

**ASHBURY
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**NEWSLETTER JUNE
2018**



Every knee will bow

Yesterday was the Royal wedding and many people were very excited about it and also some people less so because they consider the idea of a Monarchy outdated. I'm not going to attempt to discuss this subject. I want to discuss a perhaps much more important and yet controversial topic. I believe we have a God in Heaven who is King of all creation and that he loves each one of us. He loved us so much that Jesus came to earth to live a perfect life and to die in place of us for the sins which we each commit. Pilate, the Roman Governor, who ordered his execution put a sign on Jesus's cross. "This is Jesus King of the Jews". The Jews rejected Jesus and objected to the sign. The sign was correct, but it should also have said King of the British, the Americans, the Chinese, the Muslims, the Hindus, theeveryone.

Jesus has promised to return and I believe that could be soon. He will return as Judge and King. He will judge the living and the dead. We will not be judged on what we have done because our best is not good enough, we cannot earn favour with God. He only wants us to be saved and the only way we can be saved is to repent of our rejection of him and accept Jesus as our Lord and King...it is the only way. We cannot hide from him because it says in the bible that all eyes will see him when he returns. Whether people accept him now or not is irrelevant, we will all be judged and every body will one day acknowledge that Jesus is King. I urge you to turn to him now before it is too late. To suffer God's wrath because we think we know best and reject Him does not bear thinking about.

Andrew Bunce

N.B. Views expressed in "Thought for the month" are those of the contributor

Shrivenham and Ashbury Benefice Services in June

Sunday 3rd June

Trinity 1

7.45am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Shrivenham
9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Compton
9.00am	Matins	Watchfield
9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Fernham
10.15am	Family Service with Baptism	Shrivenham
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Ashbury
3.00pm	Joint Service	Longcot Chapel
6.30pm	Compline and Benediction	Shrivenham

Sunday 10th June

9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Watchfield
9.00am	Morning Worship	Fernham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Longcot
10.15am	Parish Communion	Shrivenham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Ashbury

Sunday 17th June

7.45am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Shrivenham
9.00am	Matins	Compton
9.00am	Matins	Watchfield
9.00am	Holy Communion	Fernham
11.00am	Father's Day Family Deanery Service at Wind Farm/Picnic	Shrivenham
11.00am	As Shrivenham	Ashbury
6.00pm	Evening Worship	Longcot

Sunday 24th June

9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Watchfield
9.30am	Family Communion	Longcot
10.15am	Parish Communion	Shrivenham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Ashbury
6.00pm	Evening Worship	Fernham

The Ashbury prayer cycle for June will be: 3rd Odstone Farm and cottages, 10th Pound Piece, 17th Station Road, 24th Malthouse.

Ashbury Evangelical Free Church

June Weds 6th, Tea & Chat 2.15p.m. No Sunday Services this month.

Ashbury News

(See Ashbury also under Benefice News)

JOHN BUNCE

Ashbury has lost a countryman character as one of the oldest and continuous inhabitants of the village with the passing of John Bunce on May 3rd. Husband to Ann for over 60 years, commemorated by a card from the Queen last November and father to Raymond, Valerie, Sarah and David. Following army service John had careers in farming for the Spences and in security at the Defence Academy. But he was never happier than as a knowledgeable keeper first for the Spences and later for the Greens working

until nearly 80 and as a keen follower of hunting with the Old Berks, the VWH and the Four Shire Mink hounds. He was always a member of the British Legion and read the “For the Fallen” poem exhortation at our Remembrance Sunday services. For many years he was a bell ringer and managed St Mary’s church clock in the tower. R.G.

Village Hall sponsored by VWHDC

Learn To Nordic Walk in Ashbury A FREE 6 Week Course: Improve Fitness & Strength Starting 5th June 2018 Every Tuesday 12:00pm – 1:00pm

To Book Contact Neeraj Hargun on

07717346351 Neeraj.Hargun@southandvale.gov.uk

AND

Gentle Yoga For Over 60’s For Flexibility & Mobility Ashbury Village Hall

Starting 01/06/2018 Every Friday 10:00am – 11:00am

£5 per session. To Book Contact Neeraj Hargun as above.

