

BROCKWORTH PARISH

Welcome to the Brockworth Council pages of the magazine. We hope you enjoy reading these pages and receiving information about Brockworth village and events that are taking place in Brockworth.

Please send your stories, articles or information about Brockworth to the Clerk at Brockworth Parish Council so that we can include in the next edition of the magazine. The deadline for the next edition is 10th September 2014, and the magazines will be delivered at the start of October. For advertising requests, please contact the publishers of the magazine (details inside front cover page).

News from Brockworth Parish Council

At the May meeting of the Parish Council, Cllr Hunt was elected Chairman for the year with Cllr Neal as Vice-Chairman. The Council agreed to provide 4-weeks of summer holiday activities for under-8s in the library and over-8s, through Brockworth Community Project. The annual accounts for 2013/14 were approved and submitted for external audit.

The Council has applied to Gloucestershire Highways for match-funding for the 20mph speed limit zones in Brockworth, and it was noted that the Police have no objections to the reducing of the speed limit on the estate roads in Brockworth.

At the June meeting of the Parish Council, borough councillor Sue Hillier-Richardson attended to talk about restarting neighbourhood co-ordination group meetings in Brockworth (these are meetings held by the community to look at issues in the village such as police matters, highways etc – various agencies would attend).

The Council agreed that the Events Group will work with St George's Church on a World War 1 centenary event in November. The play areas have received an annual safety inspection and several low-risk items were noted and some repairs are required. Gloucestershire Playing Field Association is offering a play inspection activity with school children and will be working with Brockworth Primary Academy in September. Coopers Edge Primary School also expressed an interest and this will be followed up.

Several trees by the brook at Mill Lane playing field require attention and quotes are being sought.

The Council approved the grass cutting tender document and it has been sent to five companies for quotes. A new litter bin was agreed for Shurdington Road next to the Henley Bank bus shelter.

The Parish Council was asked to comment on proposed road names for the Invista development, the Council put forward several new names for consideration (Nylon, Bobbin, DuPont, Spinners, and Nursery Fields).

For the full minutes of meetings, Council Minutes are available on our website after they have been approved by the Parish Council. If you would like a copy of the council minutes but are unable to access them on our website (at www.brockworth-pc.gov.uk) please call Julie on 01452 863123 and she will send you a copy of the latest published minutes.

***Brockworth Parish Council Offices are open Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm
and are located in the Brockworth Community Centre on Court Road.
Telephone 01452 863123 or email clerk@brockworth-pc.gov.uk***

the charity for
your community



The Citizens Advice Bureau provides an advice session on Tuesday afternoons 1.30 to 4.30pm at Brockworth Community Centre (appointments can be made with Community Centre reception). We apologise but due to funding restrictions, we are only able help those from Brockworth.

Come and talk to advisors about Housing, Debt, Benefits, Employment, Discrimination, Family matters and much more. Please see www.adviceguide.org.uk for further advice and guidance.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT BROCKWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Contact admin@brockworth-pc.gov.uk or telephone 01452 863123.

Monday

9.15am to 10.45am

11am to midday

4pm to 6pm

6.30pm to 8.30pm

The Brockworth Dawn Chorus Choir

Beginners' Line Dancing

Dance Pointe Studios – dance classes

Yoga for Pregnancy / Relax, Stretch & Breathe drop-in

7pm to 10pm

Youth Club (via Youth Centre)

Tuesday

9am to 12pm

9.45-10.45am

1.30pm to 2.30pm

1.30pm to 3.00pm

1.30pm to 4.30pm

5pm to 7pm

Tewkesbury Borough Council Advice

Yoga & Relaxation

Village & Community Agents

Line Dancing

Citizens Advice Bureau

Youth Club (via Youth Centre)

Wednesday

9.30am to 10.30am

11am to 12pm

2pm to 4pm (every 2 weeks)

7.30pm to 8.30pm

7pm to 9pm

Body Conditioning

Parent & Toddler Coffee Morning

Linda's Tea Dance

Zumba with Regina

Youth Club (via Youth Centre)

