

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015, 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 January meeting of the Parish Council, the contract to maintain trees at Mill Lane playing field was awarded to Glebe Contractors. It was agreed that Danter Funfair and Circus Ginnett could use Mill Lane playing field this coming May and June.

The Council also approved the layout of the new cremations area and quotes will be requested to carry out the work for council to approve. The layout included a memorial wall for those residents who wish to have a memorial plaque only.

The budget for 2015/16 was finalised and will mean a 4% increase on a Band D council tax property – this equates to an extra £3.02 for the year. The budget included provision to re-surface the Mill Lane car park which is in poor condition.

The Allotments Association were granted £100 in order to weed spray their boundary fence. The Council agreed to a taxi voucher scheme to run for one year as a trial. This was advertised in the February edition of the parish magazine.

A resident had raised a concern about plans to restrict parking in Hucclecote parish area which will have an impact on the roads in Brockworth nearest the business park. The Parish Council has requested that Gloucestershire Highways consider including some Brockworth roads in the scheme.

The February meeting took place on 4<sup>th</sup> February and received updates from the County and Borough Councillors. The Parish Council has been successful in its application for Active Together Funding from the County Council (£7,754), and a new Supernova play item will be installed at Mill Lane playing field with the money. The Council also requested quotes for the installation of a wet-pour safety surface under the hip hop play item as the current surface is wearing out very quickly.

Locations for the planting of poppies for remembrance of World War 1 were considered and it was agreed to plant poppies at Mill Lane playing field (behind the oak sculptures) and on Cross Hands Meadow.

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 Julie 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)***

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 (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.



**SAVE BROCKWORTH'S GREENBELT  
GAMES NIGHT**

**9TH MAY**

**BEETLE DRIVE**

**6 PM UNTIL 7.30PM**

**BINGO**

**7.30 PM UNTIL 9.00PM**

**£2.50 FOR A GAME**

**AT BROCKWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

## 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	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 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**

# 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	9.30-10.30am	Energy Fitness Class	Main Hall
	11.00-12.00noon	Line Dancing (Beginners)	Main Hall
	4.00-6.00pm	Dance Pointe Studios	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
Thursday	10am-12.30pm	Art Class	Main Hall
	2pm	Weekly walking group	
	2.00-4.00pm	Tewkesbury Borough Council	
	4.00-5.00pm	YPI Theatre & Drama Group	Main Hall
	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



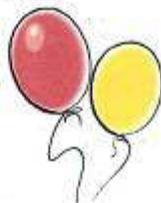
FRIENDS OF  
CASTLE HILL SCHOOL

We would like to Invite  
the local community to join us  
for an afternoon of fun at :