Ashbury Farmers’ Market 24th June from 11am in the village hall *and* **Ashbury’s Village Fete and Car Boot Sale**

30th June 2pm-5pm On the green at Wixes Piece

Family fun day, stalls, games, bar, entertainment, tug of war tournament.

Fancy dress parade.

All children (of any age) are invited to come in fancy dress, there will be prizes awarded. Looking for volunteers to steward on the day and for donations of crockery that will be smashed. £10 if you would like your own stall or £5 for car booters.

Ashbury School

Dust off your hat and boots and join us for a Barn Dance in aid of our little village school.

Friday **15th June** 6-8pm at Ashbury Manor Barn.

Live music from “Life of Riley” and a licensed bar.

Everyone welcome!

Tickets are on sale from Ashbury Shop or from the school gate! Adults £7.50 / Children £3.

LITTER! Are you frustrated with the amount of litter on our verges and pathways and in our hedgerows? Please help us clean up the Parish in the week commencing **Monday 18th** June.

We are looking for as many volunteers as possible, all ages welcome! Hi-Vis vests, litter pickers and bags will be provided on request during the week with a final push on **Saturday 23rd** June starting at 10am. More details to follow which will be published on the Village website, Facebook page and notice boards. If you think you can spare a couple of hours during the week or on the Saturday please let us know using clerk@ashbury.org.uk and we can make sure you have the equipment you need.

Bishopstone with Hinton Parva **Womens' Institute**

Our June meeting is our much loved annual Flower and Craft show - 14th June at Bishopstone village hall. Our first show was in 1956, and has been going ever since. Visitors are very welcome from 7.00pm, to admire the craft, cookery, flowers and photos, read the judges' comments and enjoy a cup of coffee with us. The evening concludes with a presentation of award cups and prizes, as well as a raffle and lively auction of exhibits donated by members.

We are holding a cheese and wine evening, talk and demonstration with "The Feather Lady", Mandi Baykaa-Murray - resident artist at Twigworth "Art in Nature" Museum, Gloucestershire, who uses feather as her medium to paint. Friday 29th June 7-9.30pm at Bishopstone Village hall. This event is open to non WI members who are most welcome to join us. Tickets £10 for WI members, £12 for non-members.

Our WI has members from all the local villages, and we always welcome new members. Our monthly meeting takes place on the 2nd Thursday of the month in either Bishopstone or Hinton Parva village halls, Come along to one of our meetings to see if you like it - no obligation to join unless you want to! Please contact Maggie Simons (710801) if you would like any further information on any of the above.

Hinton Parva Country Garden Fête

Saturday 23rd June from 12 noon to 4.00 pm

This year's fete will be held in the gardens of Church Farm in the heart of the picturesque village of Hinton Parva. It offers all the charm of a traditional garden fete but with so much more for all the family!

Come and enjoy a wide range of attractions including:
delicious cream teas, ice creams, the Flying Pig organic BBQ, live music & a licensed bar

lots of stalls including plants, homemade cakes & jams, white elephant, books, accessories, toys, crafts, antiques, chocolate tombola & much more Vintage cars, bikes, steam engine & armoured military vehicles.

And especially for children - a bouncy castle, face painting, tattoos & nails, toy stall, games, sideshows & Shetland ponies

Free entrance for under 16s

Longcot and Fernham News

Longcot Churches working together -Chapel News

SUN. 3rd 3pm -We shall be welcoming Adam Longhurst to lead our service this month and you are most welcome to join us. Tea and biscuits will be served after the service.

FRI. 29th 3pm Afternoon tea will be available in the Chapel from 3- 4.30pm and we'd love to welcome you. There is no charge but we welcome donations to our chosen charity of the month. If transport would help or you'd just like to know more please contact Stella on 01793 782584.

