

## **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 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 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***

In the past two months, the parish council has met twice as a full council and also had a committee meeting to discuss community centre matters. We also had the annual parish meeting in May which is the meeting of the parish residents where various village organisations report on the past year. It was an interesting meeting where we heard from the volunteer tree wardens, the Brockworth Allotments and Garden Association, Brockworth Community Project, and we also met our new Borough Councillors Ron Furolo, Ruth Hatton and Harry Turbyfield. The Chairman of the Parish Council gave a report on the council's activities and finances, and notes of the meeting can be found on the parish council website.

Following the parish elections in May, the Council was left with 5 vacancies. Two of these have been filled by co-option and we welcome Alison Morgan and Iris German onto the Council. It is a time of change all round as the Council bid farewell to parish clerk Julie Shirley and welcome new clerk Sarah McColl-Dorion who joins us from Pembrokeshire.

In addition to the usual Council business, the parish council has agreed to the funfair visiting Mill Lane field w/c 13<sup>th</sup> July, and gave permission for Gloucester ACF Brockworth Platoon to continue using Mill Lane field for their training exercises. Following a recent tree survey, the parish council has 11 trees that require work in the next six months at Pound Farm and the burial ground. The parish council accounts for 2014/15 were approved and submitted to the external auditor. The Council also approved an upgrade to the parish council website, which now contains more information about the Community Centre including a calendar section of events.

The damaged picnic bench at Mill Lane field will be repaired and returned back to the field. Unfortunately, after vandalism it was left in a poor state and had to be

removed. The Council will be having the car park at Mill Lane re-tarmac'd in September.

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](http://www.brockworth-pc.gov.uk)) please call the Clerk on 01452 863123 and she will send you a copy of the latest published minutes. Members of the public are very welcome to Council meetings, which take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm at Brockworth Community Centre. Please check the website for any meeting date amendments.

*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](mailto:clerk@brockworth-pc.gov.uk)*

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The Citizens Advice Bureau provides an advice session on Tuesday afternoons 1.30 to 4.30pm at Brockworth Community Centre (please contact 01452 863123 to make an appointment). We apologise but due to funding restrictions, we are only able help those from Brockworth parish.

Come and talk to advisors about Housing, Debt, Benefits, Employment, Discrimination, Family matters and much more. Please see [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk) for further advice and guidance.



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## BUS INFORMATION

No. & Operator		Route	Peak Frequency	Off-Peak Frequency
10	Stagecoach	Lower Tuffley – Gloucester – Hucclecote – Brockworth - Cheltenham	Every 10 mins	Every 30 mins
61	Stagecoach	Uley - Dursley – Stonehouse- 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	Brockworth Library – Cirencester	8.47am and 12.02pm	

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 COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Why not pop into our popular coffee shop at Brockworth Community Centre? It's a great way to socialise with friends or just relax and unwind by yourself.

We offer a wide selection of hot and cold drinks, as well as a range of tempting cakes, all baked fresh on site. Lunchtime specials are available every day.



### **Coffee Shop Opening Times Monday - Friday 10am-3pm**



**Now available: Filter coffee and home-made cake for an introductory offer price of £2.00 (until 31 August 2015)**

# REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT BROCKWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Contact [admin@brockworth-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@brockworth-pc.gov.uk) or telephone 01452 863123.

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Monday	11.00-12.00noon	Line Dancing (Beginners)	Main Hall
	12.00-1.00pm	Charleston Fitness	Main Hall
	7.30-8.30pm	Pregnancy Yoga	Main Hall
Tuesday	9.00am-12noon	Tewkesbury Borough Council	
	9.45-10.45am	Yoga and Relaxation Classes	Main Hall
	1.30-2.30pm	Village & Community Agents	Foyer
	1.30-4.30pm	CAB Service(Free to Brockworth Residents)	
	1.30-3.00pm	Line Dancing (Intermediate)	Main Hall
	7.15-9.15pm	Bible Seminar	Main Hall
Wednesday	9.30-10.30am	Body Conditioning	Main Hall
	11.00-12.00noon	Parents & Toddlers Coffee Morning	Main Hall
	2.00-4.00pm	Linda's Tea Dance (fortnightly)	Main Hall
	7.30-8.30pm	Pregnancy Yoga	Main Hall
Thursday	10am-12.30pm	Art Class	Main Hall
	2pm	Weekly walking group	
	2.00-4.00pm	Tewkesbury Borough Council	
	8pm-10pm	Line Dancing	Main Hall
Friday	10.00am-12pm	Creative Writing Class	Meeting Room
	12.00-2.00pm	Luncheon Club	Main Hall
	6.30-7.30pm	Functional Core	Main Hall
Saturday	9.00-11.00am	Finesteps	Main Hall
	11.30-1.30pm	YPI Theatre & Drama Group	Main Hall
Sunday	10.30-12.30pm	Cornerstone Church	Main Hall



