

# The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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## BAG IT & BIN IT

Source: Parish Council

Regrettably, the Parish Council has again received complaints from parishioners about dogs in the Parish not properly under control - and particularly, not to mince words, about increasing quantities of dog poo. As citizens, we all have responsibilities to our neighbours and fellow parishioners, especially in small rural communities. Ownership of a dog carries with it other responsibilities, including to keep it under control and not to cause offence to others.

We have been in discussion with the Police who have advised us that they are available to assist and advise in specific circumstances. They will also be carrying out random visits to our villages in an attempt to identify and deter offenders. The Dog Warden at SBC (Glyn Eamus) may also be contacted on: E-mail: ep@swindon.gov.uk or Tel: 01793 445501.

Following the article in last month's Newsletter on this subject, both the Parish and Parochial Church Councils wish to make clear their view that permitting your dog to leave its excrement on footpaths, pavements and even other peoples' drives and gardens is offensive to all of us; **it constitutes unacceptable behaviour.**

As the Parish Council has stated many times before:

1. **Dogs should not be permitted to roam loose around our villages**
2. **Dog poo should not be left in public areas; please use bags and dispose of them properly - bags should never be left in hedgerows and verges.**

This includes fields where livestock may graze; dog excrement can cause Neosporosis, Toxicariasis and Sarcocystosis which can be fatal to livestock; this has occurred recently in our Parish. In addition, unwormed dogs will transmit round and tape worms to livestock as well as humans; unvaccinated dogs can transmit leptospirosis (Weill's Disease), again both to humans and livestock. The Parish Council has further information on these diseases available on request.

### BAG IT AND BIN IT!

This applies also to the bottles, cans and the other rubbish deposited in the countryside by those who do not understand the long term harm these can cause. Please take your rubbish home with you and encourage others to do the same.

## Bishopstone Pond and Island

The Parish Council's revised risk assessment for the Pond & Island indicated that an additional lifebelt should be positioned on the Island for reasons of health & safety, particularly on account of the number of children who use the Island. This has now been completed.



Press Release from Prospect Hospice, 26 March 2013

### Headline: Prospect Hospice's Starlight Walk has Samba theme and Nationwide's Support

The biggest event in Prospect Hospice's calendar of events this year has already attracted more than 250 women who have all signed up for the sponsored night walk, which is now in its sixth year. For 2013, the team at the Wroughton-based charity have given the event a Latin flavour for what has already been dubbed the Samba Starlight, with participants being encouraged to dress up Mardi-Gras style to bring a splash of colour to a Swindon summer night.

Last week, Prospect's launched this year's event T-shirt with Nationwide Building Society, at its head office in Piper's Way, demonstrating the society's continued support of the charity. Prospect Hospice's head of fundraising Sheryl Crouch was delighted that Nationwide has agreed to continue its sponsorship of the Starlight Walk this year. "We are hugely grateful to Nationwide for its ongoing support of our biggest fundraising event," she said. "Its sponsorship covers the majority of the cost of putting on the event, which means the overwhelming share of the money raised through sponsorship money goes directly towards the care Prospect Hospice gives freely to patients and their families."

Chad Rogerson, Senior Citizenship Manager at Nationwide, said: "The Starlight Walk is a fantastic event which helps to raise vital funds for Prospect Hospice, and we are delighted to support it for a sixth year. Prospect Hospice is close to the hearts of many of our employees in Swindon and, as our staff nominated charity of the year, we have pledged £70,000 to the charity through a variety of activities including the sponsorship of major events like this one and employee fundraising. And, with such a colourful and exciting theme, this year's Walk looks set to be a truly memorable event!"

Media enquiries:

For media enquiries contact Andrew Thompson, Communications Manager, Prospect Hospice 01793 816167/07500 933831 or email [andrewthompson@prospect-hospice.net](mailto:andrewthompson@prospect-hospice.net)

This is advanced notification of the financial audit, which will take place on 8th July. Please note that this notice does not come into effect until 15th May 2013 at which point it will be posted on the notice boards.

