

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 January 2014, and the magazines will be delivered at the start of February. For advertising requests, please

contact the publishers of the magazine (details inside front cover page).

News from Brockworth Parish Council

At the parish council meeting in October, the parish council discussed a wide range of topics including whether Brockworth should complete a Neighbourhood Plan. The borough councillors gave updates about assistance available for parishes refreshing parish plans or starting neighbourhood plans and the draft Joint Core Strategy (which was available for public consultation 15th October until 13th December). There's some information about Neighbourhood Plans later on in this newsletter.

The parish council received the latest crime figures and noted that compared to the same month last year, crime was down. However, there have been complaints about anti-social behaviour and Tewkesbury Borough Council has suggested a project with young people at the skate park on Mill Lane and several councillors volunteered to help with the project.

The meeting also discussed issues relating to roads and pavements and noted that Lobeys Drive in Coopers Edge will be gritted by Gloucestershire Highways whilst doing other secondary routes, even though Highways have not yet adopted the road. Adoption of the road is likely to be another 12 months away.

Installation of pedestrian barriers at Mill Lane playing field to prevent motorbikes and cars going onto the field was discussed and more quotes requested before a decision can be made. An updated quote will be produced for the council for the outdoor gym equipment project at Pound Farm play area. The parish council has now leased the nature reserve off Green Street and the council agreed to install signage to show that the parish council is now managing the site. The Clerk will



organise a couple of volunteer work days each year to maintain the site in accordance with the lease agreement (if you are interested in getting involved please contact the Parish Clerk).

At the November parish council meeting, the councillors discussed the draft budget for 2014/15 and will discuss this in more detail at the December meeting. The council will also consider a request for funding towards the community library. It was noted that the current recycling rate in Tewkesbury borough is 54%.

Work to alleviate flooding on Ermin Street is scheduled to start on 13th January 2014 by Gloucestershire Highways. The parish council approved repairs to the aerial runway (play equipment), repairs to the footpath across Mill Lane field, and repair of the wooden footbridge across Horsbere Brook. Two new dog waste bins will be ordered for the Kennel Lane development (Watermead) and will be installed as soon as possible.

The parish council is going to plant poppies at the War Memorial to commemorate the centenary of World War 1. Grants were given to The Welcome Club and the Day Centre to help support Christmas outings.

A planning consultant will produce a response to the draft Joint Core Strategy on behalf of the parish council. The council felt that every effort must be made to prevent the loss of green belt.

Lastly, the parish council would like to look more into producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish and will invite Gloucestershire Rural Community Council to give a presentation to the parish council about the work involved in preparing a Plan.

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

Monday

9.15am to 10.45am	The Brockworth Dawn Chorus Choir
11am to midday	Beginners' Line Dancing
6.30pm to 8.30pm	Yoga for Pregnancy / Relax, Stretch & Breathe drop-in
7pm to 10pm	Youth Club (via Youth Centre)

Tuesday

9am to 12pm	Tewkesbury Borough Council Advice
9.45-10.45am	Yoga & Relaxation
1.30pm to 2.30pm	Village & Community Agents
1.30pm to 3.00pm	Line Dancing
1.30pm to 4.30pm	Citizens Advice Bureau
7.15pm to 8.15pm	Dance Figures
5pm to 7pm	Youth Club (via Youth Centre)

Wednesday

9am to 2pm (every 4 weeks)	Chiropody
11am to 12pm	Parent & Toddler Coffee Morning
2pm to 4pm (every 2 weeks)	Linda's Tea Dance
7pm to 9pm	Youth Club (via Youth Centre)

Thursday

9.30am to 12.30pm	Brockworth CC Art Class
2pm	Walking Club – walks are 30 to 60 mins
2pm to 4pm	Tewkesbury Borough Council Advice
2.30pm to 3.30pm	Parent & Toddler Afternoon tea
8.15pm to 10.15pm	Line Dancing

Friday

12pm to 2pm	Over-60s luncheon
4.45pm to 5.45pm	Street Dance
6.30pm to 7.30pm	Functional Core Training
6.30pm to 9pm	Youth Club (via Youth Centre)

Saturday

9.30am to 11am	Fine Steps Dance Class
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Sunday

10.30am	Cornerstone Church
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Rooms also available to hire – our main hall is ideal for children's parties, and costs just £11.04 per hour at weekends for Brockworth parish residents (includes use of kitchen). For further details,

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

COOPERS EDGE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We may be a little early but we would like advise you that this year the Coopers Edge School Christmas Fayre will be held on Thursday 5th December between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. We know how quickly your diaries fill up!

