

The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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The Pond and Island BISHOPSTONE

Parishioners will be aware that there has been an unwelcome amount of minor vandalism in Bishopstone, particularly on and around the Island, in the last 12 months. The latest instance involved damage to the gardens on the Island and graffiti on the interior of the old hut, which resulted in a letter, dated 12 July, from a number of people associated with Bishopstone School (including teachers, parents and governors) to the Parish Council. Since receiving the letter, Police have been called in to track down the culprits, and the older of the two huts has been demolished, as the small number of young people who were last year permitted to use it have not responded in a peaceful and responsible manner.

The Parish Council does not believe that this is a problem for it alone to solve, and would therefore like to discuss this issue openly with all parishioners and others who are interested in what goes on in the village, including those who signed the letter dated 12 July.

To this end, it has been decided that the Parish Council meeting scheduled for Monday 12 September should start at 7.00 pm, to allow time for a debate on how best to deal with the issues raised.

It is very much hoped that all those who have an interest in what goes on in the village will attend. We need your views and constructive ideas to address current problems.

The meeting will take place in Bishopstone Village Hall, at 7.00 pm on Monday 12 September.

CLEAN UP DAY

For your diaries!

The Parish Council has decided to sponsor a **"Clean up day"** in Bishopstone and Hinton Parva on Sunday 23 October 2011. Far too many people are accustomed to discarding bottles, cans and plastic on road side verges, in the hedge rows and even on the Ridgeway, and we hope that an occasional "blitz" will help to improve this aspect of the countryside.

We are hoping that Swindon Borough Council will provide hi-visibility vests and rubbish bags, and collection of the rubbish from a central point. Provisionally, the plan is to meet at the village hall in both Bishopstone and Hinton Parva at 10.00 am on Sunday 23 October.



There are so many different types of loans around these days it's hard to decide which one is right for you. **Wiltshire Money Line** offers another option to people who might not be able to get loans from banks, building societies and other mainstream lenders. WML loans are much better value than most home credit providers and we explain everything in simple terms. We will not lend you more than you can afford to repay. Unlike some mainstream lenders, interviews are held face-to-face. WML give people the option to repay by standing order from a bank or building society account weekly, fortnightly, four weekly or monthly; or by paying a benefit into the Credit Union.

Wiltshire Money Line is now being managed by the Wiltshire Community Bank so if you want an affordable loan you will need to become a member of your local branch. We aim to offer a good, affordable service to people who do not have many choices when they need to borrow money. Any money we make by charging interest and fees will be used either to lend to other people or help with our running costs. So if you're starting a new job, going on holiday, want a fresh start or need a loan for any other reason, give us a call. 01249 248323. Source: Wiltshire Money Line.

CRIME UPDATE Wiltshire Police

23/06/2011 – Bishopstone Church - Unknown offender(s) have tampered and tried to move lead on roof in an attempt to steal it

28/06/2011 – Church Farm, Hinton Parva - Report of persons stealing a tractor. One male arrested on suspicion of theft of vehicle.

30/06/2011 - Russley Park, Baydon - Unknown offender(s) have imprinted a crop circle in I/Ps wheat field causing damage to £250-£500

We are still receiving a number of reports regarding problems in some of our villages, If you frequent the Island in Bishopstone and you experience any anti-social behaviour, e.g. youths swearing, shouting abuse, drunken behaviour suspicious items being smoked, graffiti being written on walls or buildings. Please report this behaviour to us immediately! We will then attend and deal with the persons accordingly.

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THE GATEWAY PROJECT

SOURCE: THE GATEWAY PROJECT

Are a team of specialist advisers for voluntary and community organisations in Swindon. Are you an established charity or community group, or thinking of starting one, and based in Swindon?

- Do you work with volunteers?
- Do you need help finding funding?
- Do you need help with training and development?

The Gateway project can help you!

The Gateway project has brought together a team of four specialist advisers from Voluntary Action Swindon, Volunteer Centre Swindon, Charities Information Bureau South & West, and Community First. These organisations will provide free support to voluntary and community groups. It offers information, advice and guidance in the key areas of finance and fundraising; volunteering, developing volunteers and volunteer management for community and voluntary organisations in Swindon.

Any voluntary, community or not-for-profit organisation in Swindon could benefit from this support from very small informal support groups or those just setting up to larger and/or more established organisations.

- Advice on funding, contact Jane Butler at the charities Information Bureau on *Tel: 01380 729279 Email: jane@cibwilts.org.uk*
- Running your group, contact John Phipps at Voluntary Action Swindon on *Tel: 01793 538398 Email: john@vas-swindon.org*
- Youth Activities, contact Simon Hughes at Community First on *Tel: 01380 729813 Email: simon@youthactionwiltshire.org*
- Volunteering, contact Louise Hallett at Volunteer Centre Swindon on *Tel: 01793 420557 Email: lou@swindonvolunteers.*

Gallery tops 1 million viewings

SOURCE: SWINDON MEMBERS BULLETIN

Two years ago SBC setup a free online picture gallery. This includes photographs, drawings, postcards, old documents, maps and plans of Swindon's heritage. It now contains over 5000 images. Over the two years the gallery has been viewed more than 1.3 million times.