Benefice News

Breakfast Groups, open to all

Men's breakfast: in the Ashbury Village Hall on Saturday 2 June. Everyone is welcome, the conversation is great and the English breakfast is free – we just ask for a donation if you can. Please call Norma (710055) if you would like to come.

Breakfast Bible Study: this monthly discussion group will meet again at 8am on Saturday 30 June. Everyone is welcome to chat about anything and everything over a cup of coffee and a simple breakfast. Again, please call Norma on 710055 to confirm.

St Mary's Longcot: A Village Wedding

A huge thank you to Shirley Dalton-Morris and everyone who made the church so beautiful for the Flower Festival and the wedding on 26th May. It really was amazing – the festival just gets better every year!

Sunday 17th June 2018

11am Father's Day All Age Service at Westmill Wind and Solar Farm (gates open 10.30) - All Welcome

Led by Canon Richard Hancock in the Marquee, with the Ashbury and Faringdon Open the Book teams, followed by BYO picnic and events from 12pm. Eco craft activities, kite flying, bouncy castle, ice cream, tours of the wind farm, family games and Ramsbury Ale on tap

Coach Trip to see 'The Life of Christ' at Wintershall

Wednesday 20th June

Actors bring the story of Jesus to life in an open-air epic production in the grounds of Wintershall Estate in Surrey. www.wintershall-estate.com/life-christ
Coach Estimate £10

Tickets £20.00, Senior Citizen £18.00, under 18 £9.50

Please sign up on the sheet in your church or contact the Vicar
(vicar@shrivenhamandashbury.co.uk)

Country Matters

The May bank holiday was glorious. With sun and little wind the brightness of trees and hedges, newly emerged was striking. Bluebells in the woods, said to be later this year, looked lovely. On the Russley downs there are plenty of cowslips (but not as profuse as on the A417 to Cirencester) and patches on the steep of the pretty, prostrate, blue of milkwort. Orchids come later and into June.

A song thrush in our garden has been trying to outperform the musical verbosity of the blackbirds but so far I have not discovered a nest. I have seen a good show of corn buntings on the downs and one passing wheatear recognisable by its white rump. The hot weather has brought out the early

butterflies noticeably the yellow brimstones and orange tips, also tortoiseshells. Round the shrubs there have been several sightings of the holly blue with its pale milky blue wings. On the farm our late planted barley and oats have emerged in drill and the maize will soon be in. Most of the cattle are out at grass but my cocker loves to jump into water troughs but this splashing spooked a bunch in the vale and they disastrously jumped through the wire to wreck a fence. I was not popular.

Modern international living and cheap air fares have given us two daughters in law who are not English. Ruth was born in County Wexford, S. Ireland and Emilie in Stockholm, Sweden. We paid a brief visit to Stockholm recently to check out our grandchildren there and see the country emerging this spring from their long winter. The city is built round a series of lakes with granite outcrops, many bridges make the connections with much birch, oak and conifer woodland offering the community space for leisure round the fringes. We walked admiring the carpets of woodland anemones and beautiful patches of blue scillas on the forest floor and had a lunch in a cabin restaurant, emerging to witness something rather remarkable. There to greet us perching on a fence at close quarters was a rather tame hen capercaillie. These large game birds died out in the Caledonian Forest in Scotland but were reintroduced from Scandinavia and they are about half as big again as a pheasant, the cocks I am told are huge and I had never seen one before. Walking back there was another first, seeing the lemon yellow of a siskin flying from a bird table. This is another bunting like bird that thrives in the north of England and Scandinavia

Richard Green

Benefice Clergy

Vicar	Rev Richard Hancock	01793 780183
NSM	Revd Norma Fergusson (Except Monday and Friday)	01793 710055

Newsletter entries for July 2018. Submit your entries for July by **15th June** to: M. Turner Claremont, Ashbury SN6 8LN. marionturner@me.com 01793 710302

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