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Bishopstoke Parish Council Newsletter

Summer 2019

The Newsletter from Bishopstoke Parish Council for Bishopstoke residents with news of the Parish Council, local voluntary organisations and residents



Carnival 2019 is fast approaching and we are all really excited with what's on offer this year.

We have the River Floats and Duck Races as usual on the Saturday, and the Parade and Fete on Glebe Meadow on Sunday.

It's not too late to plan your River Float or Parade entry – you can still enter even on the day of the event! The theme this year is "In The Garden" so let your imagination run wild and see what you can come up with (no actual soil or plants on the river floats please!)

In the arena we have the Hawk Conservancy, the Spitfire band, and a display from Fair Oak Dogs.

We also have a hula hooping display and some hula hoop workshops too, along with a Bouncy Castle and Mega Slide. The Meadow will be full of stalls with a variety of things to do and see, and this year in addition to the usual food and drink stands there will be a tent provided by Steam Town Brewery. It all promises to be a great weekend!

Late News Carnival Court flowers will be provided by The Village Blooms, Karen@thevillageblooms; 07788 963495; www.thevillageblooms.co.uk

Allotment Update

Bishopstoke currently has two allotment sites – Jockey Lane and Underwood Road. Recently we have relaxed the rules so that anyone who lives within 3 miles of Bishopstoke can apply for an allotment, and we already have people from Fair Oak and Eastleigh working plots on our sites. The waiting list for Underwood Road is currently quite small, and with two other sites potentially arriving in the next two years there couldn't be a better time to apply for an allotment. Get the forms online or contact allotments@bishopstokepc.org to go on the waiting list.

BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

You can call us on 023 80643428 or find us on www.bishopstokepc.org. We're also on Facebook. The Parish Office is next to the Memorial Hall, Riverside and is normally staffed from **Mon – Fri, 09:30-12:00**

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Bishopstoke Memorial Hall

Following a request by the Memorial Hall Management Committee, the Parish Council has agreed to take over the running of the hall. This much-loved building is well used by the community, and is home to the Bishopstoke Players, but is now reaching the end of its life. So, the Parish Council is working together with Eastleigh Borough Council and the current users of the Memorial Hall to develop a project to either refurbish or rebuild the hall. This will ensure Bishopstoke continues to have a community hall at that location for the next 50 or 60 years at least.

Construction consultancy firm Kendall Kingscott has been appointed to oversee the project, and following meetings with users of the hall, three outline proposals have been drawn up. One option is to refurbish the existing building and extend it slightly, with the other two suggesting completely new buildings taking the place of the original but with slightly different footprints on the meadow.

The Parish Council has been consulting on which option residents and users (current and future) would prefer. There is also a short survey. Whichever option is chosen, there will need to be some significant fundraising before any work can begin, so for the foreseeable future it's business as usual.

You can find further details and the survey at www.bishopstokepc.org/bmh or contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@bishopstokepc.org for more information.

Bishopstoke Councillors

The current Parish Council is in its final year before elections in May 2020. If anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk on 02380 643428 or clerk@bishopstokepc.org and we will be happy to discuss what you need to do and invite you to a meeting so that you can see what it entails.

The Chair of the Council this year is Sue Toher, with Geoff Harris as her deputy. The other Cllrs are Peter Brown, Andrew Daly, Anne Dean, Johanna Francis, Chris Greenwood, Trevor Mignot, Andy Moore, Lou Parker-Jones, Angela Roling, Mike Thornton, Gin Tidridge and Anne Winstanley. You can find all their contact details on the Parish website: www.bishopstokepc.org.

All Cllrs are summonsed to attend a Full Council meeting once per month, and there is the opportunity to sit on various Committees and Working Groups. Currently there are four Committees: Finance & General Purposes; Planning; Buildings and Policy. The less formal Working Groups cover Cemeteries (and Closed Churchyards), the Travel Token scheme and various other functions of the Council. If you're interested, please get in touch.