**Bishopstone Parish Council**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF DATE FOR THE EXERCISE OF  
ELECTORS' RIGHTS**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2013**

Audit Commission Act 1998 Sections 15 and 16

**The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 (SI 2011 No.817)**

NOTICE	NOTES
<p>1. Date of announcement <u>15th May 2013</u> (a)</p> <p>2. Each year the Council's/Meeting's (b) annual return is audited by an external auditor appointed by the Audit Commission. Any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the Annual Return and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them. For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to:</p> <p>(c) <u>Mr Simon Jenkins</u> <u>The old vicarage</u> <u>Bishopstone SN16 8PY</u> <u>Tel: 01793 790545</u></p> <p>between the hours of (d) <u>18:00</u> and (d) <u>19:00</u> on</p> <p>(e) <u>Monday</u> to (e) <u>Friday</u></p> <p>commencing on (f) <u>30th May</u> 2013</p> <p>and ending on (g) <u>27th June</u> 2013</p> <p>3. Local Government Electors and their representatives also have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the opportunity to question the auditor about the accounts. The auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 4 below for this purpose on (h) <u>8 July 2013</u> and after that date will be available at the address given in paragraph 4 below until the audit has been completed; and</li> <li>• the right to make objections to the accounts or any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the auditor and a copy sent to the (i) Council/<del>Meeting</del>.</li> </ul> <p>4. The council's audit is being conducted under the provisions of the Audit Commission Act 1998, the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 and the Audit Commission's Code of Audit Practice. Your audit is being carried out by:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Grant Thornton UK LLP Hartwell House 55 – 61 Victoria Street Bristol BS1 6FT Tel: 0117 305 7600</p> <p>5. This announcement is made by (j) _____</p>	<p>(a) Insert date of placing of the notice which must be not less than <b>14 days</b> before the date in (f) below</p> <p>(b) Delete as appropriate</p> <p>(c) Insert name, position and address of the Clerk or other person to which any person may apply to inspect the accounts</p> <p>(d) Insert the times between which any person may apply to inspect the accounts. <i>NB Indicate if there is a lunchtime closure</i></p> <p>(e) Insert working days of the week any person may apply to inspect the accounts – usually Monday to Friday allowing for any days the council is usually closed</p> <p>(f) Insert date at least 21 working days before the date appointed for audit in (h) below</p> <p>(g) The inspection period between (f) and (g) must be <b>20 working days</b> and (g) must be at least one day before the date appointed for audit in (h) below.</p> <p>(h) The date appointed by the auditor</p> <p>(i) Delete as appropriate</p> <p>(j) Insert name and position of person placing the notice</p>

# SMALL PRINT

## 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/>

## Meetings for the year

### 2012/13 Meeting Dates

13 May 2013 **AGM** HP (Changed from 1st Monday due to Bank Holiday). Meeting starts at 18:30 with a talk from Navigus on Neighbourhood Planning.

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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Church Farm, Hinton Parva. SN4 0DW. 790278.

**Mr Nigel Crisp**

Willow House, Church Row, Hinton Parva. SN4 0DW. 790035.

**Mr Andrew Greenhalgh**

Old Farm House, West End Lane, Bishopstone. SN6 8PX. 791469.

**Mr Simon Jenkins (Chair)**

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

**Dr Stuart McGuigan**

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

**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

**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](http://www.refurbiz.org). Registered Charity Number 1107150.

Committee	Representative (Hinton Parva)	Representative (Bishopstone)
Finance (sub committee)	Ian Thompson (Chair) Julian Cooke	Karolyn Tapper Simon Jenkins
Footpaths & Highways	Julian Cooke	Stuart McGuigan Ian Thomas
Pond & Island Management Committee		Doug Stevens Andrew Greenhalgh
Hinton Village Hall	Ian Thompson	
Bishopstone Village Hall		Karolyn Tapper
Police & Media	Nigel Crisp (Media)	Simon Jenkins (Police)
Hinton Parva Charities	Peter Cooke	
Bishopstone United Charities		Karolyn Tapper Lesley Drewett Laurie Manktelow (Ex Cllr)
Tree Warden	Julian Cooke	Ian Thomas
Russley Park Liaison	Andrew Greenhalgh	
Responsible Financial Officer		Lesley Drewett

**Planning Update**

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

**Foxhill Motocross 2013 Calendar**

No dates available at time of printing.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**S/13/0198HC** - Rebuild of boundary wall - Vorty Stables, the City, Bishopstone - Heather Carlisle - 01793 466305 Before 27 March 2013

**S/13/0409HC** - Erection of extension to garage and single storey side/rear extensions and associated works - Hangar Park House, Hinton Parva

**GRANTED**

**S/13 0064SASM** - Erection of extension to garage - Batts Farm House, Church Row, Hinton Parva

**S/LBC/13/0215SASM** - Insertion of a duct - Titcheners Cottage, High Street, Bishopstone

**S/LBC/13/0218HC** - Replacement of 1 no front window and 1No bay window - Spring Cottage, Nell Hill, Bishopstone

**REFUSED**

None.

Don't forget that all important information is displayed on the notice-boards in both villages and on the website.