

The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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Diamond Jubilee

This is a reminder that to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of HRH Queen Elizabeth II, Bishopstone Parish Council will be offering a commemorative medal/coin to all children in the Parish who are in full time education up to the September term of 2012.

In order that the Parish Council orders the correct number of items we would ask all parents who would like their children to receive one of these unique medal/coins then please email the clerk on:

lesley@tynash.com

If you do not have access to email then please send your child's name, date of birth and address to the Clerk at:

*The Clerk (Commemorative Jubilee Medal/Coin)
2 Downs Close
Eastbury
Hungerford
RG17 7JW.*

The deadline for this is the end of MAY 15th 2012. Please note we extended the deadline slightly.

In the email can you please provide the Child's name, date of birth and address.



SUMMER BREEZE FESTIVAL

The organisers contacted the Parish Council with the following information:

We write to inform you of a future event to take place at Warren Farm, Liddington, Nr Swindon, Wiltshire. Summer Breeze Festival, 14th/15th July 2012. www.summerbreezefest.co.uk.

This family friendly music event has run for the last 5 years. Last year we had a fantastic event with 1500 people. This year we will be using the farms residential event license and slightly increasing our audience numbers.

The gates open for the event at 18.00 hrs Friday 13th July and the music will start at midday Saturday and run until midnight. There is overnight camping for 2 nights and the gates close at 21.00 hrs on Sunday 15th July. Setup for the event will take place 2 days prior and after.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

*Andy Loddington
Event Manager*

*Tel: 07766058381
Email: info@summerbreezefest.co.uk*

Parking

There are a number of narrow lanes in the Parish. It is vital when parking cars in these lanes that access is always maintained to other users and residents, and especially to emergency vehicles.

Prospect Hospice Starlight Celebrations

Press Release: Join in the Starlight celebrations
Date of release: 15/3/2012

Fundraisers at Prospect Hospice have their own reason to celebrate in 2012. For as well as the Olympics and the Queen's Jubilee, this year also sees the fifth anniversary of the Hospice's biggest fundraising event of the year, the Starlight Walk, sponsored by Nationwide Building Society.

In celebration, the Hospice has given the 2012 Starlight Walk a 'best of British' theme. Fundraisers are hoping that ladies taking part in the Walk will dress up either in something that celebrates Britain, or simply dress in this year's colours of red, white and blue. And with the Early Bird registration period closing on 31 March, the Hospice is asking the women of Swindon to sign up soon and help make this year's Walk the biggest ever.

"We're making Starlight 2012 a real celebration of all that's great about Britain," says head of fundraising Sheryl Crouch. "Whether that's post-war glamour, the swinging sixties, landgirls or even harking back to the Victorian era, it's all about bringing the best of British to the streets of Swindon."

"Starlight is always meant to be fun. It raises vital funds for the Hospice, which we never lose sight of, but we've always tried to create a party atmosphere on the evening too, and fancy-dress and parties have always gone hand-in-hand."

Wendy Johnson, 55, of Purton, is one of just six ladies who have signed up for every Starlight Walk since the first in 2008. Wendy decided to take part when a friend of hers was cared for at Prospect:

"At the time Prospect Hospice was raising money for the Prospect@home service," said Wendy, "Sadly it was too late for my friend, but since then I've always done what I can to support Prospect."

"The Starlight Walks are huge fun, and the support we get from local people along the route is amazing - people cheering from the pubs, or beeping their horns. It's a real party atmosphere, and of course, a really good cause."

As part of the Early Bird registration, which ends on 31st March, anyone who took part in last year's event can register for the special loyalty rate of £10. Others walkers can register for £12. After the 31 March, registration costs £15, and closes on 4 June. You can sign up to take part by visiting www.prospect-hospice.net/Starlight

Prospect Hospice has an unparalleled reputation for providing dedicated end of life care to the people of our community. Our care and services are provided without charge and, for our community, where there is a need, we are always there.

Media Enquiries to Ben Holloway, Promotions Officer, Prospect Hospice 01793 816179

Rural Economy Grants

The Parish Council has become aware of the Rural Economy Grant (REG); this provides grants to enable a significant 'game-changing', transformational performance in farm, forestry, tourism, agri-food businesses and micro businesses in rural areas in England.

The £60 million REG has been established in response to the findings of Defra's Rural Economy Growth Review (launched in November 2011), which through consultation and an in-depth analysis of a broad range of research, identified large grants (of £25,000 up to circa £1 million) are needed in key business sectors to unlock significant rural economic growth potential.