Please put this date in your diary and come along and support the children, who will be selling their handmade Christmas crafts as well as entertaining you all with their beautiful singing!

If you'd like to run a stall on this evening please contact the School Office on 01452 612038 (or e-mail: admin@coopersedge.gloucs.sch.uk) The cost of a stall will be £10.00, payable in advance.

We look forward to seeing you there!



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

Neighbourhood Plans are about much more than housing, but having a Plan does give a community the power to make planning policy, and also the responsibility to meet and support growth. Neighbourhood Plans also give the opportunity for investment through the Community Infrastructure Levy (communities with a neighbourhood plan receive 25% of the Levy, which can be lots of money to invest back in the community).

There are a number of steps to follow for a neighbourhood plan before it becomes adopted. Without a Neighbourhood Plan, we will always be at the mercy of housing developers! The good news is that there is funding available to help support communities undertaking a plan. See here for more information about neighbourhood plans in general:

<http://www.grcc.org.uk/neighbourhood-development-plans/neighbourhood-development-plans> .

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
4	Stagecoach	Gloucester – Abbeydale – Coopers Edge – Brockworth	2 per hour (Terminates at Cross Hands)	1 per hour (Terminates at Whittle Inn)
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



BROCKWORTH DOCTORS'
SURGERY CAN BE
TELEPHONED ON:
01452 862247



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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| 9 th Dec | Christmas Dinner |
| 6 th Jan | "Out of the Hat" – members select a title out of the hat & must make a short film (about 5 mins) on that subject. Judging will take place on 15 th Sept. |
| 20 th Jan | Runners up from 2013 Competitions.
Muriel Gray Trophy. |
| 3 rd Feb | Practical evening |
| 17 th Feb | Holiday / Travelogue Competition
Butwell Trophy. |

Do you take video footage with your camcorder, camera or phone and then end up doing nothing with it? Or maybe you don't take video when you could, for the same reason? If you want to make the most of video that you take then why not come along to "**Video for Beginners**", **two free classes** being run by Gloucester Film Makers starting on Monday, 3 February 2014, at 7:30 pm at St George's Church Centre, Court Road, Brockworth.

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

www.gloucesterfilmmakers.org.uk

Yoga & Relaxation

Brockworth Community Centre



- Suitable for all abilities
- Ongoing classes
- Join at anytime
- Tuesdays - 9.45am

**Contact Rosamund
01242 250853**

BWY Teacher, Dip. Stress Management

Email: rosamundwebster@hotmail.co.uk

Website: rosamundwebster.com



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.





Needed!

At Brockworth House

Care Centre

FFI: Contact:

Philippa Smith

(Volunteers Co-ordinator)

01452 864066

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

Tel: 01452 863681

Email: admin@brockworthcommunityproject.org.uk

www.brockworthcommunityproject.org.uk



Brockworth Community Library

Knit and Natter

Monday 2 – 3:00

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10:30 – 11

Thursday 2 – 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 on the
first Tuesday of
every month at 2:00**

Adult Education

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

Ear Acupuncture Thursdays 10 –12

IT Suite available when library is open

Photocopier and Fax available



The NHS 111 Service is now available in Gloucestershire.

This three-digit number gives patients access to advice and local NHS healthcare services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls from landlines and mobiles are free.

NHS 111 gets you through to a team of fully trained call advisers, who are supported by experienced clinicians.

They will ask you questions to assess your symptoms and give you the healthcare advice you need or direct you to the right local service. If they think you need an ambulance, they will send one immediately.

