

The Parish Times

Bishopstone Parish Council, serving Bishopstone, Hinton Parva & Russley Park

January 2022



In rehearsal:
Anna Bareham
as Carole

Look who's talking... it's BADS

Don't forget to buy your tickets for Bishopstone Amateur Dramatic Society's production of *Look Who's Talking* by Derek Benfield. The farce, directed by Belinda Nicholls, will be performed from Wednesday 26th January to Saturday 29th at Bishopstone Village Hall .

Two unexpected guests, Carole and Brian (*played by Anna Bareham and Tim Finney*), drop in on Sheila and Andrew (*Belinda Nicholls and Tom Green*), who are preparing for a quiet Sunday lunch with an old friend, Jane (*Val Brodin*), causing a complicated series of misunderstandings .

Tickets are £8.50 (concessions £6, Wednesday and Thursday only) from the Royal Oak. Pre-theatre suppers at the Royal Oak start at £12.50; call 01793 790481 for details and booking.

LET US KNOW YOUR NEWS

Welcome back to the Parish Times.

The Parish Times is produced by Bishopstone Parish Council and was previously distributed along with the village newsletter. In future, it will be available online on the parish website and the parish council's Facebook page.

Some paper copies will be placed on the noticeboards, in the pub and shop in Bishopstone and in the phone box in Hinton. If you need a paper copy delivered, please phone Val Brodin on 01793 791949 or email cllr.valbrodin@gmail.com

The Parish Times will now include diary dates and news from our villages, along with essential information and updates on how the parish council is working for Bishopstone, Hinton Parva and Russley Park.

If you are running a group, holding an event or just have something to tell which you think would be of interest to people living in the area, please let us know by emailing or telephoning the clerk, Jaine Blackman at clerk@bishopstoneandhintonparva.org or telephone 07913 819422.

VILLAGE VOICES

B AND D GARDENING CLUB

Bishopstone Village Hall 7pm unless otherwise stated. For any further information please call Christine Thomas on 790106.

18th February Quiz Night & Chilli Con Carne Supper **CANCELLED**

9th March Paul Green from Green Leaves Nursery

13th April Helen Picton on Growing Michalemas Daisies

14th May Plant Sale, 10am to 11.30am

8th June

13th July James Andrews on Cameras & Jeep Safaris

10th or 17th September Village Show TBC

12th October Outing to Batsford Arboretum

9th November AGM and supper TBC

ALLOTMENT INTEREST

If you are interested in having an allotment in the village please get in touch with Roz Boot on 790508.

CHURCH SERVICES

St. Mary's Church services are:

15/1/22; 20/2/22; 20/3/22. All at 10.30am

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross, 15/4/22 at 2pm; Easter Sunday 17/4/22 at 10.30am.

St. Swithun's Church services

are 6/2/22; 6/03.22; 3/4/22.

Easter Saturday – Easter Vigil 16/4/22. All at 10.30am.

Since the sad passing of Mogs Boon last year, the village newsletter which she managed and edited for so long has been greatly missed. Although the parish council does not have the resources to take on its production, a number of organisations and individuals have expressed an interest in doing so. We will keep you updated about any developments.

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COUNCIL MATTERS

At January's meeting councillors discussed the precept—the Parish Council's part of Swindon Borough Council's Council Tax. It was set at £39.02 (annual, Band D), which means this is the ninth year there has been no increase in the amount levied by the Parish Council for homes in the villages.

Other matters arising included:

A litter pick to be arranged for Sunday 27th February. Volunteers should meet at the village halls at 10am.

Residents are to be encouraged to download the British Horse Society's Horsei app to gather data for possible new equine road safety signs.

Muddy paths, including Nell Hill to the Ridgeway, which had previously benefitted from having wood chippings laid, to be given another layer of cover.

BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council's policies and documents can be viewed at [at bishopstoneandhintonparva.org/](http://bishopstoneandhintonparva.org/)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2022

7th February **Hinton Parva**

7th March **Bishopstone**

4th April **Hinton Parva**

All meetings begin at 7.30pm. Late changes are shown at bishopstoneandhintonparva.org/parish-council/ and on the notice boards. Members of the press and public are welcome and should contact the Clerk at clerk@bishopstoneandhintonparva.org or telephone 07913 819422 to submit questions or attend.

Useful Information

Swindon Borough Council: Reception Premier House 01793

465055/465056; **Civic Offices** 01793 463668; **Wat Tyler House**

01793 463725

For problems with waste collections call Streetsmart on: Monday to Friday 8am-8pm 01793 445501; all other times 01793 466453

Report fly-tipping or pot-holes to SBC: swindon.gov.uk/my-account

Wiltshire Police non-emergency number (less urgent than 999): 101
Borough Councillor Gary Sumner - GSumner2@swindon.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCILLORS' KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Finance Nigel Crisp (Hinton Parva) Helen L'Abbate (Bishopstone)

Footpaths and Highways Julian Cooke (Hinton Parva) Ian Thomas (Bishopstone)

Pond & Island Doug Stevens

Hinton Parva Village Hall Andy Clark

Bishopstone Village Hall Tom Green

Hinton Parva Charities Peter Cooke (PC nominee)

Bishopstone United Charities Doug Stevens, Christine Thomas (PC nominee), Laurie Manktelow (PC nominee)

Trees Julian Cooke (Hinton Parva) Ian Thomas (Bishopstone)

Russley Park Liaison Nigel Crisp

Responsible Financial Officer Jaine Blackman (Clerk)

Planning Ian Thomas/Tom Green

Website/IT Nigel Crisp/Andy Clark

Policies Gill May/Helen L'Abbate

CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

All planning applications, their history and all supporting documents can be viewed at: www.swindon.gov.uk/planning

Planning issues are discussed at the monthly Parish Council meetings. Public representations are heard prior to the start of the meeting.

S/21/1899 Erection of a one-and-a-half-storey linked rear extension and associated landscape works at Hergest Ridge, Cues Lane, Bishopstone. Comments by 11/1/22

S/LBC/21/1900 Removal of entrance hall projection, erection of a one-and-a-half-storey linked rear extension, associated landscape works and insertion of stud partition to create study on ground floor at Hergest Ridge, Cues Lane, Bishopstone. Comments by 14/1/22

GRANTED

S/HOU/21/1654 Installation of 14no. solar PV panels on south east facing roofs of house and detached garage at Garstons Mead, Church Lane Bishopstone.

DON'T FORGET: 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.

There are a number of measures in place to preserve the character and beauty of the parish. Planning permission may be required for activities such as tree felling, installation of solar panels and house alterations. Please check with SBC's planning department or give us a quick call if you're unsure!