Contributors to the collection include members of the Rodbourne Community Heritage Group, the Swindon Society and the Wiltshire Family History Society as well as Swindon born anthropologist Desmond Morris.

Some of the earliest images are of Victoria street from the 1850's although there are also pictures of soldiers returning from the Boer War.

The full physical collection is available to the public on the second floor of the Central Library.

Anyone can contribute to the collection by adding photos or making comments on the pictures.

If you would like to view the collection go to www.flickr.com/swindonlocal.

On a slightly different but connected note if you were living in Swindon in the 1940s or 1960s and lived in Gorse Hill, Parks, Penhill, Pinegurst or Old Town do you recall having your photo taken? If you did Back to Black and White is a history project involving 130 young people between 11 and 16. They are looking at photos taken by Albert Beaney - a Swindon photographer who worked in the town from the 40's to the 60's. If you were photographed and would like to help then you can contact the group via the Central Library on 01793 463238 or email central.library@swindon.gov.uk.

CIVIL DISORDER UPDATE

Inspector Roger Bull
Sector Head
Swindon East Neighbourhood Policing Team

12/8/11

I am pleased to report that we've experienced two further 'business as usual' evenings and nights on Wednesday & Thursday throughout Swindon. While I'd clearly like to put this down solely to positive & effective pro-active policing, I'm sure the intervention actions of our partners, particularly those who work with the same type of disaffected young people who have run amok elsewhere, must also have had a significant impact. Furthermore, the overwhelming majority of local people are law-abiding citizens who are as appalled by the scenes on our TVs as we are.

Looking forward to the weekend with its normal night time economy issues, this is being seen as a critical period both locally & nationally. However, I can assure you that, while we continue to support our colleagues in those areas already blighted - such as London, considerable planning and preparation has been undertaken to ensure we will have appropriate resources in place in Swindon to meet the challenge. Here I must mention the fantastic support we continue to receive from the Special Constabulary.

As I reported previously, there is no intelligence or information of any credible threat to people or property within Swindon. However, I make no apology for reiterating my earlier message:

- Wiltshire Police will continue to maintain an active presence on the streets and in our communities to enforce the law
- Wiltshire Police will take decisive action against any criminality or disorder in our communities
- Wiltshire Police has good relationships with all our communities and we have the support of the public to maintain order and people's safety
- The public can help us too by being vigilant and reporting any issues to us immediately
- Wiltshire Police has plans in place to respond and deal with any outbreaks of disorder
- Our partner agencies are supporting us as part of a coordinated approach to managing crime and disorder in our communities

Businesses During the disturbances elsewhere many businesses have borne the brunt of the violence & damage. Locally we've been working closely with Rebecca Rowland of 'In Swindon' and I've also been liaising with the local Federation of Small Businesses and Chamber of Commerce who have kindly disseminated the above message to their local members together with some advice for businesses :-

- Ensure staff report any suspicious activity to security and/or police
 - Consider regular checks of the building and surrounding area
 - Identify areas that are vulnerable to forced entry
 - Make sure all service doors are kept locked and secure when not in use
 - Ensure your CCTV system is fully operational - In case of an emergency, is there a record of the names of key holders who can be contacted?
 - Consider removing high value goods from display windows overnight
 - Consider keeping as little cash as possible on the premises
 - Ensure that your premises are secure and if fitted your alarm systems are fully operational
 - In the event of a non emergency, call Wiltshire Police on 0845 408 7000
 - In the event of an emergency, call the emergency number 999
 - If you manage retail premises which are part of a large group, follow instructions given from your headquarters
- We're hoping for a peaceful weekend but, please be assured we will be ready to meet any disorder robustly.

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 September 2011 Bishopstone Village Hall
10th October 2011 Bishopstone Village Hall
14th November 2011 Hinton Parva Village Hall
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.

BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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Mr Stuart McGuigan

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

Mrs Sarah Paye

Senama, Russley Park, Baydon, SN8 2JY. 01672 541600.

Mr Rob Selbourne

Prebendal Farm, Bishopstone, Wilts. SN6 8PT. 790485.

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

Highworth Police Station

01793 762251
Mon-Fri. 09-12.30 & 17:30-21.00

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

Maxxis British Motocross Championships
23rd and 24th July 2011
Private Club meeting
27th and 28th August

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/11/1032KICO - Erection of a first floor link between house and garage and the erection of 2no dormer windows - Boxwood House, Hinton Parva - Kimberley Corps - 466294 Before 12/8/11

S/11/0558/SASM - Erection of 2no dwellings with associated parking - Land at Church Lane, Bishopstone - Sarah Smith - 466292 Before 12/8/11

S/CAC/11/0559/SASM - Part demolition of a barn - Land at Church Lane, Bishopstone - Sarah Smith - 466292 Before 12/8/11

Conservation Area - Section 211 Notices:

NONE

GRANTED

S/11/0665/JABU - Demolition of workshop & garden store & Erection of new workshop & garden store - Spring Cottage, The City, Bishopstone

S/LBC/11/0668/JABU - Demolition of workshop & garden store - Spring Cottage, The City, 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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