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 by the 13th March

MARCH 2026

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|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Mon 2nd | 2-4pm | Family History | FBC |
| Tue 3rd | 10-12noon | Crafty Coffee | FBC |
| Thu 5th | 7.00pm | Parish Council meeting | HUB |
| Thu 12th | 2-4pm | Mahjong | FBC |
| Sat 14th | 10-11.30 | Spring Hub café | HUB |
| Tue 17th | 10-12noon | Crafty Coffee | FBC |
| Wed 18th | 1.30-4.15pm | University of the 3rd Age | HUB |
| Sat 21st | 7.15-9.15pm | Youth Club | HUB |
| Wed 25th | 2-4pm | Music Circle | FBC |
| Thu 26th | 7.30-10pm | Women's Institute | HUB |
| | 2-4pm | Mahjong | FBC |
| Sat 28th | 10-12noon | Coffee Morning (Church)The Bridge | |

Date for your diary: Easter bingo - 1st April - 2pm FBC

Regular weekly events

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|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| MONDAYS | 10.00-11am | Nia (Dance fitness) | HUB |
| | 10.00-12noon | Painting Group | FBC |
| | 1.30-4.00pm | Whist Club | FBC |
| | 2.00-4.00pm | Bridge | FBC |
| | 6.15-7.15pm | Zumba | HUB |
| | 7.30pm | Tone Big Band (1st & 3rd Mon) | HUB |
| TUESDAYS | 6.15-7.00am | Group Fitness Training | HUB |
| | 9.30-11.30 | Volunteer group - Netherclay Woodland | |
| | 1.30-2.30pm | Tai Chi | HUB |
| | 7.00-8.00pm | Yoga | HUB |
| WEDNESDAYS | 9.30-10.30am | Pilates all abilities | HUB |
| | 10.00-11.00am | Flexercise & Tai Chi | FBC |
| | 10.30-11.30am | Pilates all abilities | HUB |
| | 2.00-4.30pm | Short Mat Bowls | HUB |
| | 6.00-7.00pm | Tae Kwon Do | HUB |
| | 6.15-7.30pm | Brownies | School Hall |
| THURSDAYS | 6.15-7.00am | Group Fitness Training | HUB |
| | 10.00-12noon | Baby Badgers | HUB |
| | 10.00-12noon | Bridge Club | FBC |
| | 2.00-4.00pm | Croquet | FBC |
| | 6.15-7.15pm | Pilates | HUB |
| FRIDAYS | 8.30-1pm | Star Bubs | HUB |
| | 10.00-12noon | Pétanque | FBC |
| | 10.00-12noon | Coffee morning | FBC |
| | 4.45-8.15pm | Martial Arts | HUB |
| SATURDAYS | 6.30-7.15am | Group Fitness Training | HUB |
| | 9.30-11.30am | Hub Gardening Club | HUB |
| | 9.00pm | Bingo | Con Club |

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Bishops Hull Parish Council News – At the Parish Council meeting in January the budget for 2026/27 and the precept request to Somerset Council was agreed.

The precept is the element on your Council tax bill that funds the Parish Council activities (such as managing open spaces/carrying out maintenance in the Parish/paying for the PC owned dog bins to be emptied/supporting local groups and employing a proper officer). The Clerk has prepared a draft budget and this was discussed by Councillors at the December meeting and a specific budget setting meeting was held in January. Councillors agreed that they did not want residents to incur a large increase in Council tax from the Parish Council. Therefore, the proposed budget will cover the anticipated costs for the next year and will give the Parish Council an extra £2,000 from last year, but this will only increase residents precept element of our Council tax bills by 2.7%. For example; for a Band D property within Bishops Hull, the Parish Council precept element of the bill will only increase by 2.58% which will equate to an additional £1.46 per year.

Please note different bands incur different charges based on the size of your property, but no one will receive a large increase based on the precept element. Please also note that the Parish Council does not have any control over how much Somerset Council will increase their Council tax by, but they are legislated by Central Government and have to adhere to the capped percentage increase to which they are permitted.

