

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 May 2014, and the magazines will be delivered at the start of June. For advertising requests, please contact the publishers of the magazine (details inside front cover page).

News from Brockworth Parish Council

At the February meeting of the Parish Council, the County Councillor gave an update regarding the appeal process for the Javelin Park incinerator plus information about the A417 Loop option. The County Council will also be writing to the Environment Agency to request that dredging of the River Severn is recommenced.

Cllr Rowcliffe-Quarry reported that the Community Choir 'wassailed' around the newly planted Perry Pear trees at the Kennel Lane development (wassailing is an ancient tradition to help orchard trees to grow and bear fruit).

The play equipment had recently had its quarterly inspection and a few minor repairs were noted. The Parish Council talked about making an offer to purchase the small piece of land opposite the allotments at Court Road, and discussed whether it would be suitable for extra burial land. The Clerk was instructed to find out more information prior to the March Council meeting.

The Council agreed to install air conditioning in the first floor conference room at the community centre as the room becomes very stuffy and warm when it is being used for meetings. The Council also agreed to the purchase of additional meeting room furniture in order to use a vacant office as an extra meeting room.

The Parish Council agreed to grant the Allotments Association £120 in order that they could arrange the removal of a large tree in the allotments.

The Council decided not to proceed with a Neighbourhood Development Plan at this stage but will reconsider this if any community group comes forward wanting to do a plan.

A resident had contacted the Parish Council about an increase in traffic using Green Street at a cut-through; the Council agreed to ask Gloucestershire Highways for signage that says “Do not follow SatNav this way” to reduce the number of lorries using Green Street as a first step.

At the March meeting of the Parish Council, the councillors discussed the licence review of the Witcombe Cider Festival that the Police have requested and after a lengthy discussion felt that providing the organisers addressed the issues raised by the Police then the Parish Council supports the event.

Tewkesbury Borough Councillor Rowcliffe-Quarry gave an update from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee where flood management has recently been discussed. There has also been a meeting of the new Enviro-Crimes group at Tewkesbury BC and it was noted that legislation relating to dog orders will soon be updated. Borough Councillor J Perez reported that the Borough Council is not increasing council tax for 2014/15, and the Borough Council is continuing work on a business transformation strategy called “Transform Tewkesbury Borough”.

The litter bin at the bus shelter on Hucclecote Road was reported as being broken (now repaired), and a request for a litter bin to be installed on the footpath from Hucclecote Road to Whittle Square has been forwarded to the property managers.

The Parish Council agreed to submit an offer for the purchase of the land on Court Road with a view to using it as burial land.

The Parish Council agreed to pledge its support for the A417 Loop scheme. It was also noted that Gloucestershire Highways will soon be carrying out Traffic Surveys in 8 locations around Brockworth to test for suitability for 20mph zones.

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

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

7.15pm to 8.15pm

Tewkesbury Borough Council Advice

Yoga & Relaxation

Village & Community Agents

Line Dancing

Citizens Advice Bureau

Youth Club (via Youth Centre)

Dance Figures

Wednesday

9am to 2pm (every 4 weeks)

9.30am to 10.30am

11am to 12pm

2pm to 4pm (every 2 weeks)

7.30pm to 8.30pm

7pm to 9pm

Chiropody

Body Conditioning

Parent & Toddler Coffee Morning

Linda's Tea Dance

Zumba with Regina

Youth Club (via Youth Centre)

Thursday

10am to 12.30pm

2pm

2pm to 4pm

5.45pm to 6.45pm

8pm to 10pm

Brockworth CC Art Class

Walking Club – walks are 30 to 60 mins

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

The number 3 and 4 bus is being withdrawn from and replaced with new services 2 / 2A and 8 from 30 March 2014 onwards. Number 8 bus will serve Coopers Edge and Brockworth (Whittle Square).

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

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

Save Brockworth's Greenbelt Update

It has been an interesting few days regarding the campaign to save the greenbelt. The Planning Minister, Nick Boles, has made an announcement clarifying the Government's position on planning. Mr Boles' announcement included:

- Greenbelt should only be built on in exceptional circumstances, which do not include a need to meet housing need
- An emphasis on giving priority to Brownfield sites
- The duty to co-operate with neighbouring councils is not a duty to agree, if by doing so other government policies are contravened (such as building on Greenbelt).

This clarification of policy has come about after a lot of lobbying by the MP for Tewkesbury, Laurence Robertson.

Members of the Save Brockworth's Green Belt group met Laurence following the announcement. Mr Robertson was very optimistic that the JCS document would not be able to proceed in its present form and would need to be reviewed and revised.

Unfortunately, this is not the end of the story as the JCS steering group believe Nick Boles' statement does not apply to the plan, which they will now move onto the next stage of the process.

A government representative is due to be coming to Tewkesbury council chambers on 21st March to clarify the meaning of the Planning Minister's statement to all three councils involved in the JCS.

The next process milestone is for the three councils to debate and vote on the final draft of the JCS document. This will occur on the following dates:

Monday 7 th April	Tewkesbury Borough Council
Tuesday 8 th April	Gloucester City Council
Wednesday 9 th April	Cheltenham Borough Council

This vote will decide the planning model for the three councils until 2031, with 33,000 houses being planned.

Please email your local councillors.