- You should call NHS 111 if:
- You need medical help fast, but it is not a 999 life threatening emergency
- You don't know who to call for medical help; or
- You don't think it can wait for an appointment with your GP (or if you don't have a GP).

For more information on your healthcare options, including services provided by your pharmacy, GP surgery and community minor injury unit, visit: www.choosewellglos.nhs.uk

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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
CHRISTMAS
MAGIC COMES TO
BROCKWORTH
LIBRARY



MEET SANTA
IN HIS CHRISTMAS
GROTTO!



16TH - 23RD DEC
MON, TUES & THURS
3-5PM

£2.50 per child
refreshments available



Brockworth
Community Project

REFUSE & RECYLING – CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Collections that would normally be scheduled from Wednesday 25 to Friday 27 December will not take place (like last year). Collections will take place for food waste the following week and the missed bin the following fortnight.

The collection schedule is as follows:

Normal collection day	Christmas collection changes
Monday 23 December 2013	Monday 23 December 2013
Tuesday 24 December 2013	Tuesday 24 December 2013
Wednesday 25 December 2013	No collection
Thursday 26 December 2013	No collection
Friday 27 December 2013	No collection
Monday 30 December 2013	Monday 30 December 2013
Tuesday 31 December 2013	Tuesday 31 December 2013
Wednesday 1 January 2014	Thursday 2 January 2014
Thursday 2 January 2014	Friday 3 January 2014
Friday 3 January 2014	Saturday 4 January 2014

If your green bin is missed 25 to 27 December:

Residents can put out extra bags of refuse but only on the next collection (Wednesday 8 to Friday 10 January). The crews will be instructed to take this side waste from households. Please recycle as much as possible as this will reduce the quantity of refuse in the green bin. If residents wish, additional waste can be taken to the [household recycling centres](#) (near Stoke Orchard or Hempstead); they are only closed Christmas Day and New Year's day.

If your blue bin is missed 25 to 27 December:

Residents can put out extra recycling the following fortnight on the next collection day (Wednesday 8 to Friday 10 January) either in special blue bags or in a suitable container such as a recycling box. The crews will be instructed to take extra recycling from households. There are also recycling banks in the area and also the household recycling centres. More information here: www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/recycling.

If your food waste is missed 25 to 27 December:

The next collection will be the following week and a day later than usual: Wednesday 2 January to Saturday 5 January. Residents are advised to use compostable liners or newspaper to double wrap food waste, keep the outdoor caddy lid shut and use the handle to lock it. Uncooked fruit and

vegetable waste (stalks, peeling, seeds etc.) can be home composted. A limited number of food waste liners are available to give to residents to double wrap their food waste. See below for more details.

If your garden waste is missed 25 to 27 December:

The next collection will be the following fortnight. Garden waste at this time of the year is exceptionally low. Real Christmas trees can be put out alongside (or small ones inside) the garden waste bins.

Extra blue bags and food waste liners

Brockworth Community Centre will hold a stock of blue bags and food waste liners to help residents with their recycling over the Christmas and New Year holiday; please call into reception during normal opening hours to collect. Blue bags and liners are also available from Tewkesbury Borough Offices and area offices.



**BROCKWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPEN TIMES**

MONDAY 23 DECEMBER - OPEN 9AM TO 5PM

TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER - OPEN 9AM TO 1PM

WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER - CLOSED

THURSDAY 26 DECEMBER - CLOSED

FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER - CLOSED

SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER - CLOSED

SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER - CLOSED

MONDAY 30 DECEMBER - OPEN 9AM TO 5PM

TUESDAY 31 DECEMBER - OPEN 9AM TO 1PM

WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY - CLOSED

THURSDAY 2 JANUARY ONWARDS - BACK TO NORMAL
OPENING HOURS

Neighbourhood Watch Information

Aims:

- To reduce opportunities for crime and to make it more difficult for the would-be thief, vandal or criminal to act.
- To build up a community spirit so that you and all your neighbours can work together for everybody's benefit.
- To work in partnership with the police and local organisations to raise awareness and, where possible, minimise the fear of crime.

