

# The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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## HELP “MEND” CHILDREN

Great news for Swindon as NHS Swindon in conjunction with Swindon Borough Council are giving away places on three new MEND Programmes and giving more children and families the chance to become fitter, healthier and happier.

The MEND Programme is the largest national scheme for tackling childhood overweight and obesity and NHS Swindon is delighted to offer three new courses to the area. Children and families who have previously participated have achieved tremendous results.

MEND stands for Mind, Exercise, Nutrition...Do it! and the course is targeted at helping children between the ages of 7 and 13 who are over the healthy weight range for their age and height to become healthier and active with the support of their parents or carers.

“We learnt so many things on the MEND Programme,” says participating mum, Kate Butler from Swindon, “My child is so much more active and as a family we’ve changed what we eat and how we prepare meals, which means that we all have lots more energy.”

The fun MEND Programme which takes place after school twice a week for 10 weeks will be running from January 2010 at three locations in Swindon, including the Link Centre, Dorcan Recreation Complex and Greendown Community School. A limited number of places valued at up to £400 are available on these courses **completely free of charge** thanks to NHS Swindon and Swindon Borough Council.

The Programme includes a series of sessions to get the whole family involved in helping children to change their eating and exercise habits while learning about nutrition, therefore promoting sustained improvements in overall health, fitness and wellbeing.

### MEND 7-13:

Link Centre, every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 January to 18 March 2010, 5-7pm

Dorcan Recreation Complex, every Monday and Wednesday from 11 January to 24 March 2010, 5-7pm

Greendown Community School, every Tuesday and Wednesday from 19 January to 31 March 2010, 4-6pm

“Previous families on the course have had a great deal of success and it changes family’s lives. Children become healthier and fitter and we have seen their self esteem and confidence increase



**BISHOPSTONE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL PARISIONERS A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

### WASTE COLLECTION

This year, Christmas day will fall on a Friday, residents will therefore receive a wheelie bin collection on 23rd December. A leaflet with the collection days will be distributed by SBC.

Blue bags and recycling will receive a double collection after Christmas day.

### Would you like to work with children?

Do you have time to spare? Are you fit and healthy?

If the answer to these three questions is yes, then Swindon Borough Council may have a great job for you. It employs people with a caring nature in a role helping children to get to and from school.

There are jobs for escorts who travel with children with special needs on school runs, for which transport is provided to and from your home address.

Training and safety equipment is provided and you can be employed as a permanent member of staff or as a casual.

The rate of pay from 1st April 2009 is £6.38 per hour.

If you would like to find out more please contact :-

Ruth Grant, Transport Co-Ordinator on (01793) 466855

Or just call into the Borough Council Offices at Premier House, Station Road, Swindon - opposite Swindon railway station.

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greatly,” says Emma Creighton, MEND Programme Manager. “We are committed to offering families in Swindon the chance to improve their health with this fantastic free course.”

MEND for 5-7-year-olds will also be starting in January 2010 at Dorcan Recreation Complex. Families take part in fun 1 hour 45 minute sessions, once a week for 10 weeks. The 5-7s Programme sessions include inspiring families to adopt a healthier lifestyle and enjoy preparing and eating healthier food and trying something new. There are also simple but fun active play sessions which focus on making exercise and activity a regular part of a child’s day.

**MEND 5-7:** Dorcan Recreation Complex, every Thursday from 7th January to 18th March 2010, 3:45pm-5:30pm

Places on MEND 7-13 and 5-7 are being offered completely free on a first come, first served basis to eligible families. For more information or to register for the Programmes in Swindon call Freephone 0800 230 0263 or visit [www.mendcentral.org](http://www.mendcentral.org). A parent or carer must accompany each child to the sessions and places must be booked in advance.

## Family Fit Club:

Link Centre, every Saturday from 9 January to 27 March 2010, 9:30-11:00am

Churchfields School, every Thursday from 21 January to 1 April 2010, 4:00-5:30pm

Parents wishing to check whether their child is a healthy weight or whether they might benefit from the MEND Programme can visit the MEND website [www.mendcentral.org](http://www.mendcentral.org), which has a handy Body Mass Index (BMI) calculator.

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## ACTIVATED SIGNS

WORK has been progressing nicely to help make the Parish a safer place to live and it is hoped that early in the New Year both Bishopstone and Hinton Parva will see Vehicle Activated Signs which advise drivers of their speed. These have been proven to be an effective speed reduction measure. The Parish Council hope to have two more signs in place in the future.

