

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 July 2015, and the magazines will be delivered at the start of August. For advertising requests, please contact the publishers of the magazine (details inside front cover page).

News from Brockworth Parish Council

At the March meeting of the Parish Council, the Council decided to move the dates of the May meetings due to the Elections. The Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 20 May (instead of 6th May) and the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 27 May at 7pm.

There was concern at the meeting that funding for the youth provision from Tewkesbury Borough Council may be less than expected but since the meeting the funding has been confirmed as the full amount.

The Council agreed to replace the broken dog waste bin on Green Street, and also replace the litter bin on Shurdington Road. It was also agreed to update the safety surfacing under the Hip Hop play item at Mill Lane. Some urgent tree works had been carried out at the Nature Reserve at a cost of £730.

At the April meeting of the Council, the Chairman thanked all the councillors for their hard work for the past four years and ran through the major achievements such as gaining Quality Council Status, producing the Parish Plan, installing new play equipment and outdoor gym, winning Vibrant Village of the Year 2012 (newcomer category), and carrying out clearance of Horsbere Brook.

The Council agreed to fund the summer activities youth programme that Brockworth Community Project will run this year. The Council authorised the inspection of trees at the burial ground and Pound Farm playing field. It was noted that the latest dog-fouling campaign has resulted in a 35% reduction of dog fouling at Mill Lane and Pound Farm playing fields.

Annual contracts for 2015/16 were agreed, and the Council also awarded a grant of £500 to Castle Hill School for the annual fete, and £500 to Brockfest. The Council

also agreed to support Cheltenham Alliance in their campaign to fight the housing numbers in the Joint Core Strategy and committed £500 towards legal expenses.

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 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***

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 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

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT BROCKWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Contact 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
	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	
	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

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BEING A VOLUNTEER **“PUPPY PARENT”**

Angela is a volunteer puppy parent for Canine Partners. This is her story:

I first heard of Canine Partners about six years ago when there was an article in the Gloucestershire Echo asking people to think about becoming puppy parents.

There were plenty of fundraising events in the area but I wanted to do more. Dog training sounded a real possibility through which I could make a difference. I rang the puppy satellite trainer Heather at once and she came round to check our house for suitability. I remember her saying "oh dear... a cream carpet" which was perhaps not the most auspicious start to having a puppy! But the more I heard about the work the Charity does, for many causes of disability, the more enthusiastic I became. Heather checked that the garden was escape-proof and there was a small section to be the designated toilet area.

Each of the local training groups, called satellites, comes under the authority of Canine Partners' Southern Centre at Heyshott in West Sussex. The Gloucestershire satellite hadn't been going very long but the publicity was working and within a few months there were 14 dogs in it, many with new puppy parents, as we are called.

Joseph, my husband, and I were required to attend four sessions in a community hall, held once a week for a morning. I used to have tiny Yorkshire terriers in need of new homes years ago but this was going to be very different as the puppies would become assistance dogs not pets. We were given a list of commands and what the pups were expected to learn while they were with their puppy parents. I was hooked and filled with great excitement.

Joseph was actually away when Xindel, a golden ball of fluff, was brought to me early one evening. His brother was to continue on down to puppy parents in Somerset. Xindel's luggage was a small indoor crate with bedding, a lead, a whistle, food, bowls, vet book and brush. I stood in the kitchen when Heather had gone, holding this tiny, confused puppy in both hands at face level. We looked at each other... love at first sight. I'd always wanted a golden retriever and Canine Partners made this dream a reality. For the first two weeks it's full on... playing, feeding and putting them out to use the toilet area every half-hour or when the puppy looks to be thinking about it. They catch on fairly quickly. The first few nights require trips into the garden as soon as the first squeak is heard. Just as you think you're obviously going to have broken nights forever, it's over (usually no more than three or four nights) and the pup's sleeping through the night in the crate. At this point the crate can be moved downstairs, as initially it makes sense to have the crate in the puppy parents' bedroom.

