley: 01794 390607 Canon Ann Philp: 01722 555178, The Revd Kate Rosslyn Smith: 01722 780011

# Extra - News and Notes

## Facts about the Asian Hornet

The Asian hornet (*Vespa velutina nigrithorax*) is an invasive non-native species which was first sighted in the UK just over two years ago. Since then the number of sightings has increased every year. It is a highly aggressive predator of our native insects, and a serious threat to bees and other pollinating insects.

To date, there have been 13 confirmed sightings of the Asian hornet in England and six nests have been destroyed. Two of these nests were found in Hampshire last year, so is very likely that it will soon arrive in South Wiltshire.

### Where has it come from?

As the name suggests, the Asian hornet comes originally from Asia. It was introduced accidentally to south-west France in 2004, probably in a consignment of pottery from China. The French authorities were slow to react, and it spread rapidly across France and soon reached Spain, Portugal and the Channel Islands.

### Why is it such a serious threat?

This hornet has badly damaged the French beekeeping industry and altered the natural biodiversity across regions of France. Its risk to humans is no greater than other hornets or wasps, but it poses a hazard to people who are allergic to wasp stings.

### What does it look like?

The Asian hornet is smaller than our native European hornet (*Vespa crabo*), measuring around 25mm in length. Unlike the European hornet its abdomen is mostly black, with a single yellow band towards the rear. It has characteristic yellow legs (which is why it is often called the yellow legged hornet) and its face is orange with two brownish red eyes.

Asian hornet nests are usually built high up in tall trees. These tend to be very large (around 60 x 80 cm).

### Life-cycle of the Asian Hornet

Spring: Mated queens hibernate over winter and emerge in late winter and early spring to start new colonies.

Summer: During the summer a single colony produces around 6000 hornets. From July until the end of November Asian hornets prey on honey bee colonies. The hornets hover outside the hive entrance, waiting to catch foraging bees as they return to the hive. Eventually the bees stop foraging, the honey bee colony is weakened, and the hornets are able to overcome the bees' defences and enter the hive, killing the entire colony.

Autumn: During autumn the hornet colony produces around 350 new queens and male hornets. Some of these new queens will mate successfully and survive through winter. After mating the queens leave the nest and find somewhere to hibernate until spring. The old queen and nest die out.

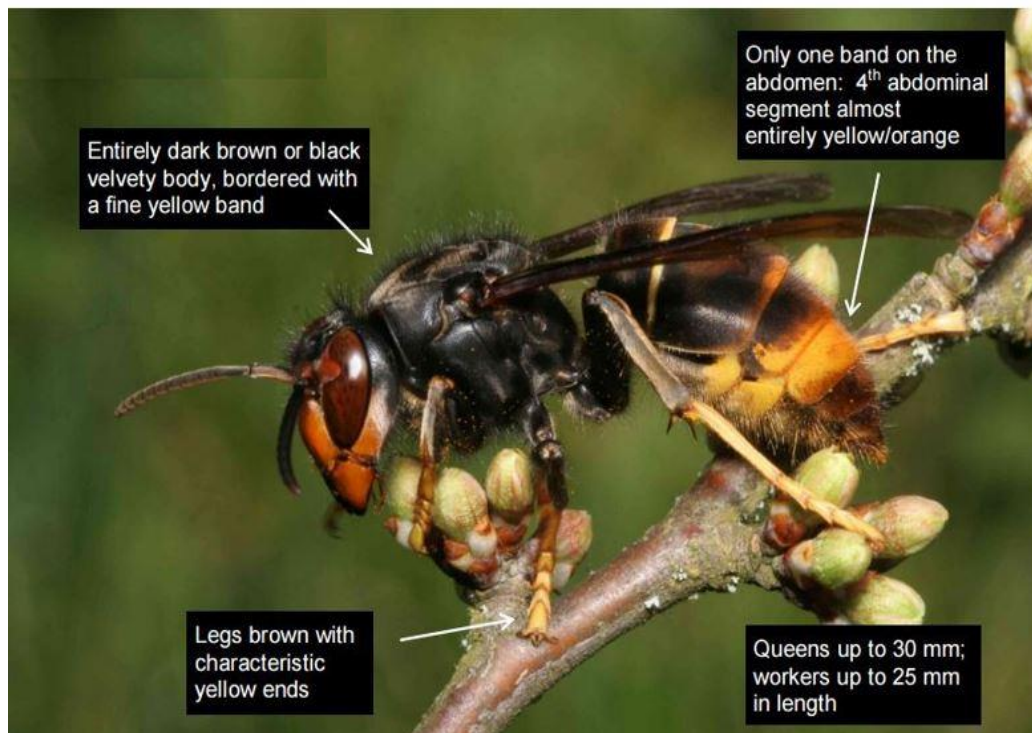
#### What should you do if you see an Asian Hornet?

It is important to report any suspected sightings as soon as possible. When a sighting is confirmed, experts from the National Bee Unit (NBU) and the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) will work quickly to find and destroy any active nests in the area. (On no account should you attempt to destroy the nest yourself.)

If you spot one, please try to and capture/ kill it, or to get a good photograph. A free app 'Asian Hornet Watch' is available for iPhone or Android, or you can send a photograph and location details to [alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk) or complete a report on-line at <http://www.nonnativespecies.org/>. This website also has downloadable information and identification sheets.

Sally Nelson

## Asian Hornet Queen





## Find Out More About Playing Croquet At Hamptworth Croquet Club

You may never have played before in your life, you may have played once or twice in a back garden or you may have played a lot. Where ever you are with croquet, and whatever your age or ability, you will be warmly welcomed at the very friendly Hamptworth Croquet Club.