**Brockworth Youth Centre**  
**Summer Holiday Scheme 2015 Ages 10+**

To book places on any of the following activities please pick up a booking form from Brockworth Community Library or Brockworth Youth Project

Date	Time	Main Activity	Cost
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00- 12:00	Film- making- make a movie!	50p
	1:00- 3:00	Table tennis/ pool tournament	50p
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	10:00- 12:00	Mosaic making	50p
	1:00- 3:00	Rounders on field	50p
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00- 12:00	Smoothie making	50p
	1:00- 3:00	Samba drumming	50p
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	10:00- 12:00	Trip to Sculpture Trail	£1
	1:00- 3:00		
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	10:00- 12:00	Cookery workshop	50p
	1:00- 3:00	Kickboxing	50p
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	10:00- 12:00	Brother Beatbox workshop	50p
	1:00- 3:00	Sports mix	50p
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	10:00- 12:00	Movie morning	50p
	1:00- 3:00	Tag rugby	50p
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	10:00- 12:00	Trip to Cattle Country	£5
	1:00- 3:00		

**Places will only be secured with booking form and payment.**  
**FREE squash and fruit!**

Please contact us for more information on **01452 863 681/**  
**hayley.thomson@brockworthcommunityproject.org.uk** or visit our website  
[www.brockworthcommunityproject.org.uk](http://www.brockworthcommunityproject.org.uk)

**Please note:** Limited places available and priority will be given to those living within Brockworth.



The Summer Activities Programme 2015 has been funded by Brockworth Parish Council

Brockworth Library,  
Moorfield Road,  
Brockworth,  
Gloucester.  
GL3 4EX  
Tel: 01452 863681

Email: [admin@brockworthcommunityproject.org.uk](mailto:admin@brockworthcommunityproject.org.uk)  
[www.brockworthcommunityproject.org.uk](http://www.brockworthcommunityproject.org.uk)



## Under 8's Summer Activities Programme 2015

Date	Time	Main Activity		Date	Time	Main Activity
21 <sup>st</sup> July	10-12	Arts and Crafts		28 <sup>th</sup> July	10-12	Arts and Crafts
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	10-5	Summer Reading Challenge		29 <sup>th</sup> July	10-5	Summer Reading Challenge
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	11-12	<b>Insect Workshop</b>		30 <sup>th</sup> July	10-12	<b>Alfredo the clown</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> July	10-12	Arts and Crafts		1 <sup>st</sup> August	10-12	Arts and Crafts
4 <sup>th</sup> August	10-12	Arts and Crafts		11 <sup>th</sup> August	10-12	Arts and Crafts
5 <sup>th</sup> August 201	10-5	Summer Reading Challenge		12 <sup>th</sup> August	10-5	Summer Reading Challenge
6 <sup>th</sup> August	11-12	<b>Small Animal Workshop</b>		13 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30-12	<b>Alfredo the clown – Magic Show</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> August	10-12	Arts and Crafts		15 <sup>th</sup> August	10-12	Arts and Crafts

Please note that, apart from the Summer Reading Challenge, there will be a £1 charge per child per session attended.

To register your child for any of the sessions we are offering,  
please speak to a member of staff.

If you would like to find out more information about this programme,  
please speak to Anne or Monica.

## 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

## GLOUCESTER FILM MAKERS



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

7 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Competition No 2 Specialised Subject Competition
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Practical Session
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Drama Film Competition Wildlife Competition

**For further information please contact the Secretary John Green on  
01452 531838 - [www.gloucesterfilmmakers.org.uk](http://www.gloucesterfilmmakers.org.uk)**





To all our dog-walking litter pickers, it is very much appreciated that you collect litter as you walk your dogs around our open spaces. Thank you :)

The Friends of Castle Hill School would like to thank the community for attending and supporting this year's Community Summer Fayre. It was a resounding success and would not have been possible without the kind donation of £500 from the Brockworth Parish Council. We look forward to seeing you all next year!



Latest news for Save Brockworth Green Belt in association with Brockworth Parish Council

We are pleased to announce that after many months of fund raising and some very generous donations we have reached the target we set ourselves of £8,000. Many, many thanks to those people who have made donations and supported our fund raising events.