The first signs will be situated in Bishopstone on the approach from Swindon close to Manor Farm where the village name sign stands and on the Ickneild Way in Hinton Parva as you approach the village hall from Bishopstone. It will face cars heading towards Swindon.

## Granted Planning Applications

- S/09/0718/RM** - Erection of a single storey front extension - High Ridge, Ickneild Way, Bishopstone.
- S/09/0775/HECO** - Erection of a boundary fence (retrospective) - 3 Whatleys Orchard, Bishopstone.
- S/09/0937/CLMC** - Erection of a hay/storage barn - Land at Manor Down Farm, Bishopstone.
- S/09/0953/KIWA** - Erection of a two storey rear extension - Boxwood House, Hinton Parva Lane, Hinton Parva.
- S/09/0991/CLMC** - Erection of first floor rear extension & single storey side link to existing Outbuilding - Brambling Cottage, 1 West End Lane, Bishopstone
- S/09/1029/RM** - Erection of a porch - Hinton Manor, Church Row, Hinton Parva
- S/LBC/09/1030/RM** - Erection of a porch - Hinton manor, Church Row, Hinton Parva
- S/09/1056/ROBI** - Erection of a two storey side extension to 1 Mount Pleasant Cottages & erection of a two storey side & single storey rear extension to 2 Mount Pleasant Cottages - 1 & 2 Mount Pleasant Cottages, Mount Pleasant Farm Lane, Horpit, Wanborough
- S/LBC/09/1125CLMC** - Installation of a replacement bay window - The Grove, Hinton Parva Lane, Hinton Parva
- S/09/1337/RM** - Construction of a ménage - Land to the North-East of Chauffeurs Cottage, Russley Park, Baydon
- S/09/1483/RM** - Erection of a single storey front extension & 2 No dormers windows to front & 4 no Dormer windows to rear - Berkleys, 7 Whatleys Orchard, Bishopstone
- S/09/1675/NIRO** - Erection of a conservatory - Walnut Lodge, Mount Pleasant, Bishopstone

# 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 Ickneild 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).

## Council Meetings 2008/9

Wednesday 2/9/09 Hinton Parva

Wednesday 7/10/09 Bishopstone

Wednesday 4/11/09 Hinton Parva

Wednesday 2/12/09 Bishopstone

Wednesday 6/1/10 Hinton Parva

Wednesday 3/2/10 Bishopstone

Wednesday 3/3/10 Bishopstone (Parish Assembly)

Wednesday 7/4/10 Hinton Parva

Wednesday 5/5/10 Bishopstone (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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Orchard House, Hinton Parva, SN4 0DW. 790808.

### Mr Julian Cooke

Church Farm, Hinton Parva. SN4 0DW. 790278.

### Mr Simon Jenkins

The Old Vicarage, Bishopstone. SN6 8PY. 790545.

### Mr Stuart McGuigan

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

### 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

## Planning Update

All planning applications, their history and all supporting documents can now be viewed online by visiting:  
**[www.swindon.gov.uk/planning](http://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 and usually take place on the first Wednesday of the month.

Members of the public are always welcome.

### Planning:

**S/09/1914ROBI** Partial demolition of existing grain store & erection of a com dryer & silo – Church Farm, Little Hinton Lane, Hinton Parva

**S/09/2021ROBI** – Conversion & Extension of Public House to form 2 no dwellings & erection of 2 no dwellings & associated works – True Heart Inn, High Street, Bishopstone

**S/CAC/09/2022ROBI** - Demolition of part of the existing building – True Heart Inn, High Street, Bishopstone

**S/09/2027KW** - Erection of a first floor extension and covered verandha – The Court House, Church Walk Bishopstone

**S/09/1764RM**- Variation of condition number 4 of planning application

**S/COND/08/0145RM** - Occupation condition of dwelling to be varied to relate to the training of competition horses (i.e. not restricted to race horses only) - Russley Park Stables, Russley Park Baydon

**S/09/1846CLMC** - Conversion of loft into living accommodation (retrospective) - High Ridge, Icknield Way, Bishopstone

**S/09/1847CLMC** - Erection of a single storey front extension (revised) - High Ridge, Icknield Way, Bishopstone

**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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