Early days are short periods of play and lots of naps in the crate. Training can start at once. "Watch me" I said, holding a small treat held between my eyes and the puppy's. The pup learns to have eye contact. They are not allowed to pounce on their food as soon as it's put on the floor as a person with disabilities will not want to be pounced on by a full grown dog whilst trying to do this. The rule is "Sit...wait". Two pipes on the whistle and "OK". That means the pup can eat. There are many such training bits I had to come to grips with but there was always a logical reason behind each one. Patience, persistence, time and kindness is what it takes. These lovely pups respond well to these and are so anxious to please. Little treats are used to reward good behaviour, along with praise and a pat. Bad behavior is ignored and from the puppy distracted from continuing it. A steep learning curve for parents and puppies but we love every moment.

Our particular group, which meets in Stonehouse, is full of a new group of friends. We support each other and chat things through. At the end of the training session we go to a local pub for lunch, getting to know each other, hearing about our lives and discussing what's gone on at that morning's class.

The Charity provides all necessary equipment, pays for food, a mileage allowance and vet care. There are foster parents who will have the puppies while we're away on holiday. The puppies I have trained have stayed in hotels, been in restaurants, round stately homes, in pubs, in the church, the cinema and concerts. There's a lot of interest in what we do. People often ask how I can bear to part with them after 14 months. The real answer is they aren't my dogs and what they are going on to do is far more important than how I feel.

The dogs go on to advanced training before being matched with a person who has disabilities and training is focused on their specific needs. The partner and the dog spend a fortnight in residence with one of the dedicated advanced trainers before the dog and partner go home. There's a follow up team of after-care people to help the adjustment along and deal with any problems. After a successful six months, we have the celebrations of the graduation ceremony.

One of my dogs, a black lab called Hagrid, has recently been partnered with a young man confined to a wheelchair. We went to Canine Partners Southern Centre recently for his graduation where I met his delightful partner and received a riotous welcome from Hagrid himself. Each of the partners gives an account of the difference our dogs have made to their lives...always moving and thought-provoking. I'm on my fourth dog now...each one different and wonderful. Although it can be demanding it is so worthwhile to change the life of a disabled person who may be housebound, lacking confidence or hating to keep asking others for help. These dogs change lives and we have the privilege of being able to be part of the process. We can really make a difference.

Would you like to help transform the life of someone with a disability? We are looking for more people like Angela willing to take on the early training of a puppy that will one day do something amazing. The Gloucestershire Canine Partners puppy training satellite is looking for volunteer puppy parents, who need to be able to attend weekly puppy classes. Reasonable travel expenses will be covered and puppy food, toys, equipment, all veterinary costs and training is provided.

For further information on becoming a puppy parent email Heather Loan at gloucester@caninepartners.org.uk, call her on 07826 232727 or visit caninepartners.org.uk/gloucestershire.

About Canine Partners

Canine Partners is a registered charity that assists people with disabilities to enjoy a greater independence and quality of life through the provision of specially trained dogs, whose wellbeing is a key consideration.

More than 1.2 million people in the UK use a wheelchair, and a significant number of those would benefit from a canine partner. The dogs are carefully matched to the applicant's needs and lifestyle, no matter how challenging. They are trained to help with everyday tasks such as opening and shutting doors, unloading the washing machine, picking up dropped items, pressing buttons and switches and getting help in an emergency. The Charity is working in partnership with Help for Heroes, and aims to train dogs to meet the needs of people with even the most complex disabilities including members of HM Armed Forces.

These life transforming dogs also provide practical, physiological, psychological and social benefits including increased independence and confidence as well as increased motivation and self-esteem. A canine partner also brings companionship, a sense of security and increases social interaction.

Canine Partners receives no government funding and is wholly dependent on public donations and legacies.

**For further press information contact Laura Molyneux,
P:01730 716052, E: lauram@caninepartners.org.uk**

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T 08456 580480 F 08456 580481 E info@caninepartners.org.uk**

**Visit Canine Partners' Web site at www.caninepartners.org.uk
Registered charity number 803680 Registered in Scotland SCO39050**

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

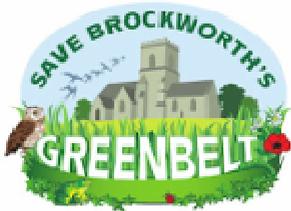


CLUB MEETINGS are held at St George's Church Centre on Court Road in Brockworth on Monday evenings at 7.30pm.