At the time of writing the Joint Core Strategy enquiry is underway, with an inspector appointed to decide whether the Strategy is sound. The outcome of the strategy is crucial for us as Brockworth is an identified potential strategic site. Save Brockworth Green Belt and Parish Councillors will be attending the inquiry and taking part in the debate.

The decision on the JCS is not expected for several months.

The Public enquiry into the planning application for Brockworth Green Belt (not a Joint Core Strategy matter) will begin on July 28th and is expected to last 6 days. For this enquiry we will need to pay a legal team to represent us. The enquiry will be at Tewkesbury Council Offices and is open to the public. This may still be running by the time you read this, check our web site for further details.

[www.savebrockworthsgreenbelt.weebly.com](http://www.savebrockworthsgreenbelt.weebly.com)

Meanwhile, let's continue to enjoy our lovely open space north of our village. The entire route is circular and takes you through beautiful open countryside, along field boundaries, through woods and beside the Horsbere Brook.

Just walking along the public footpath towards the Rugby Club (a very short walk) can be an uplifting experience with views of the Cotswold escarpment and Coopers Hill. Let's hope we can continue to enjoy it for a little longer! Take a walk this summer if you have never tried the footpaths before.

Just a note for dog walkers, could you please not allow your dogs to run free on the Rugby pitch, for obvious reasons! I bumped into the groundsman the other day and he was rather upset about the amount of dog faeces he has to clear every week. We all know the dangers of the toxocara parasite and the risk of blindness to the Rugby players so please keep your dog on the lead around the pitches.

Thank you.



## **THURSDAY WALKS FOR HEALTH**

We meet at 2pm on Thursdays at the Brockworth Community Centre, Court Road, Brockworth. The duration of the walk is normally 30 minutes to 60 minutes. Do come along and join us – all are welcome.

There is normally a longer walk on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in the month. We meet at Brockworth Library. For further details please contact Fiona Miles 01452 864345 or Ken Duke 01452 610281.

If you enjoy walking for pleasure, why not try one of Brockworth's circular routes? There are leaflets available in the community centre and offer a variety of walk lengths. The walks are not suitable for pushchairs, and can be muddy at various times of the year but are okay if you're wearing sturdy footwear.



### **Body Conditioning Class Fun, Friendly Class**

All ages welcome  
Wednesdays 9.30am

Brockworth Community Centre  
Court Rd Brockworth

Tel: Jane 07939 808664 for more information

'You're never too old to try something new'



Speaking up for the nation's wild plants

## **Bee Scene! Popular family-friendly survey of wild flowers re-launches this**

### **summer holiday thanks to Nature's Path**

Plantlife's hugely successful 'Bee Scene' survey has been rescued by family-owned cereal maker Nature's Path, after its original funding had ended. Over 30,000 children have already taken part in the wild flower survey since its launch in 2010. Now thousands more will have the opportunity to explore the nature on their doorstep and learn about the wild flowers growing there.

Families can discover whether their local area is good for bumblebees by looking for bee-friendly wild flowers such as foxgloves, dandelions and clovers in their local green spaces. The results are then uploaded onto a virtual meadow map of the UK.

The survey raises awareness and understanding in children of the importance of biodiversity in their local area, starting them on a path to enjoying wild flowers and realising their importance as part of our natural heritage. It also helps them understand the importance of wild plants for our declining pollinators. 90% of teachers who did the survey reported that 'Bee scene' had given them new learning about the natural environment and helped pupils understand that different wild plants are important for bees.

Nature's Path has a strong commitment to sustainability and the natural environment and has stepped in to enable the Bee Scene initiative to reach many thousands more children and families this year after its National Lottery funding ended. A spokesperson comments "As an organic, family owned company, with a strong commitment to the natural environment we recognise the importance of educating children early about the importance of our wild flowers and the pollinators that rely on them. We are thrilled to be able to support Plantlife to continue this fantastic survey, so that many more children and families can take part and 'Bee Scene'.

'Bee Scene' is a simple and effective way to encourage children and their families into their local parks or countryside - to enjoy them together away from the television screen, computer games and other pressures of modern life. By using a simple flower key, they are able to count different flower shapes and colours and look out for bumblebees, so helping children understand how valuable their local green spaces are for wildlife.

