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# DECEMBER 2022

Thu 1st	7.00pm	Parish Council meeting	HUB
Mon 5th	2-4pm	Family History	FBC
Tue 6th	10-12noon	Crafty coffee	FBC
Wed 7th	2-4pm	Good Companions	FBC
Thu 8th	2-4pm	Mahjong	FBC
Sat 10th	10-12noon	Hub Café	HUB
Mon 12th	1-3pm	Talking Café	HUB
Tue 13th	10-3.30pm	Parchment Club	FBC
Thu 15th	12.30pm	Lunch Club	FBC
Wed 21st	1.30-4.15pm	University of the 3rd Age	HUB
Tue 21st	10-12noon	Crafty coffee	FBC
Thu 22nd	2-4pm	Mahjong	FBC
	7.30-10pm	Women's Institute	HUB

# Date for diary - FBC closed Fri 23rd Dec - Tue 3rd January 2023.

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MONDAYS	Regular w 10-11am 11.15 -12.45pm 10-12noon 1.30-4.00pm 2.00-4.00pm 6.30.7.30pm 7.30pm	eekly events Nia Sweaty Mama Painting Group Whist Club Bridge (except 1st Monday) Zumba Tone Big Band (1st & 3rd Mon)	HUB HUB FBC FBC FBC HUB HUB			
TUESDAYS	10-12noon	Petanque	FBC			
	6.15-7.00am	Group Fitness Training	HUB			
	1.30-2.30pm	Tai Chi & QI	HUB			
	10.00-4.00pm	Board Games	FBC			
	7-8pm	Yoga	HUB			
WEDNESDAY	<b>5</b> 10.00 – 11.00am	Mum and Baby Pilates	HUB			
	10.00-11.00am	Flexercise	FBC			
	11.00 -12noon	Pilate for Everyone	HUB			
	2.00-4.30pm	Short Mat Bowls	HUB			
	6.00-7.00pm	Tae Kwon Do	HUB			
	7.15-8.45pm	Tone Guitar Group	HUB			
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	Friendly Bridge Club	HUB			
	2.00-4.00pm	Croquet	FBC			
	5.45pm	GNB Fitness	HUB			
FRIDAYS	8.30am-1pm	Star Bubs	HUB			
	10.00-12noon	Frank's Café	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			
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#### **Bishops Hull Parish Council News**

Draft minutes of the November meeting can be found here: http://www.bishopshull.org.uk/Parish/ Or on the Bishops Hull Parish Council Facebook page.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 1st December at 7pm - Bishops Hull HUB

#### Kinglake development maintenance

Are you interested in the quality of the paths, parks, hedges and trees in the newest housing extensions to the village? If so, please read on.

When part of the extension to Bishops Hull (known as Kinglake) was built, the developer, Persimmon, agreed to look after the open spaces until it was transferred to Somerset West and Taunton Council. That transfer has not happened because the District Council is unwilling to take responsibility for maintaining the area. Persimmon is, after discussions with the Parish Council, now undertaking semiregular maintenance, until a longer-term solution can be found. But what should that solution be?

There are many potential solutions to this issue, but the Parish Council need to hear your views.

\* Option 1 A management company, residents association or similar, could be set up by Kinglake residents, if there was enthusiasm to do so, but would require residents to contribute to a community fund to pay for the maintenance. This would be similar to the situation at the neighbouring Abbeydale development, where a requirement of the planning permission was the creation of a management company to look after these spaces.

\*Option 2 The land be transferred to the Parish Council for it to manage, but that would, in the longer term, require an increase to the precept (the proportion of Council Tax the Parish Council receives) from all residents in Bishops Hull.

Whoever takes on the responsibilities will receive a sum of money from Persimmon to pay for the maintenance, but that money is not limitless and will run out. That is why this is an important local issue for all residents and the Parish Council, especially as there is no guarantee Persimmon will continue to maintain these areas, even in the short term.