How do we achieve this?

Neighbourhood Watch members help to reduce crime and the fear of crime by keeping an eye on each other's properties, sharing crime prevention advice and by building a two-way communication with the police.

Neighbourhood Watch also helps to improve the safety of communities as a whole. Practical action can reduce the fear of crime and improve community spirit. Many Neighbourhood Watch members in Gloucestershire agree that being part of NHW has revived/improved the community spirit in their area.

You can feel secure knowing that your neighbours are always keeping an eye on your property. You can also get lower insurance premiums from some insurance companies.

Gloucestershire Constabulary is indebted to co-ordinators for providing details of suspicious people and incidents in an effort to continue the fight against crime. In support of this, Gloucestershire Constabulary has helped develop an automated messaging system called 'Watchword' to keep co-ordinators abreast of current crime trends or on occasions seeking information from them in response to descriptions of vehicles or suspects.

Becoming involved in Neighbourhood Watch

If your area is not already covered by a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and you are interested in starting one the Neighbourhood Watch field officer for your area will be able to provide you with the necessary help to start a scheme.

This usually involves canvassing your neighbours for support, meeting informally to discuss how the scheme will operate and identifying a co-ordinator and deputy as the

contacts to organise and run the scheme. As every scheme will vary in size and location the co-ordinators and members will determine how it will best operate to achieve its local aims.

Regular communication is achieved through the Watchword system already referred to, in addition to regular local newsletters. This is supported by access to comprehensive information and literature published by the National Neighbourhood Watch Association, the Home Office and Gloucestershire Constabulary.

For further information, email: william.carpenter@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

SCAM MAIL

Scams can come to you by phone, email or post. There are many different types of scams, such as fake lotteries and prize draws, get-rich-quick schemes, bogus health cures, investment scams and pyramid selling, to name just a few. It's important to note there is a difference between scam mail and legitimate mail sent by companies to advertise lawful services or the sale of genuine goods. Scam mail is sent for the sole intention of obtaining money through deception and/or fraud.

If you or a family member has received scam mail, you can report it to Royal Mail. If you have received items of mail you believe to be from fraudsters please send them to Royal Mail, with a covering letter to:

Freepost
Scam Mail
PO Box 797
EXETER
EX1 9UN

SAVE OUR GREENBELT

Over sixty residents attended a meeting organised by Save Brockworth Green Belt, at the Church Centre. The purpose of the meeting was to inform residents of the Joint Core Strategy Process and how they can make their own response to the consultation; in this, we were strongly supported by our four speakers, Mark Calway, Ian Bickerton, Alistair Cameron and Richard Lloyd from CPRE.

Brockworth has been identified as a strategic site for building in the JCS. The Green Belt to the north of the village is at risk and a planning application for 1500 has been received by TBC. Save Brockworth Green Belt and the Parish Council are committed to saving the Green Belt. Green Belt land should be used as a last resort only when all other alternatives, especially Brownfield sites are exhausted, not as an easy first option. One speaker quoted that "Gloucester City Council wants Brockworth as an urban extension of the City", yet Gloucester already has a six year supply of building land.

19,000 houses already have planning permission within the JCS which in itself is over ten years housing supply. The Green Belt in Brockworth and other areas of the JCS are at risk for no good reason. The number of houses seen as needed is highly questionable, being based on figures that it is suggested are over-estimated by more than 150%, and not robust enough. A new survey is due out in March 2014, which should inform future housing need more accurately and numbers are expected to be lower.

The village has sustained a tremendous amount of building in recent years. Coopers Edge remains unfinished with 1000 homes still to be built. Alongside this are the very real issues of increased traffic on a road system already struggling, road noise at an unacceptable decibel level and the raised flood risk for both the established village and further downstream to Gloucester. Our last open green space is also valuable agricultural land so there is a lot to fight for.

The Joint Core Strategy display and presentation was held at the Community Centre on the 7th November. Responses to the public consultation were expected by 13th December 2013. info@gct-jcs.org