# Summer Fayre Castle Hill School

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015

2pm – 5pm



Raffle

Hot and cold Refreshments

Plants and Presents

Stalls

Popcorn

Games

Entertainment

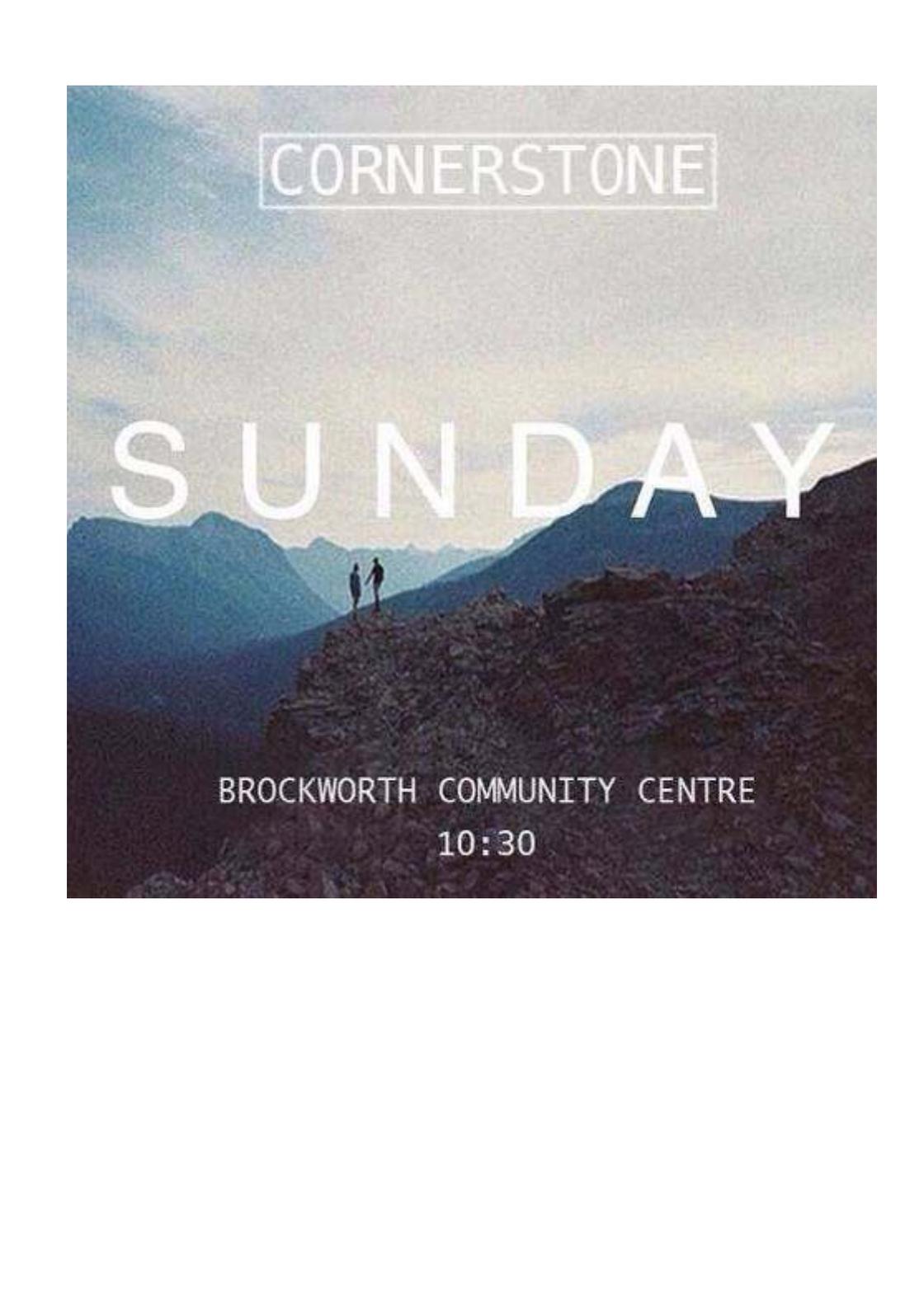
Inflatable Bouncy Fun

Candy floss

Homemade  
Cakes



£1 Entrance fee (children aged 11 and under free)

A scenic mountain landscape with two hikers on a rocky ridge under a cloudy sky. The text 'CORNERSTONE' is enclosed in a white rectangular box at the top. The word 'SUNDAY' is written in large, white, spaced-out letters across the middle of the image. At the bottom, the text 'BROCKWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE' and '10:30' is displayed in white.

CORNERSTONE

SUNDAY

BROCKWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

10:30



Zumbathon  
Sunday 24th April  
2pm until 4pm  
£5

At Brockworth Community Centre  
Raffle and cake sale for  
Save Brockworth's greenbelt

# **Brockworth Hedgehog Rescue**

Brockworth has a hedgehog community that sadly is in decline like the rest of the UK. The European hedgehog is now endangered with a 96% decline in numbers since the 1950's and as little as 10 years left at the current decline rate, there are rescues like ours across the country, working to help them.

The decline in numbers are due to many factors, more traffic , an increase in badger numbers (only hedgehog predator), increased development and new housing, increased use of strimmers and slug pellets.

I set up the Brockworth rescue centre after finding 2 babies in my garden in Westfield Road in November. Hedgehogs are now having 2 litters a year and the August/ September babies (Autumn juveniles) are not big enough to successfully hibernate as they need to weigh at least 600g. We will be rescuing, rehabilitating and releasing the hedgehogs. Alongside my previous experience with caring and rearing hedgehogs and other animals that needed help along the way, to further my knowledge I have attended a hedgehog first aid course at Vale Wildlife Hospital and in April a hedgehog ecology and conservation course at Tiggywinkles.

There are a few things that would indicate a Hedgehog is in trouble, laying out in the sun during the day, any obvious injury, too small in the Autumn months, and any babies found out of the nest in the day or if a nest has been destroyed. If any are found please contact us as soon as you can, place the hedgehog in a box with a warm hot water bottle wrapped in a towel.

