

The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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Co-option of New Councillor

At the August meeting, the Parish Council was able to co-opt an additional member to fill the vacancy arising following the resignation of Kate Griffiths some months ago.

The Council is pleased to announce that it has agreed to co-opt Tom Green of Hergest Ridge Bishopstone. Tom's many skills will add to variety of skills that are already available within the current Council.

WOODLAND AT EASTBROOK FARM

The wood on Eastbrook Farm was planted 10 years ago to benefit wildlife, as there is so little woodland in the area, and in the hope that local people would enjoy it too.

There are around 14 areas with different native trees, and quite a lot of orchard fruit, which people are welcome to pick.

As it is fenced against deer, dogs can run free here too without risk, but please do remember to shut the gates, so that the deer can't get in and damage the trees.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity of thanking Helen Browning for providing this wonderful facility for all parishioners to enjoy.

CARDIAC SCIENCE POWERHEART DEFIBRILLATOR

After the article in the July edition of the Parish Times, some interest has been shown by parishioners with regard to the placement of a Cardiac Science defibrillator at a convenient point within the Parish. Further information has been requested from the South Western Ambulance Service. The Council will therefore be re-considering their position of future installation of a defibrillator.

Parishioners will be kept informed of any change in the current position.



Potholes!

Although many potholes have recently been repaired, inevitably new ones will appear over time. Some more severe holes may cause damage to vehicles and there is often an expectation amongst drivers that the responsible council should pay compensation. At its simplest, the position is that a council is not liable for compensation where they can demonstrate that they were simply unaware of a particular problem. However, once a pothole has been reported, that position fundamentally changes and it is incumbent upon the council to effect repairs, ideally before any further damage occurs. In the meantime, however, the council may be liable to compensate for any further accidental damage.

It is therefore important that significant road surface damage is reported to the council as soon as possible. In the case of our parish, the responsible council is Swindon Borough and the number to call is 466252. When reporting a pothole, it is helpful to make a note of the date/time of doing so and the name of the person taking the call at SBC. Passing on the information to a parish councillor may simply delay the necessary information reaching the borough council.

Please copy the Parish Council into any reports made.

Road Closure

Bourton road is to be closed for Culvert Replacement from 13 October 2014 - 21 November 2014 from 20:00 - 6:00
C3/C346 Hinton Parva Resurfacing - TBC

Cycling Enthusiasts - SWINDON Sky Rides Prove Really Popular

Swindon has been selected as one of more than 100 locations across the country to host the British Cycling's Sky Ride Local programme.

Ranging from 3-30 miles, there is a Sky Ride suitable for all abilities and each ride is led by an experienced and qualified cycle leader to guide and support riders along the way.

Registration for free rides is now open - to sign up or find out more by go online at www.goskyride.com You can also find out about the Tri-Active project by going online at www.leisureinswindon.co.uk/tri-active. For more information contact: Ben Humphrey on 01793 465404 or bhumphrey@swindon.gov.uk

Source: SBC

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.

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

To access non-emergency urgent care, dial 111

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 WVBVT 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/>

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.

Meetings for the year

2014 /15

1st September 2014 Bishopstone
6th October 2014 Hinton Parva
3rd November 2014 Bishopstone
1st December 2014 Hinton Parva
5th January 2015 Bishopstone
2nd February 2015 Hinton Parva
2nd March 2015 Hinton Parva
6th April 2015 Bishopstone
4th May 2015 Hinton Parva

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 Julian Cooke

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.

Dr Stuart McGuigan

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

Mr Doug Stevens

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

Mr Ian Thomas (Vice Chair)

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

Mr Ian Thompson (Chair)

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

Mrs Val Brodin

The Coombe, Hinton Parva. SN4 0DH 01793 791949

Mr Tom Green

Hergest Ridge, Cues Lane, Bishopstone, SN6 8PP 790274

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

Household Recycling and Green Waste

North Swindon Library: 01793 707120

West Swindon Library: 01793 465555

Dorcan Leisure Centre: 01793 533763

Highworth Rec: 01793 762602

Croft Leisure Centre: 01793 526622

Pinetrees: 07785 454357

General enquiries to Streetsmart 01793 445501

Fly Tipping and other similar problems

Swindon Commercial Services
01793 463463

Keeping Swindon Safe

SBC 01793 445500
Police 0845 408 7000

Locality Team contacts:

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Borough Councillor

Andrew Bennett: 01793 271577

| Committee | Representative Hinton Parva | Representative Bishopstone |
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| Finance | Nigel Crisp (Chair) Julian Cooke | |
| Footpaths and Highways | Julian Cooke | Stuart McGuigan Ian Thomas |
| Pond & Island Management Committee | | Doug Stevens Andy Greenhalgh |
| Hinton Village Hall | Ian Thompson | |
| Bishopstone Village Hall | | Andy Greenhalgh |
| Hinton Parva Charities | Peter Cooke | |
| Bishopstone United Charities | | Karolyn Tapper (EX Cllr) Lesley Drewett Laurie Manketelov (Ex Cllr) |
| Tree Warden | Julian Cooke | Ian Thomas |
| Russley Park Liaison | | Andy 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.

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 councilors 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/14/0971RM Erection of 1 no dwelling - Land Off Short Drove, Hinton Parva - **WITHDRAWN**

S/14/1340HC - Erection of a single storey rear extension and front bay window - Greyweathers, High Street, Bishopstone - Heather Carlisle - 01793 466305 Before 5/9/14

S/LBC/14/1352HC - Repairs to listed wall - Prebendal Farm, Icknield Way, Bishopstone

GRANTED

S/13/0813HC - Rebuild of boundary wall (Amendment to previous permission S/13/0198) - Vorty Stables, Nell Hill Bishopstone

S/LBC/12/0814HC - Amendment to listed building consent S/LBC/12/0106 - Increase chimney and replace windows and erection of a boundary wall - Vorty Stables, The City, Bishopstone

REFUSED

None

Foxhill Motocross 2014 Calendar

For problems with Waste Collections call Streetsmart on

Tel: 01793 445501 - Monday to Friday 8.00am-8.00pm; 01793 466453 at all other times

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

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