

# The Parish Times

Keeping Hinton Parva, Bishopstone and Russley Park informed.

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## Parish Council UPDATE

The Parish Council is grateful to all those parishioners who attended the public meeting on 12th September 2011, for a very helpful discussion on a variety of parish matters. The Parish Council is following through all suggestions and will communicate them in future newsletters.

Please remember the village cleanup day which the Parish Council is sponsoring. It will take place in Bishopstone and Hinton Parva on Sunday 23 October 2011. Meet at the village halls in Bishopstone and Hinton Parva at 10.00am. Bring your own gloves and any other personal equipment required. SBC will be providing bags for the rubbish and hi-vis waistcoats.

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.

The audited accounts are now available to view online at the parish website and also on both notice boards where details are provided on how to view the Annual Return.

## Planning News

Swindon Borough Council is consulting on extending permitted development rights for rear house extensions. It is being proposed that permitted development rights be extended through the adoption of a Local Development Order (LDO).

An LDO grants permission for the type of development specified in the LDO (subject to conditions), and by so doing removed the need for a planning application to be made.

The consultation period for this runs up to the 28th October 2011. Comments may be emailed to [ddewart@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:ddewart@swindon.gov.uk) or sent to Environment, Regeneration and Community, Swindon Borough Council, Wat Tyler House West, Beckhampton Street, Swindon, SN1 2JH.

Swindon Borough Council are asking all Borough residents who have a view on this to help them by completing a survey. This can be located and printed at <http://www.swindon.gov.uk/ep/ep-planning/ep-planning-ldo/Pages/ep-planning-ldo-preparation.aspx>. This link also provides access to the full documentation regarding the proposed LDO.



### VAN OWNERS BEWARE

DURING early September there were a small number of vans broken into in Chiseldon. Clearly, one is too many as this can affect people's livelihoods. Therefore, the police will be stepping up patrols in Chiseldon and other villages during the relevant times in case the thieves return.

However, prevention is always the best approach. So, if you could put out the message locally for owners and users of work vans to remove tools and other equipment overnight the police would be very grateful.

In the meanwhile, please be assured the Parish is a low crime area; incidents of this type are very rare and, the police will be doing everything they can to bring these criminals to justice.

### LOCAL POLICE CHANGES

There have been a number of changes with the team in the last couple of months:

Inspector Nick John has been promoted and his place has now been taken by Inspector Roger Bull.

Sergeant Caroline Hook has also moved on and her place has been taken by Sergeant Aileen Dolder.

Finally PCSO James Addyman has moved and been replaced by PCSO Stephen Forrest

# THE FIREWALK

SOURCE: THE PROSPECT

## Would you walk over hot coals for charity?

That's the question being asked by Prospect Hospice, who are inviting the public to take part in a brand-new event this Halloween.

Prospect Hospice's Firewalk and Halloween Party sees brave members of the public being sponsored to walk barefoot over hot embers at the Check Inn pub, in Woodland View, Wroughton.

The nail-biting event will be part of a Halloween Party, which takes place on October 30.

Two people already signed up to take part are husband and wife Paul and Lisa Baskerville, who saw the event in Prospect's Events Booklet. They are taking part in memory of Lisa's Father Fred Berry, who passed away seven years ago last June and was cared for at Prospect.

Lisa says: "The nurses were absolutely brilliant in the way they looked after him – I couldn't fault them at all. I also took part in a Tandem parachute jump for Prospect two years ago, and it's really my way of saying thank-you to the Hospice.

"I was also looking for something different to do as a fundraiser, and when Paul and I both saw it in the booklet, we both jumped at the chance. It's a different kind of challenge – mental rather than physical – and for me, it's all about proving that I can do it. Paul is a hypnotherapist, so we're both especially interested in how the organisers will gear people up for the challenge.

"I don't have a target in mind at the moment. I would just like to raise as much money for this fantastic charity as I can. I'm also going to start badgering my friends to buy tickets for the Halloween Party – I'll need all the support I can get!"

Sheryl Crouch, head of fundraising, said: "A lot of our events are physical challenges of one kind or another, but not everyone wants to take on a physical challenge. The great thing about the Firewalk is that it's extreme, and demanding without being physically challenging.

"We are hoping that groups from businesses might like to take part. We're also hoping that people will bring their friends and family to buy a ticket to our Halloween Party to see how brave they are!

"If you don't want to take part in the firewalk itself, you can still join in the fun at the Halloween party."

Also as part of the event, the hospice will be holding competitions, with prizes for biggest and best carved pumpkin on the night, as well as best and worst fancy dress.

Registration for the firewalk costs £25 and the hospice hopes each participant can raise £150 in sponsorship. Entry to the Halloween Party, including food, costs £5 a person and children enter free. To register or for a ticket to the Halloween Party, please visit [www.prospect-hospice.net/firewalk](http://www.prospect-hospice.net/firewalk)

# POLICE UPDATE

SOURCE: Local Police Newsletter

**Wiltshire** Police begins a 12-month pilot involving a radical new way of tackling domestic abuse.

When there is not enough evidence to bring a charge, but there is concern that a partner is at risk, a 48-hour Domestic Violence Protection Notice (DVPN) can be authorised by a superintendent before suspect leaves custody.

The suspect is banned from returning to the victim's address (which might also be the suspect's home), or the area around it, and from molesting the victim.

The decision must then be referred to magistrates who could decide to turn the notice into a Domestic Violence Protection Order (sometimes known as Go orders) lasting between 14 and 28 days.

The pilot involves Wiltshire Police and the Swindon and Wiltshire Community Safety Partnerships.

People who think someone they know is a victim of domestic abuse can get more information from [www.speakoutwiltshire.com](http://www.speakoutwiltshire.com) or [www.swindon-csp.org.uk](http://www.swindon-csp.org.uk).

Perpetrators who want to change their abusive behaviour can seek help by visiting [www.respectphoneline.org.uk](http://www.respectphoneline.org.uk) or by calling 0808 802 4040 (free from landlines and mobiles). There is information about the voluntary Turnaround programme for male perpetrators at [www.splitz.org](http://www.splitz.org).

# DANCING PROSPECT

SOURCE: THE PROSPECT

Prospect Hospice is looking for dancers with or without experience to sign up for a fundraising event that'll see them learning the moves for a selection of the world's best-loved routines.

JUST DANCE, sponsored by Frankly Recruitment, is a new event for Prospect Hospice in 2011, and sees supporters taking part in four dance classes in a single evening to raise vital funds for the charity.

For more information and to register, call the fundraising team on 01793 816161 or visit [www.prospect-hospice.net/justdance](http://www.prospect-hospice.net/justdance)

# 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

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 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.

### 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

### 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

No more events in 2011.

### 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](http://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](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.

Members of the public are always welcome.

### Planning:

#### APPLICATIONS

S/11/1102CLMC – Erection of a single storey rear extension – Old Farmhouse, West End Lane, Bishopstone

S/LBC/11/1235CLMC - Increasing height of two chimney stacks - Littlecot, High Street, Bishopstone

S/11/1236CLMC - Increasing height of two chimney stacks - Littlecot, High Street, Bishopstone

#### Conservation Area – Section 211 Notices:

NONE

#### GRANTED

S/11/0862/HECO – Erection of a conservatory – Summer Cottage, West End Lane, Bishopstone

S/11/0782ROBU – Installation of an underground dirty water lagoon, Land North of Eastbrook Farm, Ickneild Way, Bishopstone

S/LBC/11 0957KICO – Application of Lime Wash to exposed chalk walls – Winton Cottage, High Street, 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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