

The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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VILLAGE CLEANUP

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who turned out for the clean-up day on 23 October – despite a partial clash with the Rugby World Cup Final.

Between the two villages over 30 bags of rubbish were collected. Those who took part found it a satisfying task and there was enthusiasm for this to become a regular feature in the future.

HELP KEEPING WARM

Wiltshire Warm and Well offers the opportunity to improve the energy efficiency of residents' homes, reduce the cost of your fuel bills and to reduce associated health problems caused by the cold. Meaning they are more comfortable in their home this winter and don't have to worry about trying to stay warm.

The Warm and Well scheme offers free advice on saving energy and can help claim a grant towards the cost of insulation.

For free, impartial advice about this and other energy saving grants and offers call on 0800 512 012. The Wiltshire Warm and Well scheme is funded and managed separately from the Energy Saving Trust Advice Service by the Severn Wye Energy Agency. To apply online visit www.warmandwell.co.uk. Please note that all grants are subject to survey and availability.

ALSO...

The cabinet office recently launched 'Get Ready For Winter' - a project to join up messages to individuals and communities on preparing for the winter months. The purposes of the project are to:

- Raise awareness for the need for winter planning;
- Highlight some very simple and straight forward advice - i.e. 5 top tips for travelling; and
- give one point of entry - Direct.gov - to access a range of advice, i.e. for more health, homes, travel and communities.

This initiative follows the severe winter of 2010/11 which affected many individuals and communities, and highlighted the need to ensure that there was good advice and guidance easily available.

A new website will stay live throughout the winter and can be accessed from the following link:

www.direct.gov.uk/getreadyforwinter.



THEFT OF FUEL

22/10/2011 – High Street, bishopstone - Unknown suspect has removed unknown quantity of red diesel from farm tank. Diesel left in containers by farm gate on roadside.

Keep your car safe

There have recently been a few instances of theft from motor vehicles on the area. These offences are usually carried out very quickly in a "smash and grab" manner and are not necessarily limited to night time.

Any time your vehicle is not being obviously watched, a desperate criminal may still smash a window to grab whatever may be on show, taking only seconds to commit their crime.

There are a few simple precautions you can take to drastically minimise the chances of this happening to you:

- Try to park your car in a busy or open area so as many people as possible can see it.
- If possible, park your car somewhere that is covered by CCTV and well lit.
- Don't leave **anything** on show in your vehicle. A criminal will break a window to grab a bag or coat without knowing what's inside it, even if it's just a carrier bag that's full of litter.
- If you have a sat-nav device, mp3 player or blue-tooth headset, don't leave it or any of its chargers, cables or accessories on show. A criminal may presume the device is hidden somewhere in the car if they see the charger in the power socket.
- Wipe sucker marks from any cradles and holders off windows.
- Take any sat-navs, mp3 players or other expensive accessories **out** of your vehicle. Criminals have cottoned on to the fact most people 'hide' these in their glove boxes and will smash a window to check the glove box, sometimes even if there is nothing on show.
- Create a free account at www.immobilise.com to register your items of value. Doing this means that when we catch a thief with a couple of sat-navs in their pocket we can trace the owner to return the items. Without being able to trace the owner it's also hard for us to prove the item is stolen which we need to do to be able to charge the thief. The immobilise web site allows you to register any item by recording its serial number, frame number or uploading a picture.

Safe Ladders

A campaign has been launched to reduce the number of major injuries caused by faulty ladders. Swindon Borough Council, supported by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and the Ladder Association, is holding a Ladders Exchange in which retailers are encouraging customers to bring in their defective ladders and replace them with new ones at a discounted price with the aim of reducing serious injury and in some cases, death.