Further information is available at:
<http://rdpenetwork.defra.gov.uk/funding-sources/rural-economy-grant>

Community based projects

Additionally, Community based projects, connected directly with the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (a large part of Bishopstone and Hinton Parva) can still benefit from applications to the LEADER fund. This looks to fund projects requiring £5,000, to £50,000, for match funding and advice for a possible application is readily available from the AONB LEADER office at Hungerford, outlining the themes supported and giving direct contact information. The LEADER funding is available for a wide range of activities such as farm diversification, adding value to timber, tourism activities and projects that will benefit local communities - past grants have supported projects such as a village shop/Post Office, a wood chipping fuel business. etc. More information is available at:

[http://www.northwessexdowns.org.uk/wba/nwd-aonb/NWDWebsiteV2.nsf/\\$LUcontent/9.4?OpenDocument](http://www.northwessexdowns.org.uk/wba/nwd-aonb/NWDWebsiteV2.nsf/$LUcontent/9.4?OpenDocument)

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Welcome

The Parish Council always extends a warm welcome to all new and prospective residents of the Parish. We are very pleased that you've chosen to live in our community.

The Parish contains two conservation areas and everything south of the Icknield Way is also in the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Many houses are also listed.

Naturally this brings with it all sorts of problems when it comes to tree felling, house alterations, etc. There are also other regulations aimed at preserving the character

and beauty of the parish. If in doubt, please check, we are only a phone call away.

The Parish Council is therefore always available to answer any questions you may have on any particular aspect of living in a conservation area, the area of outstanding natural beauty or in listed buildings. Please do not hesitate to contact either the Clerk, the Chair or any member of the council - the numbers appear on the next page.

We do hope you will be very happy here.

Parish Documents

The Parish has an archive room in the village hall in Bishopstone. This is not accessible to members of the public, however, with advanced warning any document stored there may be viewed by contacting a member of the council.

Documents of particular importance are also stored on

the parish website and may be viewed by anyone with a PC. Members of the parish without a PC can ask the clerk to provide them with a hard copy.

Documents on the website include the precept, the accounts, standing orders, annual Returns, etc.

Parish Parking

The Parish has many narrow lanes and these need to be accessible to residents, utility and emergency vehicles at all times. Cars are now being parked along some of the narrowest sections of road (e.g. Cues Lane in Bishopstone, High Street, Bishopstone, etc.) often blocking these routes to even small vehicles. Please remember that emergency vehicles need to be able to move freely down all the roads and lanes of the parish at all times. Could we therefore ask that owners of vehicles park them responsibly and avoid the narrowest sections.

THE Village Hall car park in Bishopstone is a private space available only for those using the village hall. It is not somewhere for parishioners to park on a long term basis; whatever the circumstances might be. This is

clearly signed on the wall of the hall. Cars parked here make it very difficult for legitimate car park users to find space for their vehicles. It is also incredibly inconvenient for those users having to load and unload items, or for the infirm or disabled who wish to make use of the hall. Provided the hall is not in use, loading and unloading of vehicles is permitted, as is visitor parking for short periods. By prior arrangement with the committee the siting of skips can also be accommodated. The committee very much regret that it cannot offer parking for those in need, however, hall users must come first and from the complaints received these are frequently finding it difficult to park.

Protected Trees

Trees are vital to the quality of our lives for a number of reasons:-

- They help make our two villages more pleasant and attractive places in which to live and work.
- They are often a familiar and cherished feature and so provide a sense of place.
- They provide a valuable habitat for wildlife.

They are often older than many of the buildings amongst which they stand and so contribute to our local history. Because they are so important to our environment all trees within a Conservation Area are protected by law*. The **whole** of Bishopstone is within a Conservation Area. The **whole** of Hinton Parva centred around the church is also within a Conservation Area. Anyone planning to cut down or carry out work to a tree here must give the Borough Council six weeks written notice of their intention to do so.

*Whilst there are one or two exemptions, such as trees with a diameter of less than 3 inches (measured 1.5m from the ground) or when a tree is in a dangerous condition, you are strongly advised to check first with the Council's Tree Officer since any unauthorised works can be a criminal offence which could lead to prosecution and heavy fines of up to £20,000. Better to be safe than sorry!

The Council's Tree Officer can be contacted on 01793 466318.

Individual trees or groups of trees that make a particularly important contribution to either of our villages may be worthy of special protection by way of a Tree Preservation Order. If you know of any such trees then please do not hesitate to contact any Member of the Parish Council or the Borough Council's Tree Officer who will be happy to make an inspection.

Outside Lights

One of the things that makes the Parish so unique and wonderful is the lack of street lighting to blight the villages. Sadly more and more people are now erecting high wattage outside lights and leaving them on permanently. Please consider your neighbours who may not wish their rooms lit throughout the night especially bedrooms where sleep can be seriously disturbed.