Issues you may like to raise include:

- The JCS plan clearly contravenes the latest Government policy
- Estimated housing numbers are based on invalid data and are too high
- Development should not take place on Greenbelt
- Priority should be given to Brownfield sites
- The A46 Shurdington Road is already over capacity and cannot cope with additional traffic
- Brockworth has already provided development land, much of which has not been utilised yet.

Please go to the website:

savebrockworthsgreenbelt.weebly.com for easy clicks links to all your councillors.



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

7 April	Open Competition No 1 - Walwin Trophy
12 May	Group film making projects
2 June	Animation Competition - Richardson Trophy
	Impact Competition - Carwithen Trophy
	Documentary Competition - Creswell Trophy
14 June	Filming on location (to be arranged)
30 June	Guest speaker (to be arranged)

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

www.gloucesterfilmmakers.org.uk

FLY TIPPING GARDEN WASTE

We have seen an increase of household and garden waste being fly-tipped in Brockworth. Fly-tipping of waste is illegal and constitutes a serious offence for which a person can be prosecuted. For garden waste please make use of composting at home or ask Tewkesbury Borough Council for a brown wheelie bin.

If neither of these options is feasible you may take the waste to the Household Recycling Centre at either Hempsted in Gloucester or Wingmoor Farm, Stoke Orchard near Cheltenham. Both sites are open daily from 9am to 6.15pm. Call **0845 602 9344** for more details or email www.recycleforgloucestershire.com.

GREEN STREET IS FOR ACCESS ONLY PLEASE!



Does this road sign look familiar? It means that a road should be used for “Access Only”. This type of sign can be found at Green Street in Brockworth, which is a narrow steep lane that can be accessed from the A46 or from Ermin Street. There is no pavement for the majority of the road, it’s only wide enough for one vehicle at a time, and there are few passing places. Despite this, Green Street is becoming used more and more as a cut through.

Please think twice about using this road to shorten your journey, you’ll likely meet an oncoming vehicle and find yourself held up and the ‘shortcut’ won’t have saved you any time at all, and meanwhile the lives of pedestrians and cyclists have been put at risk from unsuitable traffic using this street.

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.

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



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 and followed by tea / coffee from the café. Do come along and join us – all are welcome.

There is normally a longer walk on the 1st 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.



Brockworth Library,
Moorfield Road,
Brockworth,
Gloucester.
GL3 4EX

Tel: 01452 863681

Email: management@brockworthcommunityproject.org.uk

www.brockworthcommunityproject.org.uk



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.

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SPANISH CLASSES

Come and join us at Brockworth Community Library

Free taster lesson



Spanish Beginners
Tuesday 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Spanish Beginners Plus
Tuesday 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Spanish Intermediate
Tuesday 7:00pm – 8:00pm



All tutors are native speakers

For more info please contact Anne or Monica on 01452 862730 or 01452 863681

The Funfair is coming to Brockworth!



The Funfair will be at Mill Lane playing field 16th to 18th May 2014.



**BROCKWORTH DOCTORS'
SURGERY CAN BE
TELEPHONED ON:
01452 862247**



New 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



“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury”

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 16th May 2014

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 16th May 2014 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA’s vital services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

In 2014 SIA is celebrating its 40th anniversary and so we want to make the batter matter and raise £25,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,500 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone. Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.”

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

OUTDOOR GYM COMING TO BROCKWORTH

Weather permitting; a new outdoor gym area will be installed at the Pound Farm playing field (just off Green Way, Abbotswood) during the week of 7th April. The new gym has been possible with thanks to grants from SITA Trust and The Summerfield Charitable Trust and Brockworth Parish Council.

The gym will have a multi-use piece of equipment including a rower, bike, hanging bars (for chin-ups) and arm rests (for working on those abdominal muscles!), plus we'll have hurdles and monkey bars.

There will also be a new tarmac path leading up the playing field to improve accessibility to the gym area. Our next project will be the new multi-use-games-area that will also be located at the Pound Farm playing field, but don't worry there will still be lots of open grassy area to enjoy :)



[Image Source: Proludic UK 2014]

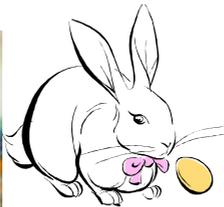


Brockworth Community Library

EASTER ACTIVITIES

Monday 7th April-Thursday 17th April

During Library hours



Easter Crafts

Easter Bonnet Competition

Easter egg Hunt

Easter Hamper

Refreshments



Become A Better You'

La Femme



Fitness

Looking to.....

- Lose Weight
- Tone Up
- Get Active
- Socialise
- Try Something New ??

Come And Join Our Female ONLY Fitness Classes. We Offer Something For Everyone In A Fun And Friendly Atmosphere.



BRING YOUR BABY FITNESS CIRCUITS

Yummy Mummy Friendly Circuits Class. Classes designed around you and your baby

Every Monday From 3rd Feb, 9.30am-10.30am @ The Redwell Centre, Matson, GL4 6JG

Looking For A Full Body Workout?? Want To Zap Those Unwanted Calories?? Come And Give It a Go!!

Every Thursday From 6th Feb, 5.45pm-6.45pm @ Brockworth Community Centre, GL3 4ET

£4.50 A Class

Or 6 For £22!!

La Femme Fitness

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07540078671



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