

# Bishop's Waltham Matters

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## Welcome

From the comments received, it would appear that the vast majority of those present at the recent Annual Meeting of the Parish enjoyed the evening, and left the hall with an increased knowledge of Bishop's Waltham and its community.

The Parish Council staff and Councillors are now preparing themselves for the Local Government elections to be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Bishop's Waltham community is entitled to elect 14 Councillors so we require 15 nominations to have an election. It is disappointing to note that in the past 30 years, we have had sufficient nominations to hold only one election.

I thank all those who have supported me in the 6 months I have been Chairman, especially the Parish Council staff who demonstrate their efficiency and dedication to Bishop's Waltham every working day.

*Terry Wilson*  
Chairman

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# Forward Plan 2019 –2023

Bishop's Waltham Parish Council is responsible for improving the local community and represents the whole electorate within the parish. It delivers services to meet local needs and strives to improve the quality of life for its residents.

The Parish Council has the power to spend money on community transport, traffic calming, crime prevention, youth projects, tourism activities, leisure facilities, community centres, car parks, recreation grounds, entertainment, street furniture, street cleaning, allotments, bus shelters and land. It comments on planning applications and can be represented at public inquiries. It is likely to be granted more powers to negotiate with the local principal authorities and take on additional responsibilities.

The contents of the Forward Plan 2019-2023 derive from past surveys, continuing projects from the last Plan, and the results of a major survey of residents conducted in 2018.

The Parish Council will break down each project into actions, allocated to committees with a schedule and a budget where necessary. Progress will be publicised in an annual report.

The Parish Council is committed to:

- Listening to concerns, suggestions and providing feedback.
- Ensuring that actions reflect the community's requirements.
- Looking to the public for advice, innovations and assistance.

In particular, the Parish Council will welcome direct involvement from committed residents in progressing some of the projects. Anyone wishing to help should initially contact the Council's Executive Officer - Lindsay Edge.

## Vision Statement;

*To sustain Bishop's Waltham as an attractive and prosperous place to live and work, and to enhance quality and affordable services to meet the needs and aspirations of the local community.*

## Strategic Objectives:

- Managing Sustainable Development
- Supporting the Local Economy
- Improving Travel and Parking
- Improving the Parish
- Supporting Sports and Recreation
- Managing Community Buildings



## It's about time...

**You'll be pleased to hear that repairs to the Jubilee Clock in St George's Square were carried out recently and it is now back in full working order**

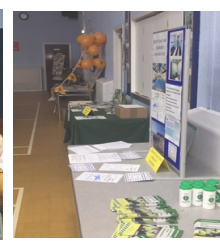


**We recently resurfaced the play area at Jubilee Hall and think you'll agree it's made a fabulous improvement!**



## Annual Meeting of the Parish

This year's Annual Meeting of the Parish was another great success with over 175 attendees. After welcome and introductions from the Chairman Cllr Terry Wilson, presentations were made concerning the history of Bishop's Waltham, the changing face of the High Street, the growth of the town, the vibrant community and the launch of the Parish Council's Forward Plan. Thank you to Alan Inder, Julia Tomaysan, Paul Thomas, Jean Hamerton and Lindsay Edge for their excellent presentations which were very informative and made for an interesting evening. After closing remarks from Cllr Frank Pearson, Mayor of Winchester, attendees had the chance to enjoy some refreshments, talk with Parish Councillors and meet the various groups who attended to promote and talk about their work within the community.





## Hoe Road Tennis Courts

Hoe Road Tennis Courts are open FREE OF CHARGE to residents on Thursdays 9am to 4pm and Sundays 4pm to 9pm. We hope the local community enjoy use of these Parish Council courts at these times and by booking via Active Academy at any other times.

## Hampshire County Council Broadband Programme

Hampshire County Council is rolling out superfast broadband across the region. Use their postcode checker to find out if you can get superfast broadband now:

[www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/myparish](http://www.hampshiresuperfastbroadband.com/myparish)



## Hampshire County Council - Part Night Lighting Trial

You may recall that back in November Hampshire County Council advised that they were to introduce 3 hours of part-night lighting into residential areas as of 1st April 19.

Hampshire County Council have launched a new web page giving details of the switch-off and including plans of the larger urban areas.

## Cycle Routes

Bishop's Waltham is a great centre for cycling, on the edge of the National Park and surrounded by countryside. The Parish Council Forward Plan includes actions to develop cycling in the community. We are already working with local authorities and organisations to publicise cycling routes locally. Councillors also hear concerns about local cycling safety in our high street surgeries, which we will need to consider in any actions.

