

BROCKWORTH PARISH

Welcome to the Brockworth Council pages of the magazine. We hope you have enjoyed 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, 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).

For parish council information, meeting dates, minutes of meetings, please see the Brockworth Parish Council website www.brockworth-pc.gov.uk

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 Citizens Advice Bureau will be offering a drop-in session on Tuesday afternoons 1.30 to 4.30pm at Brockworth Community Centre.

Come and talk to advisors about Housing, Debt, Benefits, Employment, Discrimination, Family matters and much more. No bookings needed, just call in and wait to be seen. Please see www.adviceguide.org.uk for further advice and information.

A new Tai Chi class is starting at Brockworth Community Centre and beginners are especially welcome. The class will be on **Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm beginning on 25th May**. The first class is free and if you wish to continue the cost is £3 per class.

Tai Chi can improve your posture, balance, strength and energy levels through regular practice. No special clothes are required but most people find loose clothing and flat shoes most comfortable for practice.

For further details please call or text Olly on 0750 868 6315 or visit www.chirolling.com

Ian Hollingsbee is asking residents for help with his research on the prisoner of war camps in the county. Do you know, or know of someone who might recall the POW Camps at Brockworth. Ian would be grateful if any member can help and can be contacted on 01452 411502 or on his email at ian.hollingsbee@blueyonder.co.uk

The “Shell Land”

Brockworth Parish Council bought the land behind the Shell garage some years ago and it is known locally as “The Shell Land”. In the last edition of the magazine we asked for your suggestions on a better name for this piece of land. Here are some of the suggestions. If you can think of any more, then please email me on clerk@brockworth-pc.gov.uk

Birdlip View, Chandos Meadow, Cheese Rolling View, Cheese Rolling Way, Cooper’s Bottom, Cooper’s Look Out, Crosshands Copse, Crosshands Green, Crosshands Meadow, Crosshands Park, Crosshands Reserve, Ermin Meadow, Horsebere Meadow, Hunts Meadow, Meadow Vista, Meadow Walk, Parish Meadow, The Sanctuary, Turnpike Meadow, Woodland Way

Building ‘Your Circle’ - helping you to live independently

‘Your Circle’ is your support network of trusted people, places and services, created by you.

We often build circles of support to help make our lives a little easier and we want to help you to develop an even stronger circle to help you live an independent life for as long as possible.

To help you do this Gloucestershire County Council has developed a website www.yourcircle.org.uk which gives you access to a wide range of advice and support available in Gloucestershire. It brings together all those things that help you keep your independence, including local clubs, financial advice, volunteer opportunities, support groups, help in your own home and much more – ultimately helping you get more out of life.

If you haven’t got access to the internet at home, you may want to visit an Information Point, for example in an internet café, community group or library. Or why not get a friend, family member or trusted contact to help you? Visit www.yourcircle.org.uk and start to explore the local support available.

For a copy of our leaflet ‘Live life your way’, which explains the steps that you can take to build or enhance your circle of support, contact the Adult Social Care Helpdesk on 01452 426868 or download a copy from www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/yourcircleinfo. (Large print, Easy Read and audio versions also available).

COUNTY COUNCIL COMPOST BIN PRICE INCREASE

From 1st April 2011, the price of a compost bin from the County Council is going up:

220 litre Compost Converter £15.00

330 litre Compost Converter £18.00

Delivery charge per order £5.49

If you buy two, you pay half price for the second bin.

By composting at home, you not only reduce the amount of waste that is sent to landfill, but also create some useful compost for your garden within 9 to 12 months.

In addition to garden waste - tea bags, vegetable peelings, coffee grounds, crushed egg shells, corrugated cardboard, wool and shredded confidential documents, can all be added to your compost bin.

You can buy a compost bin by logging on to www.recycleforgloucestershire.com and follow the composting link or simply call 0844 571 4444.

BROCKWORTH PARISH PLAN

By the time this article goes to print we will have delivered 3500 parish plan surveys to all households in Brockworth, with many thanks to our 35 volunteers who spent 2 weekends delivering and collecting the parish survey. Anyone that has missed the collection of their completed survey can drop it off at Brockworth Community Centre in the box provided.

It doesn't end there of course. The completed surveys will be taken to the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council who will analyse the responses. Once the analysis has been completed, we will publish all the results in the parish magazine so you can see the overall responses to our questions.

Then we need to come up with an action plan. Some of the actions will be quite simple – a new litter bin here and a dog bin there. However, some actions will become bigger projects that need fundraising to achieve. The parish plan results will give us the evidence we need to apply for grants such as from the lottery fund, so new play equipment or community garden could be possible in the future and we'll gradually shape Brockworth over the next 5 years.

The Chase Hotel kindly donated the prize for the free prize draw and the winner of the meal for two will be announced in the next edition of the newsletter.

*“Brockworth Parish Plan: Proud of the Past,
Improving the Future for Everyone”*

“Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives.”

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 20th May 2011

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 20th May 2011 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA’s information and support 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 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 100 suppers taking part in England and Wales and we raised £6,000. In 2011 we want to double that figure and ensure we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people.

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 lead independent lives.

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 Officer, 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.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.”

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 extn 229 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk

SEVERN VALE HOUSING SOCIETY FIRST WALKABOUT

The first estate walkabout in Brockworth highlighted some important matters that will need the attention of Severn Vale Housing and its partner agents.

