

The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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TRUE HEART RESOLVED!

The Parish Council is pleased to report to parishioners that the campaign to resist the development of the True Heart has been successful. The Planning Inspectorate has agreed with us that the Royal Oak does not provide a suitable alternative to the True Heart due to the fact that the Oak is used primarily by diners and does not cater for the various social gatherings, including darts, that the True Heart is capable of doing. In addition the Inspector agreed with the Parish Council's strongly held view that the proposed development on the car park would be out of keeping with the character of the Conservation Area.

The applicant has now withdrawn the second application as this would be covered by the same ruling and therefore would not have gained planning permission.

Our thanks go to all those who supported the campaign to prevent this part of Bishopstone being redeveloped and to Councillor Thomas who worked extremely hard and knowledgeably on your behalf. Councillor Thomas' input to the appeal hearing was instrumental in the decision making process, despite the fact the SBC rejected these points as being insignificant.

We must now wait and see what the owners of the True Heart decide to do next and hopefully its doors will be open to us all again soon.

The free of charge Over 50's Cycling Courses in Swindon have been so well received that courses are fully booked months in advance and more dates have had to be added to cope with demand. The courses are designed to be a gentle introduction to cycling whether a person has never ridden a bike at all or hasn't ridden for many years. The emphasis is on fun and enjoyment and the atmosphere is very relaxed. Taking place in a traffic free environment to start with, the pace of the course is tailored to suit the individual's needs gradually increasing the amount of cycling each week as required.

Each course runs over an eight week period with sessions every Saturday morning (10am-12pm) starting on the County Ground Athletics Track and gently progresses to roads and streets. There is no pressure on participants to venture out but most end up doing so. Some course graduates have even gone on to receive ride leader training so they can continue their group rides with other participants.

For more information, contact Anna Cipullo on 01793 511033 or 07717 696672 or email anna.cipullo@ctc.org.uk

Next available course start dates – 2nd July



Kate Daniels of SBC recently contacted the Clerk with the following:

"At this time of year we typically see an increase in thefts and damage to allotments and gardens. This year has seen an increase in high value thefts of tools such as rotovators and mowers particularly from allotment sites. As part of raising awareness we have been putting up posters on Swindon council allotment sites, designed a leaflet advising on how to secure sheds and allotments and made alarmed padlocks available to purchase.

We are trying to spread the message out to as many allotment holders as possible - if you think that this is an issue for your parish or town, it would be fantastic to talk to you. This is part of crime reduction so there are no charges for posters and leaflets."

Kate can be contacted on 01793 466058. Copies of the Posters and leaflets are now on the website at parish.bishopstone.net.

Security items are available to purchase at Wat Tyler House.

Swindon Bicycle Carnival 2011

Cycling in Swindon is about to become a lot more colourful with the announcement of the 2011 Swindon Bicycle Carnival. The event will take place on Saturday 2nd July and is based at Lydiard Park where a host of cycling related fun activities are planned as well as a short ride to celebrate the day.

There is a circus theme to the day so get your creative helmets on and start thinking about what to wear or how to dress up your bike.

Timetable for the day:

10.00 - 11.30 am: Free dress-your-bike workshop and materials

11.30 am: Registration (late entries accepted on the day)

12.00 pm: Ride starts 1.00 pm: Prize-giving ceremony

1.30 - 4.00 pm: Displays and workshops. No need to book.

MORE CYCLING NEWS ON THE WEBSITE ON THE NEWS PAGE.

www.ctc.org.uk/swindon

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PROSPECT HOUSE EVENTS

Press Release: Open Gardens
Date of release: 15 April 2011

Green-fingered enthusiasts are being asked to open their gardens to the public to raise funds for Prospect Hospice.

Taking place throughout the spring, summer and autumn of 2011, Prospect Hospice's Open Gardens programme offers the public a rare opportunity to discover the secrets of hidden and private gardens in our community not usually open to the public. Visitors will be able to explore some beautiful grounds and quiz the creators on the techniques used in bringing these unique spaces to life, in return for a donation to Prospect.