Everyone can do things to help the hedgehogs, ensure they have access to gardens (a 13cm hole is all they need). They will eat cat meat (no fish varieties); cat biscuits are good for their teeth and clean water but please do not feed them bread and milk as it will make them ill!

We are having an open garden on Sunday 3rd May 11am-3pm at 23 Westfield Road. There will be lots of information, the chance to chat to

both myself and another local carer about the hedgehogs, refreshments, raffle and a stall selling hedgehog related gifts and crafts. This is also the first day of Hedgehog Awareness week.

You can follow the progress of all our hedgehogs on Facebook, Twitter and You Tube. We are hoping to have our website fully up and running for the open day – [www.brockworthhedgehogrescue.co.uk](http://www.brockworthhedgehogrescue.co.uk)

We are a non profit organisation and rely on donations, we will gratefully accept cat food, cat biscuits, old newspapers, hay/straw, anything for raffle prizes etc.

Vicki Oliver  
Brockworth Hedgehog Rescue  
23 Westfield Road  
Brockworth  
Gloucester  
GL3 4AR

01452 548301  
07789 268296  
[brockworthhedgehogrescue@outlook.com](mailto:brockworthhedgehogrescue@outlook.com)



## **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

## **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.

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

## **Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 15th May 2015**

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15th May 2015 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 2015 we want to make the batter matter and raise £40,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £20,000 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](mailto:fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk) or visit [www.siafishandchips.co.uk](http://www.siafishandchips.co.uk)





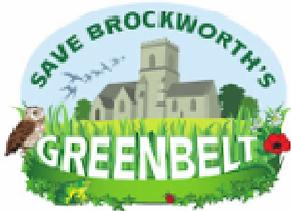
## **Brockworth Community Library Easter Activities**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
during Library Hours**



**Easter Crafts  
Easter Egg Hunt  
£1.00 per child**

**Tickets on sale for Easter Hamper  
Refreshments Available**



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

A date has been fixed for the inquiry and this will be held on 28th July at Tewkesbury Council Offices. The inquiry is expected to last 6 days.

SBGB together with the Parish Council are participating in the inquiry and are legally challenging the developers who want to build 1500 houses on Brockworth Green Belt. We have secured a Solicitor and Barrister to represent us. The decision rests with the independent inspector appointed and not with Tewkesbury Borough Council.

The land is designated Green Belt and special circumstances have to be justified to build on this area. The impact that this scale of development will make on our village is enormous. The impact on the landscape and our ancient church and tithe barn will also be significant. We will be making every effort to retain this beautiful open space.

To cover the majority of legal costs we are hoping to raise a total of £8000 between now and August.

Following several fund raising events and some very generous donations from Brockworth residents we have reached a total of £5500 towards our target, at the time of going to press. We would like to sincerely thank those of you who have made donations so far

If you would like to help and make a donation please go to the Parish Council Office. You may also like to join our lottery, details below.

### **The winners of the Save Brockworth Green Belt Lottery**

Congratulations go to,

February draw...N. Beames £50 J Trivett £10...

March draw..... J Styles £50 B Nash £10

The lottery will run until May. Each draw costs £3

If you would like to join for one or both remaining draws please contact the Parish Council Office 863123

Please look out for further fund raising events from now until the end of July.

12th April Walk the Green belt (Free) afternoon Tea and scones in Community Centre afterwards meet 2pm at Rugby Club Mill Lane children's trail available. About 2 miles, but less if you prefer! Citizen photo opportunity too! (This is a countrywide day of action with Campaign groups in several counties drawing attention to the problems of inappropriate development in their area and the lack of localism, where communities should, by law, have a say in planning for the local area.) Please come and support this important event.  
18th April Teas/ Lunches at Touching Souls Tearoom Tewkesbury Abbey 10.30-2pm.

Beetle Drive May 9th a fun game for all ages. Bring the family or a friend! 6.30 til 8pm £2.50 for beetle game sheet. Stay and play after Beetle or arrive for Bingo at 8.15pm.

Bingo May 9th 8.15 til 9.30pm cash prizes. Wine/beer/soft drinks £2.50 a book (6 Games)Buy more than one book, more chance of winning!