Neighbourhood Plan



The Neighbourhood Plan is our community's opportunity to shape and guide development that will take place in our area and make sure that it is appropriate to our needs and aspirations. It is supported by Bishopstoke Parish Council and is different to Eastleigh Borough Council's Local Plan.

A Steering Group made up of residents and Parish councillors meet regularly and have employed consultancy firm Plan-et to help guide the process.

The first stage was to conduct a survey. Over 900 Bishopstoke residents responded which highlighted key areas for us to look at. From this the Steering Group worked on a vision, and draft aims and objectives. With Plan-et's assistance a Position Statement was then produced. This is a report seeing where Bishopstoke is at the moment in terms of demographic and technical data, and what development is currently in the pipeline. The next stage was the production of a draft Skeleton Neighbourhood Plan, which is where we are at the moment.

The Steering Group is currently refining policies to go into the Plan and gathering evidence to support these. As well as taking lots of photographs, a survey of Stoke Park Wood users is taking place, plus there will be a stall at Bishopstoke Carnival where residents can find out more and give their thoughts.

Going forward the Group will further consult with residents to ensure the Plan is in line with community wishes; a pre-submission consultation will take place, then an independent examination, and finally a local referendum. Once the Plan has been formally adopted and brought into legal effect, decision makers will be legally obliged to take what it says into account when considering planning applications and other proposals for development in Bishopstoke.

There's still a lot of work to do, so if you're interested in being part of the team, please get in touch. Whether you can offer the odd hour now and then, or a larger chunk of your time, all help is welcome.

The Neighbourhood Plan website is: www.bishopstokenp.org

Travel Tokens

If you don't have access to a family car, are a Bishopstoke resident and struggle to use the bus service (either because you can't get on the bus or simply because the bus stop is too far away) you might be eligible for Travel Tokens. Each token is worth £1 towards the cost of a ride with One Community's Dial-a-ride, the Bishopstoke and Fair Oak Good Neighbours, and some local taxi firms. To apply, please contact the Clerk on 02380 643428 or send an email to tokens@bishopstokepc.org.

Community News

Litter picking and Recycling – by Mel Phillips

For the past 18 months Bishy Litter Pickers have been volunteering for an hour and a half once a month to litter pick different areas of Bishopstoke. As Keep Britain Tidy's Litter Hero Ambassador I arrange these monthly local litter picks as well as organising local participation in national Keep Britain Tidy events.

We meet on the last Sunday of the month at 9am. Please bring any litter picking equipment or gloves that you have but don't worry if you don't have any as there will also be some available on the day. Please also remember that under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.



Details of the litter picking events can be found on the Facebook page “Eco Eastleigh”.

I also voluntarily run the Facebook group Recycling in aid of Kicks Count - Eastleigh, Winchester and Southampton areas. Through this group I can recycle rubbish that would usually end up in your household waste bin such as crisp packets, baby food pouches, beauty and cleaning products, milk bottle lids and stamps.

I have a network of people in various towns who help me to collect other people's rubbish which we sort, package and send for recycling, this in turn raises money for the charity Kicks Count.

Since April 2019 we have already raised over £1000 and kept 100's of kg of rubbish out of our bins. For further information join the Facebook group or email me on ctkrecyclingbishopstoke@yahoo.co.uk

If anyone wants to borrow litter picking equipment for their own group please contact Bishopstoke Parish Council on 02380 643428 or clerk@bishopstokepc.org to book your date.

Budget 2020

The Parish Council is already beginning to consider its budget for 2020-21. If there is anything you would like to see the Council potentially funding next year then please contact us to let us know. The Parish Council already funds the local play areas, the Cemetery, closed churchyards and allotments, as well as some local benches, bins and bus shelters, but we are always open to new ideas. Contact the Clerk on 02380 643428 or clerk@bishopstokepc.org.