Full details can be found here:
<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/council-tax/your-council-tax-bill-explained/>

Full details of the Parish Council 2026/27 budget can be found here:
<https://bishopshullparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Potholes:

I'm sure you are all frustrated about the number of potholes around at the moment. I have been assured that Somerset Council are filling these daily. Now we need your help, if you find a pothole please report it, don't assume someone else has. This will ensure they are repaired as soon as possible. Click on the link below:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/potholes-and-road-damage/>

Next Parish Council meeting date: Thursday 5th March, 7pm at the HUB, all welcome to attend

Netherclay Volunteers

We are a group of enthusiastic and sociable volunteers of varied ages who meet most Tuesday mornings, weather permitting, from October to April, between 9.30 and 11.30am at Netherclay Community Woodland.

Our aim is to maintain the woodland and improve the biodiversity of the area. The work we carry out includes; cutting back trees and bushes to keep paths clear, coppicing, planting bulbs, young trees, shrubs and flowers.

Everyone contributes according to their own abilities so anyone with an hour or more to spare can be involved. We stop half way through the morning to enjoy a chat, a flask of coffee and occasionally someone will bring a well-received cake!

All tools are provided.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Mike Amos by email 1mikeamos@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

Bishops Hull Belles WI

Next meeting at The HUB - Thursday 26th March at 7.30
Guest Speaker - Ken Trowbridge - 1960's Music Night

Bishops Hull HUB

Spring Hub Cafe will take place on March 14th, 10-12.

The Kidney Patients Association will be at the Hub cycling cafe to provide information about kidney disease and treatments

Local Resurfacing Works.

The works below are to enable Heidelberg Materials UK to carry out phased resurfacing works on

behalf of Somerset Council Highways.

 **TTRO 757466W(TD) - PR001001 - Wellington New Road Roundabout, Wellington New Road and Stonegallows, Bishops Hull and Taunton:**

A38 Wellington New Road Roundabout – for its entirety (including access and egress)


A38 Wellington New Road and A38 Stonegallows – from its junction with Wellington New Road Roundabout westwards for a total distance of 490 meters

The works are expected to commence on 4th March 2026 and last until 23rd March 2026 between the hours of 18:30 and 23:30 (excluding weekends) for a total of 14 evenings.

 **TTRO 952018W(TD) - DFTCR001001 - Wellington Road and Heatherton Park Road, West Buckland, Bradford-on-Tone, Bishops Hull and Taunton:**

A38 Wellington Road and A38 Heatherton Park Road - from its junction with Chelston Roundabout north-eastwards to its junction with Wellington Road Roundabout, Rumwell

The works are expected to commence on 25th February 2026 and last until 10th March 2026 between the hours of 18:30 and 07:00 (excluding weekends) for a total of 9 nights


 **TTRO 257687W(TD) - DFTR001001 - Cann Street, Park Street and Corporation Street, Taunton:**

A38 Cann Street – from its junction with Park Street to its junction with A38 Shuttern

A3027 Park Street – From its junction with A38 Cann Street to its junction with A3027 Corporation Street

A3027 Corporation Street – from its junction with A3027 Park Street, eastwards for a total distance of 25 metres.

The works are expected to commence on 10th March 2026 and last until 30th March 2026 between the hours of 18:30 to 23:30 (excluding weekends) for a total of 15 evenings.

 For any further information about these closures please contact Somerset Highways on 0300 123 2224, or email: ttr@somerset.gov.uk quoting the relevant TTRO (Temporary Traffic Regulation Order) reference number shown above.

The contractor has indicated that access for Emergency Services through the site is permitted on this occasion. Please note that should you require to view a closure which is more than two weeks ahead, please visit <https://one.network>

Many of you have contacted me about the unacceptable state of our roads, particularly the condition of the southern Silk Mills roundabout. I share your frustrations and hope these long-awaited resurfacing works will finally provide us with safer and more durable road surfaces. We will, of course, still be left with many potholes, so when you see one (hard to miss them, isn't it!), please do report it online at www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/potholes-and-road-damage

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