We have developed 2 routes locally. One reflects the historic tradition of walking around the parish boundary during Ascension Week. The other is a 20 mile route, much of it off-road, that includes local villages.

Please look on the Bishop's Waltham Parish Council website: [www.bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk/ourtown](http://www.bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk/ourtown) (scroll down to the walking and cycling section) - and cycle safely!

## Did you know?

You can report problems with the following directly to Hampshire County Council:-

Roads & Paving    Trees & Hedges    Flooding    Lights & Signs  
Fly Tipping    Public Rights of Way    Grass Cutting

Just go to: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>

Or call: 0300 555 1375 - 8.30am to 5pm

## The duties of a Parish Lengthsman by Peter Wall

On being asked to write a brief description of my duties as a Parish Lengthsman, I looked up the definition. Most of the accounts had the spelling as 'Lengthman' not 'Lengthsman'. It was used in the 1700's to describe a person who looked after a length of road between mile stones. Then with the introduction of canals and railways a Lengthman was employed. Their basic job was to do minor repairs and to maintain drainage, hedges and attend to the wild flowers.

Today's portrayal would be quite a shock to my predecessors, employed in this role. The post itself consists of litter picking, cleaning signage, but not illuminated signs, maintaining street furniture, the upkeep of bus shelters, reporting any defects in road surfaces, blocked drains, abandoned vehicles (including caravans) and fly-tipping. This is just a small portion of what my job entails, as described by Hampshire County Council. Also, I manage work for the Community Payback Scheme, setting tasks and suitable jobs for them to assist me in my role as Parish Lengthsman for Bishop's Waltham.

My definition of my position would be a caretaker of the community, so my thanks goes out to those who support and guide me.



*A job that goes back to Medieval times, for centuries Lengthsmen were paid to "walk the length of the parish" to keep its ditches and drains clear.*

# Spotlight on:

Priory Park Clubhouse, which can accommodate 125 people (with parking for up to 92 vehicles), is a great venue for local sports clubs/activities, and a perfect venue for birthday parties and family gatherings.

Bishop's Waltham residents/groups can benefit from a 10% price reduction on hire rates.



## Monday

Freedom Dance Academy 09.30 - 11.00  
16.00 - 18.00  
Over 50's Fitness 13.30 - 14.30  
Salsafit with Belinda 18.30  
Circuits with Belinda 19.35

## Tuesday

Run Riot Fitness 10.00 - 11.00  
Freedom Dance Academy 15.15 - 18.30  
Run Riot Fitness 19.00 - 20.45

## Wednesday

Jiggy Wrighglers 10.00 - 11.00  
MVARA Table Tennis 14.00 - 17.00  
Rachel Ison Yoga 19.30 - 20.45

## Thursday

Run Riot Fitness 10.00 - 11.00  
Silver Swans Ballet 14.30 - 15.10  
Rachel Ison Yoga 19.30 - 20.45

## Friday

Fitness4U 09.30 - 10.30  
Freedom Dance Academy 15.30 - 18.15

**Priory Park Clubhouse can be hired  
for just £16.76 per hour.**

**Please contact Felicity Harris - Halls  
Manager on 01489 892323 or  
halls@bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk  
to enquire**

*Priory Park Clubhouse, Elizabeth Way, Bishops Waltham, SO32 1SQ*

**We have a Phillips Pocket Memo Meeting Recording System that is  
no longer required.**

**We would like to offer this item to any individual, organisation or  
community group that could make use of it for a donation.**

**Please contact Lindsay Edge - 01489 892323**

**The new Bishop's Waltham  
WHAT'S ON GUIDE 2019**

**has been distributed to residents,  
get those dates in your diary to be a part of the action!**

## Contact Us

For all enquiries relating to Parish Council matters or facilities, please use the following details:-

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The Jubilee Hall  
Little Shore Lane  
Bishop's Waltham  
SO32 1ED

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**Web:** www.bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council Office is open to the public Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 2pm  
(at any other time by appointment only).

## Council and Committee Meeting Dates

(7pm at The Jubilee Hall unless otherwise stated)

### April 2019

**2nd** Finance, Policy & Resources Committee  
**9th** Parish Council  
**15th** Community Development Committee  
**16th** Halls & Grounds Committee  
**23rd** Planning, Environment & Highways Committee

### May 2019

**7th** Finance, Policy & Resources Committee  
**14th** Parish Council (Annual Meeting of the Council)  
**20th** Community Development Committee  
**21st** Halls & Grounds Committee  
**28th** Planning, Environment & Highways Committee

### June 2019

**4th** Finance, Policy & Resources Committee  
**11th** Parish Council  
**17th** Community Development Committee  
**18th** Halls & Grounds Committee