Full details and bee scene resources are available online at

[www.plantlife.org.uk/beescene](http://www.plantlife.org.uk/beescene)

## **Road verges are one of the most important, best loved and frequently viewed habitats in the country...**

**A new Plantlife study shows that Britain's road verges are home to 703 species of wild plants, more than in any other part of our landscape, and 87 of them are either threatened with extinction or heading that way. In addition, 88% of these wild plants provide nectar and pollen for bees and other insects, making road verges essential refuges for insect life; bird's-foot trefoil alone is a food plant for 132 species of insect.**

In addition, 21 of the 25 Nation's Favourite Wildflowers grow on road verges. From cowslips and bluebells in spring to swathes of cow parsley and ox-eye daisies in early summer, our verges are home to most of the 25 favourite wild flowers as voted for by the public. And with 30 million drivers in the UK, they're the most frequently viewed habitat too, providing many people with their only regular daily contact with nature.

But in much of Britain road verges are still being needlessly cut down in full flower threatening the wildflowers and the wildlife that depend on them. Many councils have already started cutting verges - much too early in the year for flowers to be able set seed, and greatly reducing one of the most important food banks for our ailing bees and other pollinators.

Dr Trevor Dines, Plantlife's Botanical Specialist, explains, "Over 97% of meadows have been destroyed in England since the 1930s. In many areas, rural road verges are the last remaining stretches of natural habitat for our wildlife. Road safety is the absolute priority, but we know that verges can be managed better for wildlife whilst remaining safe for motorists. This means adopting some simple changes to management – like a delay in cutting to allow seed to be set - so that wildflowers can thrive".

Plantlife has produced new management guidelines and is urging the public to sign a petition asking local councils to adopt them. Some councils are leading the way. Trials in Dorset, for example, are investigating how to combat the over-vigorous growth of grass on fertile verges (which is both detrimental to wildflowers and obscures driver sight-lines), by stripping turf, using semi-parasitic yellow rattle to stunt grass growth and even grazing verges with sheep. Plantlife is helping to showcase the work of councils like Dorset to show others that it can be done. Our guidelines are being currently being applied to 11,700 km of verge covering 2,300 hectares of verges – that's equivalent to 2.5 times the area of remaining upland hay meadow in the UK - and with the public's support we can do even more.

Dr Dines adds, "If we just give them a chance, wildflowers can return. Meadow crane's-bill was once widespread in meadows – hence its name – but is now more commonly found on road verges. It spreads readily when cutting is delayed and it's allowed to set seed. Maybe it's time to change its name to "verge crane's-bill".



## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Brockworth Children's Centre	01452 863617
Brockworth Doctors (Abbotswood)	01452 862247
Brockworth Hedgehog Rescue	01452 548301
Brockworth Library	01452 862730
Brockworth Parish Council	01452 863123
Brockworth Primary Academy	01452 862809
Brockworth Sports Centre	01452 863518
Castle Hill Primary School	01452 863380
Coopers Edge School	01452 612038
Mid Glos Indoor Bowling Club	01452 619073
Millbrook Academy	01452 863372
Police (non-urgent)	101
Gloucestershire County Council – to report street lighting issues, road and public right of way problems	08000 514 514
St George's Church	01452 550554
St Patrick's Church	01452 862709
Tewkesbury Borough Council – refuse collections, fly tipping, bulky waste collections etc	01684 272364 (01684 295010 for switchboard)
United Reform Church	01452 862621





<b>Beavers</b>	from 6 years to 8 years
<b>Cubs</b>	from 8 years to 10+years
<b>Scouts</b>	from 10+ years to 14+ years
<b>Explorers</b>	from 14+ years to 18 years
<b>Leaders/Helpers</b>	from 18 UPWARDS

If you would like to join us, learn and experience some life changing skills, have great fun at the same time we currently have spaces for all sections and don't forget scouting is not just for boy's, girls have been welcome since 2004!

We also welcome adult help as leaders or just some occasional help when you can, its great fun and a good opportunity to gain experience working with some great children, especially if you are planning to foster or adopt.

For more information or to enquire about the hire of our Hall, please contact

[brockworthscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:brockworthscoutgroup@gmail.com) .

**Group Scout Contact – Simon Jefferies – 08450 949716**



*The 29<sup>th</sup> Brockworth Scout Group have been running since 1938, are an active part of Brockworth community and can often be seen out and about especially during the summer months.*

*We also are willing participants to help out on community projects and are regularly seen (if not heard) delivering the magazine for Brockworth Parish Council.*

*Our hall is also available to hire please enquire for details and availability*

***Give it a Go!***