Thursday

10am to 12.30pm

2pm to 4pm

5.45pm to 6.45pm

8pm to 10pm

Brockworth CC Art Class

Tewkesbury Borough Council Advice

Circuits with La Femme Fitness

Line Dancing

Friday

10am to 12.30pm

12pm to 2pm

6.30pm to 7.30pm

6.30pm to 9pm

Creative Writing

Over-60s luncheon

Functional Core Training

Youth Club (via Youth Centre)

Saturday

9.30am to 11am

Fine Steps Dance Class

Sunday

10.30am

2pm to 4pm (every 4 weeks)

Cornerstone Church

Buddhist Study Group

BUS INFORMATION

No. & Operator		Route	Peak Frequency	Off-Peak Frequency
10	Stagecoach	Lower Tuffley – Gloucester – Hucclecote – Brockworth - Cheltenham	Every 10 mins	Every 30 mins
46	Stagecoach	Stroud – Brockworth – Cheltenham	1 per hour	None
8	Stagecoach	Gloucester Market Parade – Coopers Edge - Whittle Inn – Gloucester Business Park – Whittle Inn – Coopers Edge - Gloucester	Every 15 minutes	Every 20 minutes
852	Pulhams	Gloucester – Cirencester	8.45am and 12pm	

Readers are reminded that senior bus passes can be used before 9am on the Cirencester bus – it returns from outside the Cornhall at Cirencester at 1pm.



BROCKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE Operated by Minibus Direct

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A 'FLAG-DOWN' SERVICE ON WEDNESDAYS ONLY AT THE FOLLOWING 'STOPS'

1. Tesco Supermarket	10.00	11.30
2. Kennel Lane	10.06	11.36
3. Doctors Surgery	10.08	11.38
4. Riversmeet House	10.13	11.43
5. Community Centre	10.16	11.46
6. Ermin Park Shops	10.21	11.51
7. Sports Centre	10.25	11.55
8. Wyevale Garden Centre	10.30	12.00
1. Tesco Supermarket	10.35	12.05 by request



GLOUCESTER FILM MAKERS

CLUB MEETINGS are held at St George's Church Centre on Court Road in Brockworth on Monday evenings at 7.30pm.

UPCOMING DATES

- 1 September Open Competition No 2 – Wager Trophy
Specialised Subject Competition Sports – Berry Trophy
- 15 September “Out of the Hat” Competition – Prize bottle of wine
Showing of the group films begun on 12th May
- 6 October Story Film Competition – Wager Trophy
Wildlife Competition – Langwood Trophy
Showing of films from the Wimborne Video Club
- 3 November Film of the year awards
Best Film – The City of Gloucester Trophy
Best Sound – The Higgs Trophy
- 17 November AGM & 1 Minute Film Competition – prize bottle of wine
Presentation of the 2014 awards for the year's competition winners

**For further information please contact the Secretary John Green on
01452 531838**

www.gloucesterfilmmakers.org.uk



Do you enjoy the outdoors and have some free time to volunteer in Brockworth? Volunteer work parties are arranged several times a year to keep the footpaths around Horsbere Brook accessible. We also have work parties usually on a Saturday morning a few times a year for the Nature Reserve (just off Nature Close). If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Julie on 863123.



Would you like the chance to help set the priorities that the local authorities, including Police and the Council, will focus on for the coming months?

Are there any issues you would like to bring to the attention of the Police, Highways, and Council?

The aim of neighbourhood meetings is to put residents at the heart of the decision making process so they can have a say in how and where local services are delivered.

Meetings can be just a couple times each year or more often if people prefer. If you would like to help get the Neighbourhood meetings going again in Brockworth, please contact Julie on 863123.