Zumba Fun May 24th Community Centre Court Road. 2-4pm beginners welcome £5.00 Follow our zumba dance instructor and just copy what she does! No previous experience or partner needed! Great fun. Come and give zumba a try. Cake sale afterwards. Soft drinks for sale. Raffle

Please support our events if you can and help us to raise our target. Beetle/Bingo/pay on the night. Please let us know you will be coming. Ring 863713.

Tickets for Zumba (limited to 40 places) available on 863123.



## 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'



Brockworth Green Belt Walk  
**Sunday 12th April**  
**Starting from**  
Brockworth Rugby Club  
**2pm**  
**Afternoon Tea at**  
Brockworth Community Centre

## **CHARLESTON FITNESS**

**Coming soon to Brockworth Community Centre**

Keep fit & learn Solo Charleston

No dancing experience necessary

Fun & enjoyable way to keep fit

Starting gently and then upping the tempo

Great Music

Taught by Nicky with over 20 years swing dance teaching experience

Start Date - Monday 1st June 2015

Time - 1.45pm to 2.45pm

Price - £5.00

**More information contact Nicky on 07728600056**



## **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**

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|------------------------|--|
| 13 <sup>th</sup> April | Open Competition No1 - Walwin Trophy<br>Animation Competition - Richardson Trophy<br>Impact Competition - Carwithen Trophy |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> May   | Group film making projects   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> June   | Documentary Competition - Creswell Trophy  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> June  | Video Masterclass  |

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

# Winston's Wish

the charity for bereaved children

Winston's Wish is the leading childhood bereavement charity in the UK, helping children and young people rebuild their lives after the death of their mum, dad, brother or sister, and enabling them to face the future with confidence and hope.

Throughout Gloucestershire, Winston's Wish run a unique bereavement support program called SWITCH. The program is aimed at children aged 8-14 who have suffered a close family bereavement which is having a negative effect on their behaviour. The bereavement may not be recent but may still be having an impact on the child. The SWITCH program offers family work, individual work for children and their carers and group work. We end the program with a celebration day. The aim of SWITCH is to provide children and families with the opportunity to work through their experience with qualified professionals and to help them make sense of their emotions and feelings, meet other people in similar situations and provide them with coping strategy to help them reach their full potential.

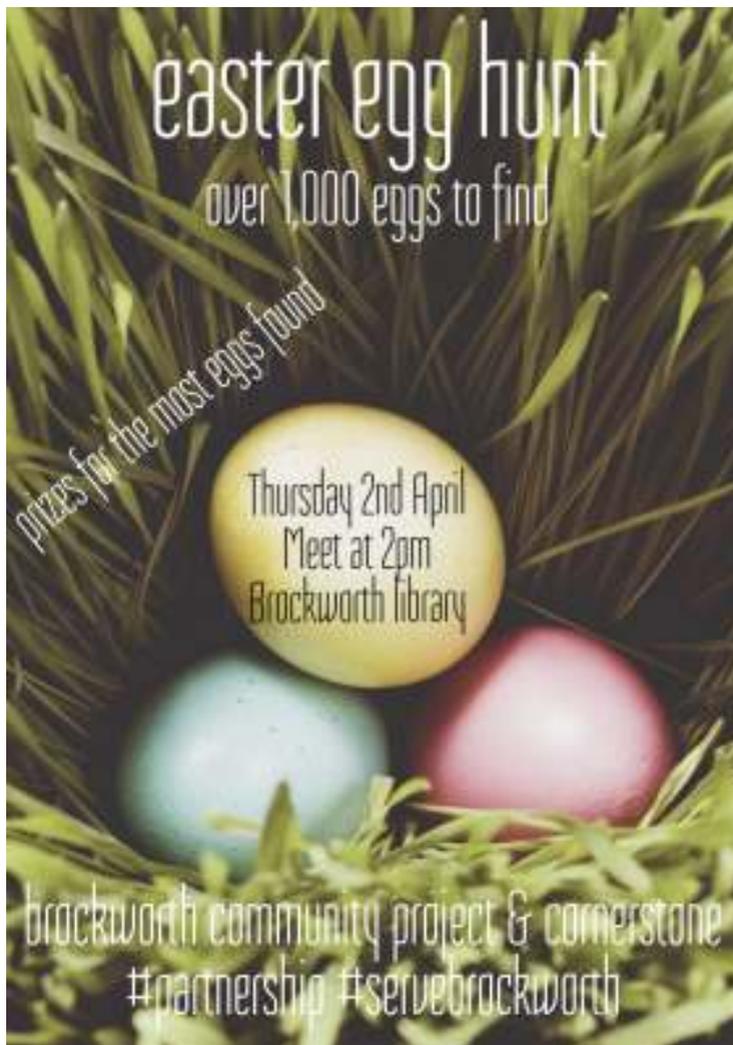
SWITCH has been running in Gloucestershire now for three years and feedback from both children and their carers has been very positive. Feedback from a mother after the SWITCH program:

***“She’s like a different girl. I can’t explain it – it’s like she has grown up. She’s excellent. I think being able to talk about her feelings and listen to the others and what they do when they get one on them has really helped her. She still gets grumpy, but now takes herself off to her room and listens to music and when she’s calmer, then I go and talk to her!”***

We would like to reach as many of these children and families as possible in Gloucestershire. If you or you know a child or family who would benefit from the SWITCH program or would like any further information, please contact Sheila Elliott, Family Program Lead for SWITCH:

[selliott@winstonswish.org.uk](mailto:selliott@winstonswish.org.uk) / [switch@winstonswish.org.uk](mailto:switch@winstonswish.org.uk) / Phone the office on 01242 515157 and ask to speak to myself or a member of the SWITCH team. .

For further information about other services Winston's Wish can provide for children who have suffered a bereavement, please go to our website [www.winstonswish.org.uk](http://www.winstonswish.org.uk)





**Brockworth**  
Community Project

## Brockworth Community Library

**Knit and Natter**

**Every Monday**

**2:00 – 3:00**

**Library Club**

**Come and make new  
friends. Over 60s first  
Tuesday of every month**

For more details please ring 01452 863 681 or 01452 862730

**Adult Education**  
Spanish, French, English  
and Italian classes  
Yoga, Stay Fit and Well

**Book Club**  
Last Monday of  
every month  
3:00 pm

**Ear Acupuncture**  
Thursdays 10:00 –  
12:00

**Baby Bounce and  
Rhyme**  
Wednesday 10:30 –  
11:00

**New I.T. Suite, photocopier, fax, laminator and shredder are  
available**



# National Plant Monitoring Scheme

Monitoring our wild flowers

## What is it?

The National Plant Monitoring Scheme (NPMS) is organised and funded by BSBI, CEH, JNCC and Plantlife. The aim is to collect data to provide an annual indication of changes in plant abundance and diversity.



## Why is it needed?

Thanks to volunteers, we have a very good understanding of changes in the populations of birds, butterflies and bats. Plants are the foundations of ecosystems, but currently we do not have a good measure of changes in plant populations.



## How will it work?

This is a scientific survey, so you will be randomly allocated a convenient 1km square to visit. The visit involves recording plant 'indicator species' in plots. Within your 1km square you will record around 5 plots.

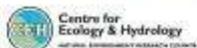


## Who can take part?

Anyone interested in nature who can identify plants, or who is keen to learn. Different levels of participation ensure that all who are keen can participate: you do not have to be an experienced botanist. There will be training materials provided and the opportunity to attend workshops throughout the year.



For more information visit: [www.npms.org.uk](http://www.npms.org.uk)



Plantlife





Touching Souls Tearooms  
By Tewkesbury Abbey  
Saturday 18th April  
Savebrockworth's greenbelt  
Will be serving  
Coffee and homemade cakes  
Light lunches  
10.30 until 2.30

***Mid Gloucestershire Bible Seminars***

***invite you to a new free seminar series starting mid-April***

**Genesis –**

a series of 10 weeks looking at the first book of the Bible

Find out about:

- The beginning of life on earth (Genesis 1-2)
- The origin of death and the promise of a Saviour (Genesis 3)
- The Flood: a new beginning (Genesis 6-11)
- The beginnings of the nation of Israel (Genesis 12-32)

Seminars run on Tuesday evenings at Brockworth Community Centre  
7.15pm – 8.45pm

For more information and start date see our website  
[www.midglosbibleseminars.com](http://www.midglosbibleseminars.com) or call us on 0800 270 7586

***'Like' us on our Facebook page : Mid Glos Bible Seminars***

## 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

