

March 2025

### **Bishopstoke Memorial Hall**

The demolition of Bishopstoke Memorial Hall started at the end of January and the Hall is now completely gone! There is still lots of tidying up to be done on the site and then the hoarding will be put up to secure the site.

The Bishopstoke Players and other previous users of the Memorial Hall have been contacted and asked if they would like to be included in the consultation process for the new Community Building. We have also asked potential new users of the building if they would like to have a say in the process. Please visit our website for up-to-date information [www.bishopstokepc.org](http://www.bishopstokepc.org).

### **VE Day 80 Celebrations**

This year, on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May, it will be 80 years since the end of the Second World War in Europe. We are currently planning a celebration that we hope the whole village will be involved in.

The Parish Council are collaborating with the WI, who will be making some of the official VE Day 80 cakes and St Mary's Church, who will be hosting the event and joining in with the nationwide ringing of church bells at 6.30pm. Chris Humby and the Bishopstoke History Society have also very kindly given us some amazing pictures of Bishopstoke during the war and the VE day celebrations.

VJ Day is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August and the Parish Council are planning to commemorate this too. We will release details of the planned events nearer the time.

### **Greening Bishopstoke**

The local Greening campaign launched their Year of Climate Action in June last year and the enthusiasm of the volunteers has been making a real difference in Bishopstoke. They have opened a Toy Library which has been a huge success, using toys that are no longer needed to bring fun and enjoyment to other children, whilst reducing waste. The volunteers have also created a community garden at St Paul's Church which includes a pollinator patch, offered thermal imaging of houses to show places where heat is escaping and run a Saving Energy event at St Mary's church offering advice on how you can make small changes to your house to make it more energy efficient.

Greening Bishopstoke will be holding a Seed Sowing event in March followed by a Planting event at the end of May at the Community Garden at St Pauls Church. The year will be rounded off with a Community Barbecue and Picnic held at St Paul's Church. For more information, please go to [www.greeningbishopstoke.com](http://www.greeningbishopstoke.com)

## **Safety of Lithium-Ion Batteries campaign**

At the last Full Council meeting, Bishopstoke Parish Council was asked to give it's backing to a campaign for the safety of Lithium-Ion batteries. The campaign, run by the charity Electrical Safety First, aims to save lives, cut down on fires and save damage to property. The four main aims are to ensure that:

- E-bikes and e-scooters, and the Lithium-ion batteries used to propel them, are subject to independent testing before being marketed.
- Regulations are made to ensure the safe disposal of batteries.
- Charging kits and conversion kits used on the bikes are also safe and are covered in the regulations.
- Online marketplaces are subject to the same safety regulations as high street shops.

The Councillors unanimously decided to back the campaign.

## **Parish Council Events 2025**

The Parish Council are launching some new events for 2025 starting with an Easter Hunt and Messy Play session on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00am to 12.00pm at Sayers Road Play Area. Hunt for the clues to win a prize and then have some messy fun! There will be more Messy Play sessions in the Summer Holidays, a Countryfile Ramble for Children in Need and Halloween Crafts in October and a Christmas Craft and Shopping Fayre in November. And don't forget, Bishopstoke Carnival is back again this year on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

For information on other events planned for this year, please visit the Parish Council website.

## **Parish Assembly**

The annual Parish Assembly will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, starting at 7.00pm at Bishopstoke Methodist Church. Some of this year's Parish Grant recipients will be there to give a short presentation on the work they do and how the Grant money was spent. Recipients include; Itchen Navigation Preservation Trust, Citizens Advice Eastleigh, Disability Challengers and MHA Communities Hampshire West.

## **Parish Council Address**

Please address any post to:  
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**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm and will take place in Bishopstoke Methodist Church. For further details or information about anything the Parish Council does please visit the Parish website.**

*For further information, please contact the Administration Officer, Emma Earl.*

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*or visit the Parish website at: [www.bishopstokepc.org](http://www.bishopstokepc.org)*