Falls from height continue to be the main cause of fatalities at work. Since 2005 there have been three fatalities to workers and 465 major injuries in the South West region involving a ladder, while in Swindon and Wiltshire there have been 58 major fall injuries. Nationally, in 2009/10, ladders were involved in over 10 per cent of all falls from height. Common, preventable, causes of ladder injuries include the user over reaching and falling or slipping or where the ladder wobbles and falls over or breaks. Some falls involving ladders are also caused where the equipment is in poor condition.

Members of the public are being advised to always check a ladder before use and to not use it if: It is bent, split or damaged, or the fixings are loose - the ladder could collapse; The feet are missing or worn or damaged - the ladder could slip; The rungs are bent, missing or loose - the ladder could become unstable; The locking bars are bent or the fixings are worn or damaged - the ladder could collapse. Providing workers with equipment that is safe, in good working order and right for the job is a legal requirement. Anyone who relies on the use of ladders should ensure they are not broken, bent or damaged is an important part of maintaining essential equipment.

Details of how to find a participating local retailer - which includes national builders, can be found on the HSE's website. Cllr Colin Lovell, Swindon Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Customer Services and a Safer and Stronger Borough, said: "There is nothing wrong with using a ladder if it is in good order and right for the job. "However, you could be gambling with your life by using a defective one. Too many people suffer life-changing injuries or die each year because they used a faulty ladder. . : "This initiative is open to anyone who wants to swap their broken, bent or damaged ladder for a new one."

Chris Ball, chairman of the Ladder Association, said: "The Ladder Association remains fully committed to this excellent initiative that not only helps remove unsafe ladders from the workplace, but focuses attention on the need to use the right ladder, to inspect it regularly and to make sure the person using it is trained and competent."

Peter Brown HSE Head of Work Environment, Radiation and Gas Division said: "During the next few months, businesses will again have the opportunity to get their ladders checked and, where necessary, trade them in for new ones at any of our partner outlets at a discounted price. "Our advice to anyone working at height is use the right ladder for the job. Ladder Exchange provides an ideal opportunity for businesses to assess the risks involved in using ladders and to adopt sensible health and safety measures.

"Meanwhile, HSE continues to work with local authorities, ladder manufacturers, retailers, employers and workers to address the safety issues around all access equipment for working at height."

HSE's website provides advice and straightforward guidance on using ladders safely and information on working at height more generally.

www.hse.gov.uk/falls/ladderexchange.htm

The initiative, which is open to anyone who wants to swap their broken, bent or damaged ladder for a new one, runs in participating retailers from tomorrow (1 September) until 30 November 2011. Full details, along with advice and guidance on using ladders safely, are available on HSE's website:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/falls/ladderexchange.htm>

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

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

12th December 2011 Bishopstone Village Hall

9th January 2012 Hinton Parva Village Hall

13th February 2012 Bishopstone Village Hall

12th March 2012 Bishopstone Village Hall

(Parish Assembly) **7:00 pm start**

9th April 2012 Hinton Parva Village Hall

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.

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Mr Doug Stevens

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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 2011 Calendar

No more events in 2011.

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/11/1421CLMC - Variation & alterations to previous planning permission

S/10/1022 for the erection of a two storey rear extension linking with garage building & two storey garage extension, conversion of existing garage & construction of chimney - Harlestone House, Mount Pleasant, Bishopstone

S/11/1507SASM - Erection of a single storey side extension and conservatory to the rear - The White House, High Street, Bishopstone

Conservation Area – Section 211 Notices:

NONE

GRANTED

S/11/1261/ROBI - Erection of a single storey rear extension new porch, alterations & roof mounted solar panels - Parva Stud, Church Row, Hinton Parva.

S/LBC/11/1235/CLMC - Increasing height of two chimney stacks - Littlecot, High Street, Bishopstone

S/11/1236/CLMC - Increasing height of two chimney stacks - Littlecot, High Street, Bishopstone

S/11/0558/SASM - Erection of 2 No dwellings with associated parking - Land at Church Lane, Bishopstone

S/CAC/11/0559/SASM Part demolition of a barn - Land at Church Lane, 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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