Please email bishopshullquestionnaire@gmail.com to have your say.

# **Speed Indicator Devices**

Following many resident's requests for more Speed watch activity, because of regular speeding through parts of the village at all hours; the Parish Council is currently investigating the possibility of siting a mobile Speed Indicator Device (SID). Speed watch volunteers are extremely limited to operating times, currently 1 hour per week daylight hours and subject to weather conditions. This equipment has shown considerable success in neighbouring villages, to remind and slow down regular 'speeders'. Therefore, making the local roads safer for all. To enable best use of the equipment, the units need to be regularly moved to different (agreed) locations to gain maximum effect. If any of our residents hold a 'Chapter 8' card/certificate and would be willing to assist with the movement of a SID, approximately once every fortnight, please let our Parish Clerk know at your earliest convenience. Thank you. Tony Taylor Chairman.

## St Peter and St Paul Christmas services

Sunday 4 Dec @ 10am, Christingle Service in church Sunday 11 Dec @ 09:45am, official opening of the church entrance 'The Bridge' Sunday 18 Dec @ 6.30pm, Carol Service in church Monday 19 Dec @ 6.30pm, Community Carol Singing outside church Saturday 24 Dec @ 4pm, Crib Service in church (come dressed as a Nativity Character!) Saturday 24 Dec @ 11.30pm, Midnight Communion in church Sunday 25 Dec @ 8am & 10am, Christmas Celebrations!

## **Deadline for January edition**

To ensure the January edition can be printed before Christmas, please ensure any articles or information is submitted by Friday 9th December.

#### Proposed Bishops Hull Sensory Trail - Public Consultation so far

At the time of writing, we have just completed the public consultation day at The HUB and have received initial feedback online as well. The consultation continues until the end of November. The feedback so far has been overwhelmingly in favour of the overall project. There have been very valid issues raised by local residents and this will be taken into account as we move forward to the next stage, the detailed design. The following quote from Janet sums up the overall picture: "The HUB is superb, the playing fields are always beautifully maintained, and this new project has something for everyone. A really exciting initiative. Well done and thank you to all involved." The proposed ramp and steps, clearly laid out and explained by the excellent work of Richard Holland, drew unanimous support. Once we have completed the consultation, we will report back to the Village Hall & Playing Field Trust and the Parish Council. David Gurr

#### Winter vaccines

Having had my Autumn Covid-19 booster and Flu vaccinations recently, I wanted to say how impressed I was with the efficient caring service received, both at Taunton Vale Healthcare in Lisieux Way and our local College Way Surgery. To get your booster dose of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine, type 'book a booster jab' into your preferred search engine. This will take you to the NHS.uk website where, at the time of writing (13/11), this was the information given:

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 If you have not had a 1st booster dose yet, you are still eligible and can book anytime. If you are eligible for both, you only need 1 booster during the autumn.

When booking, please use the NHS website first. If you cannot use the NHS website, you can phone 119 free of charge. You can ask someone else to do this for you if you prefer. You will need your NHS 10-digit number. You don't need to wait to be invited to have your Flu vaccination, if you are eligible, you can make an appointment at your GP surgery or ask any pharmacy that provides the NHS service. Take care - John Hunt

## **Bishops Hull HUB**

The Bishops Hull Hub's 2023 Calendar of Events is now available. Go to www.BHHub.co.uk to download this and be added to their mailing list so you don't miss any future events. Upcoming events for your diary:

Saturday 10th December – Christmas Café – at the HUB Festive teas, coffees and cakes. A visit from Santa and festive crafts.

Saturday 21st January – 10.30-12.30 – Revised date at the Village Hall (in the school) for The UK goes to the Moon, UK space agency's Libby Jackson gives a talk about the Artemis mission to the moon. Refreshments available £2.50 per ticket from www.bhhub.co.uk

Saturday 4th February – Fish 'n' chip quiz - 7.30pm at the HUB. Teams of up to 8, £10 per person. Book early to avoid missing out.

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