



Bishopstoke Parish Council Newsletter

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

News from the Parish Council

The Parish Council has been re-accredited as a **Quality Parish** four years after the initial award of quality status. At a ceremony hosted by Hampshire County Council at Serles House in Winchester, Parish Chair, Sue Toher was presented with a new Quality certificate by the Chair of Hampshire Association of Local Councils, Anne Winstanley (and also Vice-Chair of Bishopstoke Parish Council!).

Before the July Parish Council meeting officers from Eastleigh Borough Council met parish councillors to discuss the process for proposing where the extra housing needed upto 2028 could go, including the current consultation on 2 options for building - along **Allington Lane** or near **Boorley Green**. A survey has been delivered to every house and should be returned by **9th September**. It can also be completed online at **www.eastleigh.gov.uk/localplan**.

Discussions continue with Eastleigh Borough on transfer of some open spaces with play areas to the Parish Council April 2012. Transfer of the cemetery and allotments April 2010 has worked well and they are run at a much lower cost to Bishopstoke residents now!



**Templecombe Road & Sayers Road playareas -
under discussion for transfer to Parish Council**



To contact the Parish Council:

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Parish Council Grants

Each year the Parish Council has a budget of several thousand pounds for grants towards organisations doing work within Bishopstoke. If your group needs funds, apply via the Parish Clerk or website.

Recently grants have been given to the **Asian Welfare & Cultural Association** towards the Mela, and **Victim Support, Eastleigh** towards their costs in supporting victims of crime.

The Parish is also giving financial support to Bishopstoke Carnival.

Parish Council Office

A temporary Parish Office is open for 2 hours each week, in the Methodist Church Hall on Sedgwick Road, between 11am & 1pm every Wednesday.

Parish Council Meetings

Planning Committee: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. 7pm

The Parish Council is invited to comment on all planning applications within Bishopstoke. Plans are on view to the public at these meetings from 6:45pm onwards.

Finance Committee: 2nd Tuesday of each month except May and August. 7.30pm

Full Parish Council: 4th Tuesday of each month except August and December.

Place: Methodist Church on Sedgwick Road.

All meetings are open to the public who can raise matters of concern at the beginning of the meeting.

**See inside for Credit Union, Beat Surgeries,
Insulate Hampshire!, WI Trip to Chelsea
and Parish & Local Group Contacts
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Village Events for the next few months.**

Credit Union in Bishopstoke

There is now a collection point for **Solent Credit Union** (recently merged with Eastleigh Credit Union) in Bishopstoke. This is at the **Methodist Church** on Sedgwick Road, **Tuesday mornings, 9.30-11am.**

This is in addition to the collection point at **Eastleigh Council Town Office, Wells Place, Swan Centre (Saturdays 10am-12pm).**

The way the credit union works is that Members who regularly save with the union can apply for very low interest loans. At a collection point people can add to their savings or make loan repayments.

Why not call in and find out more about what's involved?

Police Beat Surgeries

These are held regularly at various locations and times to give members of the community the opportunity to come and discuss any issues of concern in person with a member of our local police team.

Spring Lane Co-op

Wednesday November 9th 7-8 pm;

'Insulate Hampshire!'

The County Council and all 11 district councils, including Eastleigh, have joined in an innovative programme to ensure that local residents are able to afford top quality cavity wall and loft insulation at substantially discounted prices.

"Insulate Hampshire!" is offering the 1st 5,000 Hampshire residents who sign up **cavity wall insulation** for only **£75**; thereafter the price will rise to **£99**. **Loft insulation** is offered at **£99** to all. These measures typically cost between £150 to £200 or more. They are likely to rise to full price next year as subsidies are replaced by the 'Green Deal'. The cost for each measure would then be at least £200 and in many cases more.

Those aged over 70 or claiming qualifying benefits can still get **FREE** insulation by arranging a survey with **Crest Surveying** on **0800 567 7474**.

If you would like to find out more, contact the Insulate Hampshire! team on **0800 952 0037** or visit **www.insulatehampshire.co.uk**.



Bishopstoke WI Goes to London

This summer, on the hottest day of the year so far, 19 ladies from Bishopstoke WI and 4 accompanying men, boarded their coach for London.

There was a first stop outside Harrods but the main part of the day was a visit to the **Royal Hospital, Chelsea**. **Tom Mullaney**, a sprightly ex-REME Chelsea Pensioner from Liverpool was their guide for the day. The group toured the 69-acre site where gardeners were making good the ground where the **Chelsea Flower Show** had been held in June.

The Hospital was founded in **1682** by **Charles II** for old and wounded soldiers. He had been inspired by the Hotel des Invalides in Paris. **Sir Christopher Wren** was commissioned to design a structure around 3 courtyards. Succeeding monarchs enlarged the Hospital. Decades later the **Duke of Marlborough** insisted that as they were living in smart buildings the residents should be provided with uniforms similar to his own - hence the ceremonial scarlet frock coats, navy trousers and tricorne hats still seen today.

297 men and 2 women live in the Hospital with all their needs catered for until they die. Facilities include a sports complex, coffee shop, brewery, mortuary, hospital and hospice. The magnificent **Pensioners' Refectory** featured in a Harry Potter film.

Finally, over a cup of tea in the restaurant everyone chatted with residents and realised what special people we have to thank for the service given to our country.



Bishopstoke WI members with Tom Mullaney, their Chelsea Pensioner Guide

Back in Bishopstoke everyone tumbled out of the coach, hot and foot weary, after enjoying a real treat.