We are one of the few clubs in the region who play throughout the year - most have a closed season between October and April - so we are open for play and would love to meet you.

Hamptworth Croquet Club is a part of the Hamptworth Golf and Country Club (Just off the A36 near Landford. Post Code SP5 2DU). We have five croquet lawns and our own little pavilion, but we also have full use of the Golf Club clubhouse, coffee, bar and catering facilities (they do make good cakes!!).

So whether you are an individual, a couple or a member of a group (such as WI, U3A, Activities Club, Lunch Club etc), please make contact and we will do our best to arrange your croquet experience. All you will need is a pair of flat shoes (trainers are perfect) we will provide everything else.

We will also be holding an Open Afternoon on Sunday 12th May between 1.00pm and 5.00pm for anyone who would like to just drop in and find out more.

Please share this message with anyone who you think might be interested. We would love to see you all. For more information please call or text Steve on 07912 608733.

Hamptworth Croquet Club looks forward to welcoming you.  
See you soon.



# **CALENDAR GIRLS**

**A Talk by Tricia Stewart - Miss October**

**Tricia, played by Helen Mirren in the film CALENDAR GIRLS, has some fantastic stories and insights into the history of the original Calendar Girls.**

**Michael Herbert Hall, South Street, WILTON SP2 0JS**

**On**

**Tuesday, 2 April 2019, from 2:00 to 4:30pm**

**£10 includes Tea & Cake**

**For tickets please contact:**

**Sally Hadley 01725-510308 or Dee Prince 01725-511766**

**Odstock, Nunton and Bodenham WI**

Come and join us for a

# PASSOVER SUPPER

**Radnor Hall**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 6.30 pm**

**£12.00 per person including wine**

Bookings from

~ Caroline Winternitz 01725 510983 ~

~ Tommy Winternitz 07777 665903 ~



A family occasion

To commemorate the first night of the Jewish Passover festival  
Which celebrates God's deliverance of his people from Egypt.

Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples  
the Thursday before his crucifixion

The symbolic Passover meal is followed by  
A hearty lamb casserole

Proceeds in aid of Chalke Valley Benefice 2019 Lent Project



# **An Evening of Entertainment**

## **IN AID OF THE CHALKE VALLEY LINK SCHEME**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**at 7.30pm**

**at All Saints' Church in Broad Chalke**

**£7 ticket** to include interval drink

Performers, from Britford to Berwick St. John, include the **Chalke Valley Ladies' Choir** and **Barber#** with a number of vocal and instrumental soloists too.

Tickets available at Chalke Valley Stores (The Hub), Coombe Bissett Stores, by phone at 01722 718353 and on the door.

**Please come and support.**





## BISHOPSTONE VILLAGE HALL

### SPRING 2019 EVENTS

#### **MOVIOLA at Bishopstone**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April      First Man (12A)  
May 31<sup>st</sup> June 28<sup>th</sup>      Titles to be announced in the May edition  
July 26<sup>th</sup>      Film and BBQ

Tickets for all films £6, available from [<bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com>](mailto:bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com)  
or from 01722 781044 or 780002.

Cash bar, snacks and ices available. Doors open 7pm.

#### **BISHOPSTONE COMMUNITY LUNCHES WITH SPEAKER**

##### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Speaker Francis Taylor, Orangutans and dragons of Indonesia

To book, please phone 781044 or 780002, letting us know if you have any specific dietary requirements or need transport. Lunches cost £7.50 including a glass of wine or soft drink. Home cooked lunch is served around 12.30pm.

**It also is planned to have a selection of old photographs of the village for viewing.**

**Note:** This is the last Community Lunch for the winter season. The next one will be on **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

#### **BABY AND TODDLER PLAYGROUP**

The playgroup meets on Friday mornings during term-time from 9.30 – 11.00am. Find our Facebook page *Bishopstone Playgroup*, or contact Kate Pendlenton on 01722 780655 or email [<kmpendlenton@hotmail.com>](mailto:kmpendlenton@hotmail.com) for more details.

#### **“EXTEND” EXERCISE CLASSES**

##### **Friday afternoons, 2-3pm, in Bishopstone Village Hall**

These seated exercise classes are aimed at people who would like a full body workout but prefer to feel stable. They give confidence to keep fit without fear of falling over, and are fun to do.

£5 per session, (apart from anyone's first free taster class).

Contact Jenny on 01722 780863, email [<jennyberwynjones@yahoo.co.uk>](mailto:jennyberwynjones@yahoo.co.uk) or just turn up to any class to try it out.

Jenny Berwyn-Jones is fully trained and insured.

#### **PILATES AT BISHOPSTONE**

Contact Claudine on 07788 587937.

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**IMPROMPTU SHAKESPERE:** *“Bursting with love, poetry, comedy, tragedy, soliloquies, power struggles, mistaken identity and the supernatural. Impromptu Shakespeare buckle on the Bard's britches to bring you an entirely new and improvised Shakespeare play, based on audience suggestions”*

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.** Tickets, Adults £10, Concessions £8, Children £5 from [bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:bvhticketoffice@btinternet.com) or 01722 781044. An optional quiche and salad supper will be available after the show for £6.00 (booked in advance along with the event ticket).

#### **SPRING FAYRE**

The annual Spring Fayre will be held on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May**. There will be the usual stalls including a tombola. Always a success is the plant stall which is where to come for seedlings and herbaceous plants to enhance your garden, and to donate those which others might like to buy!

All in a good cause, donations to any of the stalls are very welcome.

Contact any committee member.