



Bishopstoke Parish Council Newsletter

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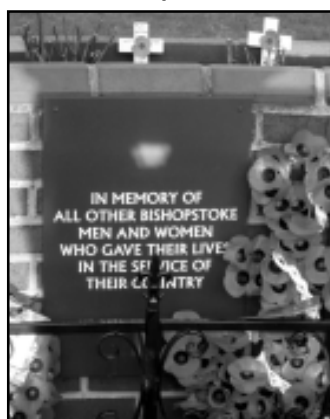


***The Newsletter from Bishopstoke Parish Council for Bishopstoke residents
with news of the Parish Council, local voluntary organisations and residents***

News from the Parish Council

Following a suggestion from local resident, Dave Stratton, a past Parish Councillor, an extra plaque has been added to the Millennium War Memorial, by the side of the Memorial Hall on Riverside. The new plaque commemorates all Bishopstoke residents who died in service of their country either since the Second World War or in the various civilian services. A very well attended Armistice Service was held at 11am on Friday 11th November at the Riverside Memorial. Following the Remembrance Day Service in St Mary's, attended by all the uniformed youth groups, the wreaths laid then were relaid at the Riverside Memorial.

The Parish Council is now responsible for maintenance of St Mary's Churchyard following its closure for any further burials. Recently repair work has been carried out to the brick wall along Church Road and there has also been some serious tidying up of the side area next to Stoke Park Road backway. We are also looking at the beech trees along the northern edge of the churchyard to see if any work on them is necessary.



Memorial on Riverside & Detail of New Plaque

To contact the Parish Council:

Write to: 2 Old Fromans Farm, King's Somborne, Stockbridge, SO20 6QD
In person: Office; Wednesdays, 11am-1pm; Methodist Church, Sedgwick Road, Bishopstoke
Peter Storey, Parish Clerk, Tel/Fax 01794 389220 email: bishopstoke.pc@btconnect.com
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www.bishopstokepc.hampshire.org.uk

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 H.O.P.E. Job Club, Hamble Valley & Eastleigh Heritage Guides, 12th Eastleigh Scout Group and the Methodist Church. The Parish Council also gave 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 Parish Elections, Beat Surgeries, Carnival News, Diamond Jubilee Plans, Stoke Common Travel & Parish Tokens Update, and Parish & Local Group Contacts
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Village Events for the next few months.**

Diamond Jubilee

2012 will be **Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee** with an extra bank holiday and the May Bank Holiday moved back a week, giving a 4-day weekend **2-5th June**.



See www3.hants.gov.uk/diamondjubilee for information on Hampshire and national celebrations.

Eastleigh Borough Council have proposed that **Blackberry Drive**

open space could be dedicated as a **Diamond Jubilee Field in Trust**. **Bishopstoke Carnival Group** are planning a **Grand Picnic** on **Glebe Meadow**.

The **Parish Council** want to know how you'd like to see **Bishopstoke** celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and what plans residents have themselves. The only other British monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee was **Queen Victoria** in **1897**.

Travel Update

In October, Hampshire County Council withdrew support for the **BabyBlueStar F** service which served **Stoke Common** and **Hamilton Roads**. This has been replaced by a shared taxi service on **Wednesdays & Fridays**. For more information ring **01962 846786** or see www3.hants.gov.uk/passengertransport/communitytransport/taxishares/stokecommon42.

The **Parish Council** has agreed to extend its successful **travel token scheme** particularly to assist previous users of the F service.

Now holders of a bus pass will also be eligible, if they would have difficulty walking to the nearest BlueStar 2 stop. Also there will be an increase in tokens for those who need a companion. Residents who get Hampshire disabled travel vouchers will also be eligible for some Parish tokens. More information is available from the **Assistant Clerk** or any **Parish Councillor**.

Police Beat Surgeries

These are held each month at various 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. In **2012** they will be held at the **Co-op** on **Fair Oak Road**.

Saturday January 14th 10-11am;

Wednesday February 15th 7-8pm;

Parish Council Elections

Next year there will be elections for **Bishopstoke Parish Council**, with 14 Councillors due to be elected across Bishopstoke. Bishopstoke Parish is divided into 3 wards to fit in with the Borough and County boundaries. There are **6** councillors for **Bishopstoke East**, **4** councillors for **Bishopstoke Central** and **4** councillors for **Bishopstoke North-West**.

The Parish Council is a vital part of our community, made up of local people interested in what happens in and around our village. It can be great fun and is an interesting way to contribute to your local community. The Parish Council is now running our allotments and cemetery and has plans to take on open spaces and play areas over the next couple of years so has lots to do. Interested in finding out a little more about being a parish councillor? Contact any of the current **Parish Councillors** or the **Parish Clerk**.

Carnival This Year & Next!



Scenes from this year's Bishopstoke Carnival

Despite some showers in the morning, this year's carnival was a success once more with lots of entries in the **River Float** competition, a good procession and lots of people at the **Glebe Meadow Fete**.

Next year will be the carnival centenary and plans are being developed for a 2-day extravaganza, **8-9th September 2012**, with various events in Glebe Meadow on Saturday, an even larger procession (back on previous longer route) on Sunday followed by a Glebe Meadow Fete. If you'd like to get involved to help make this a Carnival to remember contact **Glynis**, bishopstokecarnival@sky.com or **8022 7578**, or come to any Carnival meeting at **Meller House (7.30pm, 3rd Monday of month)**. You'll be very welcome!

See also www.bishopstokecarnival.co.uk