



Bus 90 extended to Swindon to replace Bus 47 from 28 October

GO RIDE CIC and your local parish council have been successful in replacing Bus 47 with an extension of Bus 90 to guarantee local access into Swindon from 28 October 2013.

The service between Swindon and Lambourn will be broadly the same, with an extra morning departure from Lambourn on Mondays to Fridays at 10.20 and on Saturdays at 07:30. The bus will no longer serve Lower Wanborough, which will be covered by additional services provided by Thamesdown.

Bus 90 between Hungerford and Lambourn will have slightly less journeys during the day, but will be unchanged at peak times. There will be a new Saturday timetable.

For timetables please check out www.goridebus.co.uk, call us on 0330 330 8489, pick up a copy on Bus 90 or pick up a copy from your local parish office.



Co-option of Councillor

The Parish Council would like to offer a very warm welcome to Kate Griffiths who was co-opted onto the Parish Council at the meeting on 7 October, to fill the vacancy that has existed for some months.

Community Speedwatch

As advertised in the last edition of the Parish Times, the last training session of 2013 will be held at Lawn Community Centre on Saturday 30 November and will last about 2 hours. If you would like to volunteer to take part please contact either Lesley Drewett or Doug Stevens.

Hinton Parva Coombes needs your help.

The National Trust are once again running conservation activities at the Coombe in Hinton Parva. They are scheduled for the 2nd Sunday of the month, starting at 10am, and lasting 2-3 hours. The sessions are ideal if you would like a bit of exercise, to meet others in the village, or just want to be out in the fresh air. Tea and cake provided. Meet in the car park behind the Village Hall.

Dates are :

10 November
8 December
12 January 2014
9 February 2014
9 March 2014

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

2013/14

4th November 2013 (HP)

2nd December 2013 (HP)

6th January 2014 (HP)

3rd February 2014 (B)

3 March 2014 (B)

7th April 2014 (HP)

12th AGM May 2014 (B)

(Changed owing to Bank Holiday)

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.

Mr Ian Thomas

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

Mr Ian Thompson (Vice Chair)

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

Mrs Kate Griffiths

Gales Cottage, High Street, Bishopstone. SN6 8PH. 07999423420.

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

Finance

Footpaths and Highways

Pond & Island Management Committee

Hinton Village Hall

Bishopstone Village Hall

Police

Hinton Parva Charities

Bishopstone United Charities

Tree Warden

Russley Park Liaison

Responsible Financial Officer

Representative Hinton Parva

Nigel Crisp (Chair)
Julian Cooke

Julian Cooke

Ian Thompson

Peter Cooke

Julian Cooke

Representative Bishopstone

Simon Jenkins
Vacancy

Stuart McGuigan
Ian Thomas

Doug Stevens
Andy Greenhalgh

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Simon Jenkins

Karolyn Tapper (EX Cllr)
Lesley Drewett
Laurie Manketelov (Ex Cllr)

Ian Thomas
Andy Greenhalgh
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

None

GRANTED

None

REFUSED

None.

Foxhill Motocross 2013 Calendar

No more this year.

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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