Emma Marrington, CPRE's Rural Policy Campaigner said:

'Many lives are affected by light pollution. It can disturb sleep, disfigure the countryside and make the stars at night invisible to huge numbers of people.'

Discrete and considerate outside lighting that only comes on when needed is the best type to mount if lighting is considered necessary.

Everyone is becoming more aware how energy wastage is resulting in the earth's resources being diminished. Every light that is on when no one needs to use the light it casts is adding to this wastage.

So please look at your lighting needs and think of your neighbours as well as the planet and only light when needed.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111
(Call anonymously with information about crime)

Domestic Violence 24hr National Helpline:
0808 2000 247

FRANK: 0800 77 66 00
(drug related)

Anti Social Behaviour: 01793 445500

Noise Nuisance: 01793 445500

NHS Direct: 0845 4647

Swindon Community Safety Partnership: 01793 466506

Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust 01225 794652 provides home security services to people aged 60+ or with special needs. (NB: the WBVT is a charity - donations are welcome).

Beat the Burglar

If you see anyone acting suspiciously, take their description and vehicle registration details and call the police on: 0845 408 7000. In an emergency call 999.

For a free home security pack and information about offers on home security call the Home Office:

0800 456 1213

(Packs are subject to availability).

Police search website.

<http://www.police.uk/>

Parish Website:

parish.bishopstone.net (no www in front)

Meetings for the year

14th May 2012 Bishopstone Village Hall (AGM)

All meetings begin at 7.30pm and members of the public are always welcome. Late changes are shown on the website <http://parish.bishopstone.net> and on the notice boards in Hinton Parva and Bishopstone.

BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Mr Simon Jenkins

The Old Vicarage, Bishopstone. SN6 8PY. 790545.

Mr Stuart McGuigan

Greenoak, Newtown Lane, Bishopstone. SN6 8QA. 790219.

Mrs Sarah Paye

Senama, Russley Park, Baydon, SN8 2JY. 01672 541600.

Mr Rob Selbourne

Prebendal Farm, Bishopstone, Wilts. SN6 8PT. 790485.

Mr Doug Stevens

Church View, Church Lane, Bishopstone. SN6 8PY. 791107.

Mrs Karolyn Tapper (Vice Chair)

Orchard Cottage, Bishopstone, Wilts. SN6 8PL. 790658.

Mr Ian Thomas

Littlecot, High Street, Bishopstone, Wilts. SN6 8PH. 790106.

Mr Ian Thompson

Snowberry House, Hinton Parva. SN4 0DW. 790970.

Useful Information

101 new non Emergency Police Number

Police Headquarters
0845 408 7000
24hrs, 7 days a week

SBC Reception Premier House

01793 465055/465056

Civic Offices

01793 463668

Wat Tyler House

01793 463725

Borough Councillor

Andrew Bennett 01793 790563

Fly Tipping and other similar problems

Swindon Commercial Services
01793 463463

Keeping Swindon Safe

SBC 01793 445500
Police 0845 408 7000

Foxhill Motocross 2012 Calendar

May 12
May 13th
June 30th
July 1st
July 7th
July 8th
August 4th
August 5th

Racing will take place on all the above days.

Refurbiz - the Domestic Appliance Re-cycling Charity. Refurbished appliances at affordable prices with warranty

Replacing your washing machine, dryer, fridge or electric cooker? Please donate your old machines to us so we can refurbish them for families in need.

Wiltshire-wide collection and delivery service. Call us on (01380) 720200, Or visit our showroom at Hopton Park, Devizes www.refurbiz.org Registered Charity Number 1107150

Planning Update

All planning applications, their history and all supporting documents can now be viewed online by visiting:
www.swindon.gov.uk/planning.

Planning issues are discussed at the monthly Parish Council meetings. All plans for that month are laid out on display prior to the meetings and councillors and members of the public are invited to take a look. Public representations are heard prior to the start of the meeting.

Parish Council meetings alternate between Hinton Parva Village Hall and Bishopstone Village Hall.

Members of the public are always welcome.

Planning:

APPLICATIONS

S/12/0098KICO – Erection of 40 no solar panels in field 160m from back of house – Hinton Manor, Church Row, Hinton Parva.

Conservation Area – Section 211 Notices:

NONE

GRANTED

S/LBC/12/0106/ROBI - Internal renovations and the installation of a new roof – Vorty Stables, The City, Bishopstone

REFUSED

NONE

Don't forget that all important information is displayed on the notice-boards in both villages and on the website at <http://parish.bishopstone.net>.

The Parish Times will always be available on the website. It is added there as soon as it is ready to go to the printers.

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