

The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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Parish Council CHANGES

The Parish Council AGM was held on 14 May; this was the first meeting of the new Council following the local elections held on 3 May.

The membership of the new Parish Council and of the various sub-committees is shown elsewhere in this Parish Times. The Council welcomed the two new councillors, Andy Geenhalgh and Nigel Crisp.

The Parish Council agreed that a vote of thanks should be recorded to the two councillors who had decided to stand down - Sarah Paye and Rob Selbourne.

Sarah joined the Parish Council in 2010. It was most helpful to have, for the first time, a representative from Russley Park on the Council.

Rob has been an essential part of the Parish Council for at least 20 years; we are sad that he has decided to stand down but wish to record the thanks of all in the Parish for an outstanding period of service; his wisdom and depth of local knowledge will be much missed. We take comfort in the fact that he is not far away!

Our Ward Councillor, for the Ridgeway Ward, remains Andrew Bennett.



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

Walking Festival:

Are you interested in walking ? want to get out about in your local area and around the borough with other people with the same interest, then please see

www.getwalking.org/swindon where you can get more information about the festival and about walking locally.

The Olympic Torch Relay:

We have released some user-friendly info about the Torch Relay route, the festivities planned and practical implications for residents and businesses.

It has gone out to media and is on our website and social media pages

<http://www.swindon.gov.uk/News/Pages/Find-out-where-the-Torch-Relay-will-be-in-Swindon-and-join-in-the-festivities.aspx>

SOURCE: Swindon Localities South

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Village SOS more funds available

SOURCE: A Bennett

A SECOND round of funding is now open under the Village SOS scheme.

Operated by the Big Lottery Fund, Village SOS is looking to award grants of £10,000-£50,000 for enterprising community enterprises. There is more information at: <http://www.villagesos.org.uk/funding>

Funding opened on 10 April for rural villages or small rural towns with populations of no more than 3000 people. The organisation that submits the application must be local to the community in question.

Funding can be used to pay some or all costs for the first year of an enterprise but projects costing more than £100,000 won't be funded.

Only one application per community will be considered. They can come from voluntary and community groups or organisations such as charities, village committees, associations, trusts, co-operatives or social enterprises.

Applications from parish, town or community councils will also be considered so long as local residents have clearly shaped the project.

The second round of funding comes ahead of a Village SOS Roadshow providing information, inspiration and advice to rural communities.

If anybody in the Parish has any ideas please discuss them with a member of the Parish Council.

Community Games Tour

SOURCE: SBC

Families will be encouraged to join in a range of activities as part of the Community Games Tour, organised by Challenge Swindon.

The Tour will be visiting various communities in the borough. The Urban Tour will take place throughout the summer at Quarry Road, Meadowcroft, Buckhurst Fields, Sevenfields and St Marks.

Each session will run from 1pm to 3pm and activities on offer include multi-sports, frisbee golf, volleyball, football, tag, dodgeball and lots more.

The Rural Tour takes in Wroughton on 23rd June, Highworth on 30th June and Blunsdon on 7th July, from 1pm to 3.30pm and activities will have an Olympic theme. There will also be a Rural Tour Finals Day on 14th July where representatives from those areas will have the opportunity to compete against each other in a variety of activities to win Gold for their community.

All the sessions are designed to get family and friends to enjoy the activities together and are a great way to make new friends in your community.

So come out to play... and we promise you'll be home for tea.

For more information on tour locations and dates please visit www.challengeswindon.org.uk or contact Doug Imrie on 01793 465405 or dimrie@swindon.gov.uk

CALLING ALL RUNNERS

SOURCE: SBC

Swindon Shin Splints is on the look-out for new runners. The free running group welcomes experienced runners, joggers and wannabe runners!

A new 10-week beginners programme starts on Saturday, 9 June. An open evening will be held on Wednesday, 6 June at the Sun Inn, Coate between 7.00pm and 8.30pm so people can find out more about the group. The Shin Splints run on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings and operate four sub groups each offering different distances. The group caters for runners of all abilities and is a great way to improve your fitness and to make new friends along the way. For more information about Shin Splints call Cathy on 07977 915606 or visit www.swindonhalfmarathon.co.uk

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/>

Parish Website:

parish.bishopstone.net (no www in front)

Meetings for the year

The Parish Council plans to hold its meetings on the 1st Monday of the month from July.

However, this will be confirmed at the AGM on the 14th May 2012. The June meeting should be held on the 11 June in Hinton Parva. Please refer to the website for details of future meetings and any changes.

The next edition of the Parish Times will include all 2012/13 meeting dates.

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.

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Mr Nigel Crisp

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Mr Andrew Greenhalgh

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Mr Simon Jenkins

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. 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.

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 2012 Calendar

June 30th, July 1st, July 7th
July 8th, August 4th, August 5th

Racing will take place on all the above days.

Planning:

APPLICATIONS

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

S/12/0595HC - Demolition of existing chimney & reconstruction to match existing - Mill House, Cues Lane, Bishopstone

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Conservation Area – Section 211 Notices:

NONE

GRANTED

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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