(Image sourced from the Great Explorations website)

SAN 'N' TONE LINE DANCING



Come and enjoy dancing
Beginners Class @ Brockworth
Community Centre
Monday morning
11am to 12pm

Improvers Class @ Brockworth
Community Centre
Tuesday afternoon
1.30pm to 3pm

Tel: 01452 617430

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Brockworth Community Library

French, Italian and Spanish classes available

Classes to be held during Library opening hours



For more information contact Anne or Monica at
Brockworth Community Library on 01452 863 681
or 01452 862 730.

Creative Writing Class

at Brockworth Community Centre

Friday mornings 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Fee for each class is £8.00

Beginners and practised writers welcome, as classes are designed to develop writing skills at every level. Tea and coffee are available from the café. For more information:

Contact: Josephine Lay

07799 110890

Email: livingwithfantasy@yahoo.co.uk

Little Gems

Places are available for children from 3 onwards – Claim Nursery

Vouchers get 15 hours of free childcare per week

Playgroup is open Monday-Friday from 9.30-12.30 – term time only

Children from 2 welcomed – however limited places available.

Playgroup charges £5.50 for 3 hours a morning for each 2 year old that attends

Ring Emma or Debbie on 07599 924010/ 01452 547567 for more details or to come for a visit



Brockworth Surgery

Will be Hosting

The Gloucestershire Health Information Bus

In the Brockworth Community Centre Car Park

On August 27th -29th 2014

Please come along for

Health & Wellbeing Advice, Mole Checks & Sun Care Advice

Sexual Health, Chlamydia Screening Kits

Come along and meet our Patient Participation Group and ask anything about your local health care needs



CALLING ALL WRITERS

Would you like to contribute to the Brockworth Magazine? We are looking for interesting articles for the bi-monthly editions of the magazine. Please send your articles to Julie on email clerk@brockworth-pc.gov.uk or telephone 01452 863123 for more details.

Activity classes | Alternative sports | Outdoor gyms | Skateboard parks | Community walks...

Want to get your community

Active Together?

You can with Gloucestershire County Council

With grants of
up to £40,000

to fund sport and physical
activity opportunities in your
local area



**Whatever your community needs to
get active, get together and get healthy**

Find out more at

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/activetogether or speak to your local county councillor

Over £2 million of Active Together grants are available right across the county. Open to any non-profit groups and organisations.

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Yoga Class

Yoga class available at Brockworth Community
Project



Come and join this highly popular and friendly class
and discover a new you.

**For more information and prices please contact Anne or Monica at
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Community Project office on 01452 863 681.**

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Brockworth Community Library

Knit and Natter

**Every Monday
2:00 – 3:00**

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

**Wednesday 10:30 – 11:00
Thursday 2:00 – 2:30**

**Information on all Services offered
Please ring
01452 863681 / 01452 862730
Or visit the Library for more details**

Library Club

**Come and make new friends
Over 60s,
first Tuesday of every month at 2:00.**

Adult Education

**Spanish / English classes
Yoga, Stay Fit and Well**

Ear Acupuncture

Thursdays 10:00 –12:00

IT Suite available when library is open

Photocopier, fax, laminator and shredder available.

Save Brockworth's Greenbelt

What can I do?

JULY/AUGUST 2014

Public consultation under way from June 30th to Aug 11th 2014

below are some statements which we can be used to support our evidence that the proposed JCS strategy is unsound. Please use these yourselves in your responses to the Government inspector

To be received by 11th August 2014

Details of how to send your response/representation can be found on our JC Strategy page

(<http://savebrockworthsgreenbelt.weebly.com/jc-strategy.html>)

and below

Below are statements covering the main issues which will help in your response

- *House numbers are over-estimated.
The total of 30,500 new houses proposed for the 20 year period to 2031 is an overestimation. This calculation is unsound as it is based on interim data which the Office of National Statistics (ONS) have stated should not be used for long term projections.
Using the latest validated data from the ONS, the corrected calculated number of new houses should be no more than 23800 (a reduction in the JCS proposal of 6700 houses)
20% Green Belt in this area will be lost, with only one brownfield (Ashchurch) site allocated for development at the final stage of building in the distant future. The Government currently wants to encourage reuse of brownfield sites and has given incentives to do so. Ashchurch should be prioritised and phased*

in first. Gloucester City also has several available brownfield sites Almost 9000 houses are planned for Green Belt sites which is 73% of the total number of strategic site houses! With brownfield sites available this number is totally unacceptable. Special circumstances warranted to build on Green belt cannot be justified.