Several customers joined Severn Vale Housing staff, borough and parish councillors as well as local police and our contract cleaners on a two-hour walkabout of the area on the Greenbank side.

They visited a block of flats to see the much improved communal areas which now look brighter and cleaner.

The group was concerned that the brook that runs through the estate is badly overgrown which could pose problems if the stream overflows.

Severn Vale Housing will be looking at ways to involve residents in creating a conservation area at the bottom of the stream where there is a holding pool.

Helping to Keep Our Village Clean!

Brockworth Parish Council has received a number of reports that dog walkers have not cleared up after their dogs. Certain areas such as on the verges in Mill Lane and on the playing field, Humber Place and also the Rowan Gardens area have been particularly affected.

If you are a dog owner, please be responsible and considerate to others. Keep your dog under control and pick up all dog waste and place in one of the numerous Dog Waste Bins around the village.

Dog waste bags are available for Brockworth residents, on production of proof of address, from the Community Centre in Court Road.

This is your neighbourhood: let's take pride and look after our open spaces.

If you are aware of an owner failing to clean up after his or her dog, a polite request may achieve the desired result. However, where persistent offenders are concerned further action may prove necessary. In such a case, make a note of the name and address of the person in charge of the dog, a description of the dog, and the date, time and place of the offence(s).

If you witness dog fouling that is not cleared up you can report it to
Environmental Health
Tewkesbury Borough Council on
01684 272191
ehenquiries@tewkesbury.gov.uk

Spring Term at Castle Hill Primary School

Our term started with an Ofsted Inspection. We were congratulated by the County Director of Learning and Development, Jo Grills, on achieving "good" for overall effectiveness and for sustained improvement. She wrote 'The school should feel justifiably proud of such a positive report which praises the school's high aspirations and ethos. The report describes the way in which individual pupils are known and valued as unique individuals. Pupils achieve good outcomes.'

We are now also a 'Rights Respecting School' having just been visited by Unicef and awarded this achievement. This is the completion of a project that we have spent the year working towards. This means that we are a follower of the Unicef Conventions in everything we do. They found that 'Pupils' talents have flourished because the well ordered school community encourages pupils to consider their rights and to live up to their responsibilities.'

The team is strong here at Castle Hill and not a day goes by without me being proud of something or someone. Hopefully, we are building the foundations of children that will continue to build on the knowledge, skills and aspirations they have, to help Brockworth continue to be a community of strength.

Brockworth Children's Centre

For those of you who don't know where we are, "We are located within the grounds of the Brockworth Primary School on Moorfield Road". The centre has a reputation as a place of opportunity, education and fun for children and adults alike.

As you might have noticed the Children's Centre has undergone a bit of a makeover in the last few weeks. We have made some alterations to the playroom giving more space. New fencing has been erected making the outside space larger and more secure.

The main sessions available on a weekly basis include; **Monday**-Baby Group (am) and Child Minders Drop In (pm) **Tuesday**-Toddler Time 0-2 yrs (am) and Baby Clinic /Health Visitor Drop In (pm) **Wednesday**-Polish Group (am), **Friday**-Stay and Play 0-5yrs and Ante-natal Drop-in (am).

The centre staff can also offer help and advice on more specific support groups available to Access such as Ante Natal Classes, Parenting, Weaning, Baby Massage, Smoking Cessation, Teenage Pregnancy, Helping with Debt & Financial matters whilst promoting emotional health and wellbeing on a one to one basis if required.

For those of you that are interested in seeking employment, finding schools, bus timetables or benefits advice we have our Family Information Point that is free and available to use daily.

Dad's Group – unfortunately Saturday 26th March 2011 will be the last Dad's Group on a Saturday. This is mainly due to the budget cuts next year and low attendance. We appreciate there is a small number of Dads and their children who attend on a regular basis and are obviously disappointed that this group is finishing. We do need more Dads and children to make it viable and will consider restarting at a later date if there is more interest. If there

are any other Dads who would be interested in attending in the future, please contact the centre.

Annual Fete will take place on **Saturday 7th May** 2011 from 10am to 12pm to raise funds for our Mini Farm event. We would welcome any donations of clean saleable children's clothes, toys, books, plants and CD/DVD's (Sorry NO videos) that we can sell to raise money for the centre. If you are a local business and would like to make a donation of products or a gift voucher that we could use as a raffle prize, these will be gratefully received.

If you would like any further information about how we can help you or any of our groups/sessions please call in for a chat, alternatively contact us on 01452 863617 or via email on Brockworthcc@gloucestershire.gov.uk and we can send out timetables and leaflets of the services and groups available.

BROCKWORTH YOUTH CENTRE - WEEKLY PROGRAMME

Day	Time	SESSION	School Year
Mon	4:00-6:00	FOOTBALL	7-11
	4:45-6:30	INTERMEDIATES	8-11
	7:00-9:00	BROCKWORTH YOUTH COLLECTIVE	11+
Tues			
Weds	1:00-3:00	BROCKWORTH SCHOOL SUPPORT	8-11
	7:00-9:00	SENIORS	11+
Thurs	4:30-6:30	JUNIORS	6 + 7
	6:30-8:30	INTERMEDIATES	8-11
Fri	6:00-9:00	OPEN YOUTH CLUB	7-13

Tabletop Sale advert removed due to space constraints on website.