



Bishopstoke Parish Council

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Bishopstoke Carnival

Bishopstoke Carnival took place over the weekend of September 15th and 16th. On Saturday, Deputy Mayor Darshan Mann helped judge the river floats at Bishy beach, and then launched the first duck race at Toby Carvery. Sunday saw the parade start at Bishopstoke Community Centre and take a new route from the Community Centre across Church Road into Stoke Park Road before heading into Underwood Road via Sedgwick Road and then going all the way down Underwood Road and along Hamilton Road. The weekend finished with the traditional Fete on Glebe Meadow where there were a wide variety of stalls, rides, snacks and activities. The weather was kind all weekend and we all really enjoyed ourselves. We hope you did too and look forward to seeing you again next year. We also need to give a huge thanks to the organisers, the volunteers, the marshalls, the parade and river float entrants, the Carnival Courts and anyone else who helped make the weekend as special as it was. If you weren't able to help this year, but would like to help in any way next year please contact carnival@bishopstokepc.org.

Carnival Grants

Every year the street collection and other money raised through raffles is given out as grants to local community organisations. This year thanks to the generosity of Bishopstoke residents, topped up by the Parish Council grant fund, we were able to help Age Concern, ARK Eastleigh, the Bishopstoke Community Association, MHA Live At Home and the Wessmap Housing Trust. We are sure that all those being helped would like us to pass on their thanks to everyone that donated in any way.

Parish Council Grant

Bishopstoke Parish Council was pleased to be able to approve a grant of £500 to Open Sight, helping the blind in our local community. This will be used to train blind people to use adapted technology to assist with daily living.

Silent Soldier

The British Legion Silent Soldier, funded by Eastleigh Borough Council, is now standing proudly by the steps to the Memorial Hall. Bishopstoke Parish Council have also funded three more silhouettes: a sailor, which will stand on the other side of the Memorial steps; a Royal Flying Corps pilot, which will be on display at St Paul's Church; and a Suffragette, which will stand in Bishopstoke Cemetery. These will all stand in memory of those who have given their lives and their service to this country over the years, and especially on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the First World War.

Armistice Day

In addition to the Silent Soldier and other silhouettes, Bishopstoke will come together to mark Armistice Day on Sunday 11th November. This year is special in that not only does Armistice Day fall on a Sunday, but also it is 100 years since the end of the First World War. Accordingly, the commemorations and service in honour of the fallen will take a slightly different form. We will begin with a short ceremony on Glebe Meadow (if the weather is bad this will take place in the Memorial Hall), which will be followed by the usual silence and

the laying of the wreaths. The parade of Scouts, other bodies, and anyone else wishing to take part will then form up on Church Road, and proceed up to St Mary's Church, where the remainder of the service will take place. All are welcome to attend.

Police Beat Surgery

The Police host a Beat Surgery around every 2 months in the Parish Office, where residents can come in and share any concerns they have with the officers who are here.

The next date is Friday 5th October. The next date will be Friday 30th November.
The sessions run from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 23 October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Office, Riverside, Bishopstoke.

For further information, please contact the Parish Clerk: David Wheal on 02380 643428; email: clerk@bishopstokepc.org or visit the Parish website at: www.bishopstokepc.org