- *The National Planning Policy promotes the importance of Green Belt and Green Belt Boundaries which can only be altered in exceptional circumstances. Inappropriate developments are harmful to the Green Belt. The proposed development at Brockworth is inappropriate (stated by the developers themselves) It is not only inappropriate for the Green belt it is also inappropriate in terms of size, as a mass urban extension of Gloucester City.*
- *The Government has reiterated that unmet housing need is unlikely to outweigh harm to the Green Belt and neighbouring authorities are not duty bound to agree to provide sites for the unmet housing need of other authorities.*
- *Likelihood of Windfalls (future development sites which at the current time are not available)
The JCS assumes that some of the required housing need will be satisfied by development on, as yet, unidentified sites.
Greenbelt land should not be sacrificed in the early stages of this plan when there is a high probability of windfall sites becoming available.
Near Brockworth, the industrial site at Bentham has become available since the beginning of the Joint Core Strategy and there is a strong probability of other sites becoming available within the 20 year period of the JCS.
There is evidence that there are parcels of land within the county that have been offered by private vendors but which so far have not been taken up to be included in the JCS Strategy Development of Greenbelt sites should be deferred until all other options, including Brownfield and windfall sites have been used.*
- *Eric Pickles Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government states that housing development is 'market led'. The rate of build at nearby Cooper's Edge - described as a new build suburb of 1900 dwellings some seven years ago and originally to be completed by 2011 - remains as yet unfinished by a substantial margin. So what is that saying?*

- Environmental*

In Sep 2012 Tewkesbury Borough Council stated in a Strategic Allocations report 2013, that an environmental impact assessment was required before any development was considered for Brockworth Green Belt as the dev exceeded thresholds within 'schedule 2' and would be likely to have

significant impact on the following

visual quality of the countryside and natural environment

strategic road network

the hydraulic regime of H Brook at the location

residual flood and surface water

problems upon 3rd party properties

and the nature conservation, value of the water environment, land ,fauna and flora

This indicates the pressure put upon Tewkesbury Borough to co-operate and allocate sites for development in spite of valid concerns.
- Brockworth's Green Belt is an unsuitable location for houses as it is subject to high levels of traffic noise. The decibel levels significantly exceed the Noise Exposure Category guidelines across most of the plot; one third of the plot is actually noisier than a continuous passing train or a motorway service station recording 70+dB. The NEC states that development should not be allowed. This is because it is completely surrounded by major road infra-structure. Traffic levels and therefore noise levels are only going to grow further in the future. These facts appear to be being ignored by the JCS team and Brockworth should be removed from their plan as a strategic site and remain as important grade 3 agricultural production land.*
- In terms of the Historic environment in Brockworth, the JCS commissioned a report by environmental consultants ECUS. Brockworth Green Belt was classed as a site with major Heritage concerns to development. This was in relation to the archaeological remains and high contribution made to the area by the designated (historical) buildings ie The Court and Church. The entire area of Green Belt was coded red (major concerns for development) in the report. Whilst this in itself does not prevent the developers, it is an indication of the huge pressure by local councils to release unsuitable land to the JCS process.*

- *The Joint Core Strategy has not taken public opinion into account as it is duty bound to do. The majority of responses to the initial public consultation were opposed to the use of Green Belt as strategic sites. Mass urban extensions were not agreeable to the vast majority of people who responded. Councils are under pressure to disregard local democracy and are (Quote CPRE) "having to agree to fanciful housing numbers and allocate huge areas of land to meet them." The JCS team listed public objections and points of view but refused to acknowledge them and modify the plan in any way.*

Making comments on the JCS:

email info@gct-jcs.org

Post JCS Team

Municipal Offices

The Promenade

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