Daniel McNally, community fundraiser at Prospect Hospice, said: "It's a really simple but effective idea, and from the feedback we've received, the public really seem to enjoy themselves."

"In the past we've featured a variety of beautiful gardens, from amateur gardeners who've joined up with their neighbours to create a day out for visitors, through to a Chelsea Flower Show Gold medal winner, and an expert on the art of Bonsai. Some people also lay on refreshments, raffles and garden games to raise more money.

"It really about putting on an event that showcases your garden, creates a unique day out for visitors, and helps raise some money for Prospect. Its also a great opportunity to share your love of gardening with others."

Prospect will release the programme of open days later this year. In the meantime, why not consider opening your garden to the public? If you would like to host an Open Garden, then please get in contact through www.prospect-hospice.net/opengardens or call the fundraising team on 01793 816161, to see how Prospect can help you make the most from your Open Day.

Ends

Press Release: One month until Starlight Walk registrations
Date of release: 28 April 2011

With only a month to go until registrations for the Starlight Walk ends, Prospect Hospice are urging ladies who haven't yet signed up to register now.

The Starlight Walk, supported by Nationwide Building Society, takes place on Saturday 25 June and is the Hospice's biggest fundraising event of the year. Last year saw over 700 ladies stepping out for a summer-night's sponsored walk beneath a starlit sky, raising £80,000 for the Hospice. And with over 300 women already registered for this year's event, fundraiser Becky Gammon is urging would-be participants to sign up before registrations close on 30 May.

"We have been pleased with the sign-up rate so far, but we've still got a long way to go to break the record." says Becky. "We're hoping that there are a lot of ladies out there planning to take part who haven't yet registered. If you're one of them, either phone us or visit our website to sign up and register.

"It's a really fun girl's night out, a physical challenge and a brilliant way to help raise much-needed sponsorship for Prospect Hospice. I'm really hoping there are still ladies out there who just make that decision to take part and join us for what I know is going to be a really great event."

Taking part in the Starlight Walk for the first time is Nationwide Building Society employee Sam Sealey. Sam will be tackling the 10k route as a way of saying thank you for the care her mum Rita received at Prospect Hospice in the final weeks of her life.

"Prospect Hospice wasn't something I had known about until Mum was admitted there last October," she says, "We would sometimes visit the Prospect shops, but I either didn't know or didn't want to know about the Hospice. When Mum needed their support, I was so glad that the Prospect Hospice was there.

"I'll be thinking of Mum, of course, but it's also my son Joe's birthday. Before she died, Mum would tell Joe that she would watch down on him from the moon, so a Starlight Walk on his birthday seems very fitting."

Ann Vince will also be taking part in the Starlight Walk for the first time, setting herself the challenge of the 15k route. The date is an important one for Ann, as it marks the second anniversary of the death of her best friend Delphius King at Prospect Hospice.

"Delphius was someone very special, and we were friends for many years. Prospect was a huge source of comfort to her in her final days and they cared for her extremely well. It was clear from Del's stay that the Hospice is such a great place and that's what encouraged me to take part in the walk.

"Del's experience has made me feel very close to the Hospice and what it does. Del's daughter-in-law has said that she will sponsor me, so clearly she feels that Prospect Hospice is a charity worth supporting too."

To sign up for Prospect Hospice's Starlight Walk before registrations close on 30 May, visit www.prospect-hospice.net/starlight. Registration costs just £15 and walkers are encouraged to aim to raise at least £100 in sponsorship.

Ends

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

13th June 2011 Bishopstone Village Hall
11th July 2011 Hinton Parva Village Hall
8th August 2011 Bishopstone Village Hall
12th September 2011 Hinton Parva 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.

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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

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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 notification of meetings at this time.

Refurbiz - the Domestic Appliance Re-cycling Charity.

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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

S/11/0533HECO - Erection of new doors at first floor level & Balcony - The Old Chapel, Bishopstone

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

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

Conservation Area – Section 211 Notices:

NONE

GRANTED

S/10/0093/KIWA - Erection of wooden decking to front (retrospective) - Royal Oak, Bishopstone

REFUSED

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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