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AUGUST 2026

Mon 3rd	2-4pm	Family History	FBC
Tue 4th	10-12noon	Crafty Coffee	FBC
Sat 8th	10-11.30	Gardening cafe	HUB
Sun 9th	7.00am	Car boot sale	Playing Fields
Sun 16th	2.00pm	BH Flower show	HUB
Tue 18th	10-12noon	Crafty Coffee	FBC
Wed 19th	1.30-4.15pm	University of the 3rd Age	HUB
Wed 26th	2-4pm	Music Circle	FBC
Sat 29th	10-12noon	Coffee Morning (Church)	The Bridge
Mon 31st	7.00am	Car boot sale	Playing Fields

Please note No PC meeting, Women's Institute or Youth Club in August
Date for Diary: Thu 9th Sept – 2pm Frank Bond Centre AGM

Regular weekly events

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
	2.00-4.00pm	Mahjong	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 - Summary of the July meeting:

Kinglake: Transfer of ownership to PC still pending. The Clerk has contacted Persimmon to remind them of their current responsibility to ensure the grass is still cut and bins are emptied until the transfer goes through. They have confirmed this will be actioned. The Clerk will also seek confirmation from Persimmon as to when the roads within the development will be transferred to SC responsibility.

Play Park: Transfer of ownership to PC still pending. The PC agreed to take out an indemnity policy against mines and minerals at the advice of the PC solicitor at a cost of £56.00

Other matters:

The updated financial regulations were approved by Councillors. A budget of £200 was set for planting in the Autumn. Allotment insurance was renewed at a cost of £175.97

Next meeting date: Thursday 3rd September, 7pm at the HUB

Meet Cllr Paul Hopkins

Where are you likely to be seen in the village:

Walking our 2 dogs, Pickle, an aging rescue poodle and Truffle, a lively young cockerpool, around the village.

Why are you a Parish Councillor:

When I became aware of the vacancy on the Parish Council, I did wonder whether I had the necessary skills to help make a difference. I always like to contribute, having previously been a staff governor at a local secondary school for 16 years and a long spell on the organising committee for the Historic Vehicle Gathering at Powderham Castle. Now I'm retired I have the time to get involved in the community rather than just living in the village.

When not volunteering as a Parish Councillor what are you likely to be doing:

I spend 3 mornings a week at a local gym to keep myself fit and active. In the warmer months I will be off with my wife and the dogs in our campervan, exploring the South West. When relaxing you may find me sitting next to a river or lake, feeding the fish.

What would people be surprised to know about you:

I am a qualified youth cricket coach and umpire. In the mid 1990s I spent some time as a volunteer coach at the County Ground as part of the team coaching the County under 11s.

From the chairman - I thought I would take the opportunity for a catch up whilst there is no PC meeting August. I hope you are coping with the heat which is of course most difficult to escape. Curtains drawn, windows closed, fans/coolers working overtime. Phew! If you do venture out please, please take precautions against the conditions as heatstroke or exhaustion can creep in without you noticing until you become ill. On a, slightly, cooler note; I hope you have noticed that volunteers have given some attention to a number of footpaths and hedges where conditions allowed. If you have a hedge that is overgrown onto the public paths, please ensure you trim this back as soon as practicable to avoid restricting pedestrian access. There's plenty more to do around the village of course and if you spot 'Team Bishops Hull' volunteers doing their bit for the village, please engage with them or better still give them a hand? Our village certainly looks better for their actions. Please ensure you use litter/dog bins where necessary as there has been a noticeable increase in litter and dog poo bags lately. We pay good money for emptying the bins so please use them. Please report a bin if it is full to Somerset Council via their website. See Bishops Hull Parish Council website for details on how to get involved with 'Team Bishops Hull'. "Love Volunteering-Love Our Village"

As always, please feel free to make contact with myself or the Clerk should you require information on Parish Council activities or indeed with any thoughts and ideas for improvements. Enjoy the summer break in whatever ways you have chosen to do so and stay safe throughout.

Kind Regards **Tony Taylor**



Bishops Hull Flower Show - Sunday 16th August – 2pm Bishops Hull Hub

Schedules are available from the post office with classes ranging from vegetables, flowers and fruit to homecraft and handicrafts, art and photography.

There are also free classes to enter:

- Children's classes with different age ranges. Rosettes to third place
- Scarecrow class with the theme 'nursery rhymes'. First prize £10, second prize £5
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Bishops Hull HUB - Bishops Hull Apple Day! Saturday 10th October 11am to 2pm

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Youth club Dates reminder NO YOUTH CLUB IN AUGUST DUE TO HOLIDAYS

Sept - TBC (Claire away - need DBS checked parents helpers for this one to run - please email on Claire.Plumbly@hotmail.co.uk if you can help)

Road Work for 12 Weeks.

Key utility upgrades and replacement schemes are planned by National Grid and Wales & West Utilities to support and replace the existing networks along Staplegrove Road.

Highway Works currently being undertaken to facilitate the Bloor Homes development are continuing in this area until Summer 2027, these works include changes to the existing BT Openreach network.

Collaboration between Wales & West Utilities, National Grid, Openreach and CJL Construction has been agreed in partnership with Somerset Council to ensure planned upgrade works don't extend the traffic disruption beyond the completion of the new development junction.

Commencement of Utility upgrades are due from 20th July 2026; these intrusive works are scheduled to last for 12 weeks.

From the Silk Mills northern roundabout to Showell Park (the turn off to the Nuffield Hospital) will be one-way, in an easterly direction.

These works will replace ageing Gas Services and upgrade the Electric network to support the community, planned works and Nuffield Hospital reinforcement.

How will these works affect us here in Bishop's Hull?

I'd have thought that Silk Mills Road northbound will be extra busy in the late afternoon peak time, with vehicles that would normally be joining the Minehead Road A358 from Staplegrove Road, having to use Silk Mills as a diversion. Clearly, others will find alternate routes, thus hopefully reducing the build-up of traffic.

If you live in the village, from **20th July** for approximately **12 weeks**, you **WILL** be able to turn right at the **northern Silk Mills roundabout** into **Staplegrove Road**.

However, on your return journey you'll need to use **Wellington Road**, or your preferred alternative route, as you **WON'T** be able to access Staplegrove Road from the **Nuffield Hospital** entrance.

If you're travelling from the **Minehead** direction to **Bishop's Hull**, you **CAN** turn right at the northern Silk Mills roundabout and access the village as normal.

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