UPCOMING DATES

15 th June	Video Masterclass
13 th July	Social evening
7 th Sept	Open Competition No. 2 Specialised Subject Competition ("Footprints")
21 st Sept	Practical Session

**For further information please contact the Secretary John Green on
01452 531838 - www.gloucesterfilmmakers.org.uk**



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

We would like to congratulate our lottery winners for
April and May. The lottery has now ended.
Carol Summers £50 Caryn Smith £10
Richard Ellis £50 John Parsons £10

Thank you to those of you who joined our lottery. This helped us to raise
almost £2000! Our grand total at the moment stands at £6,500.

With another £1,500 to raise to reach our target of £8000, we will be
organising fund raising events for the next few months. Please look out for
these on the Parish Notice Boards.

There will be a fun quiz night on July 4th this was a very popular event in
April...so get your tickets early! 01452 863123.

SBGB has been delighted to receive several donations over the last month.
Many thanks to those of you who have given so generously. If you would
like to make a donation you can do so at the Parish Council ,Community
Centre Court Road. Cheques made payable to Save Brockworth Green Belt,
thank you.

Below is some information to update you on the latest situation regarding our
Green Belt:

The Joint Core Strategy

The enquiry in public runs from May 14th for 6 weeks.

The public can attend all sessions which will be held in Cheltenham Council
Offices.

An independent inspector, Elisabeth Ord, will determine whether the JCS is
sound or unsound.

The JCS has identified our Green Belt as a strategic site for development.
SBGB, will be able to take part in the enquiry. Brockworth is being discussed
on July 10th and Green Belt development on July 8th.

A final decision on the JCS will take several weeks.

Brockworth Green Belt enquiry

This enquiry begins on July 28th at Tewkesbury Borough Council offices.
This enquiry is also open to the public.

It is expected to last 6 days.

At this enquiry, we are being represented by a barrister and solicitor and for this we have needed to raise several thousands of pounds.

An independent inspector, Jennifer Vyse, will consider the application from the landowners to build 1500 houses on Brockworth Green Belt.

Her final decision on the matter will then go to the Secretary of State who may agree or disagree with her findings.

So, lots to look forward too!

Thank you for supporting us. It has taken 3 long years so far and it heartening to know that had we not stepped in, the diggers would have arrived and building would most likely have already begun.

We will continue to do all we can to prevent Brockworth from over development and to help protect our surrounding countryside.



Brockworth Youth Project

Court Road, Brockworth



Programme from April 2015

Day	Time	Session	Ages	Staff
Monday	6.00- 8.00	Seniors	Year 8+	Jama Helen
Tuesday	5.30- 7.30	Juniors	Years 5-7	Jama Charlotte
Wednesday	7.00- 9.00	Sports Coaching	Year 8+	Paul Harry
Thursday	6.30- 8.30	Juniors	Years 5-7	Helen Debbie
Friday	7.00- 9.00	Seniors	Year 8+	Debbie Rosie

Young people will only be allowed entry to the correct session for their age.

For more information please contact 01452 863681 or just turn up

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

Tel: 01452 863681

Email: admin@brockworthcommunityproject.org.uk

www.brockworthcommunityproject.org.uk



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.



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 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.



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
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**



Are you interested in Sports?

Do you want to develop skills in coaching and leadership?

Are you motivated to develop yourself and others?

Would you like to boost your CV?

FREE Level 1 Course in Sports leadership for young people aged 13+

Brockworth Community Project are running a qualification through Sports Leaders to allow young people to gain a nationally recognised qualification in Sports Leadership. The aims of the project are as follows:

- To encourage Young People to develop skills in coaching, communication and leadership.
- To provide a stepping stone into employment, further education or training.
- To develop generic leadership skills that will be vital in other areas of life.
- To allow those who are not sports superstars to take a full and active role in sport and physical activity.
- To increase self-confidence through taking responsibility for own and others learning and enjoyment.
- To enhance the programme of activities available at Brockworth Youth Centre.

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis

The qualification is FREE and is open to anyone aged 13 or over. It will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7.00-9.00.

Please contact Hayley Thomson on 01452 863681/
Hayley.thomson@brockworthcommunityproject.org.uk for further information and an application form.

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





Beavers	from 6 years to 8 years
Cubs	from 8 years to 10+years
Scouts	from 10+ years to 14+ years
Explorers	from 14+ years to 18 years
Leaders/Helpers	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 .

Group Scout Contact – Simon Jefferies – 08450 949716



The 29th 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!