

BROCKWORTH PARISH

Welcome to the Brockworth pages of the magazine. This is the third edition that Brockworth Parish Council has contributed to along with the Brockworth Youth Centre. 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 (address below) so that we can include in the next edition of the magazine. The deadline for the next edition is 10th November. 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

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

This once-weekly service is initially on a 3 month trial to see if it is useful to our residents. 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. The CAB hopes to see up to 12 people in the 3 hour session. The service starts on Tuesday 14th September at Brockworth Community Centre. Please see www.adviceguide.org.uk for further advice and information.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT BROCKWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Fancy a spot of dancing? Once a fortnight, there is a Wednesday afternoon tea dance at the Community Centre. If you would like to spend a couple of hours dancing the afternoon away, please come along. Please contact the organiser Linda on 01452 612051.

Or maybe you would like to try something a bit more modern. Street House Studios runs weekly dance lessons on Friday afternoon for under 16s. Please call into the Community Centre for more information.

Regular weekly activities:

Monday

5.30pm to 10pm Youth Club (via Youth Centre)

Tuesday

10am to 12pm Community Project English

12.30pm to 2.30pm Community Project Maths

4.30pm to 9.30pm Youth Club (via Youth Centre)

Wednesday

9am to 2pm (every 4th week) Chiropody

2pm to 4pm (every 2 weeks) Linda's Tea Dance

Thursday

9.30am to 12.30pm Brockworth CC Art Class

12.45pm to 2.45pm Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness Club

2pm to 4pm Walking Club (meets at 2pm)

3.45pm to 7.45pm Slimming World

Friday

12pm to 2pm Over-60s luncheon

3.30pm to 6.30pm Street Dance

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL ADVICE SERVICE

Tewkesbury Borough Advice & Information is still available at Brockworth Community Centre on Tuesdays 9am to 12pm and Thursdays 2pm to 4pm. To contact Tewkesbury Borough Council at any other time, please telephone 01684 295010

LUNCH CLUB AT BROCKWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

The over-60s lunch club at Brockworth Community Centre has been a great success. The lunch is run weekly on Fridays and we have approx 25 people attend each week. Booking is essential or there might not be enough food to go around! Two-course lunch with a drink is £3.00. To reserve your place, please ring the Community Centre on 01452 863123.

Brockworth Parish Council Offices, Brockworth Community Centre, Court Road, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4ET
Tel: 01452 863123 Email: clerk@brockworth-pc.gov.uk

Community Centre Opening Times: Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm (Parish Office open Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm)

Light lunches and refreshments available at the Centre on Tuesday to Thursday 10am to 2pm.

DOG WASTE BAGS

FREE to Residents of
Brockworth!

Collect your free pack from Brockworth Community Centre. Make sure you bring along proof of address to qualify for the free bags.

FOOD WASTE BAGS are
available to buy from:

Usk Stores on Usk Way in
Brockworth

Also available from Tesco
Supermarket or online at
www.gardeningdelights.co.uk

HEALTH WALKS

We meet every Thursday, 2pm at the Brockworth Community Centre. Walks are between 30 minutes and 60 minutes long, and geared to all within the group. It is fun, enjoyable, and social, and increases fitness and wellbeing. A cup of tea or coffee is enjoyed by the group following the walk.

This is open for all, whatever your age or fitness.

A longer walk is normally available on the first Saturday of each month, departing the Community Centre at 10am.

Please contact Fiona Miles on 01452-864345 for further details, and to confirm the monthly Saturday walk.

PLAY EQUIPMENT IN BROCKWORTH

Over the past 3 years, a total of £27,000 has been spent on repairing and replacing vandalised and worn parts on the play areas in Brockworth. Graffiti and malicious damage are the main problems that our handyperson regularly deals with, replacing missing parts and cleaning off obscene graffiti.

This is an appeal to all residents to help stamp out the vandalism and we can stop spending so much money on this problem. The £27,000 that was spent could have gone towards new equipment instead of repairing the existing vandalised items.

A new roundabout would cost in the region of £6,000, and we have spent nearly £700 just on repairing one roundabout after 2 separate episodes of damage. If you see any vandalism or graffiti taking place please contact the police and let us know at the parish council offices. We want to save your council tax money for more useful things than dealing with mindless vandalism.

GODFREY BROWNING

As some of you will already know, Godfrey Browning recently passed away after suffering from a heart attack at his home. Godfrey has been a parish councillor for the past 20 years. He was also deputy mayor of Tewkesbury Borough for three years until 1999 before being made an honourable Alderman.

Godfrey was a kind and helpful man and will be greatly missed by the parish council. He was a good source of historical information and could be relied on to work hard for Brockworth.

Godfrey has a keen interest in aviation and wrote articles on the subject and was a member of the Jet Age Museum. Mr Browning was a *Where I Live* correspondent for *The Citizen* and the *Gloucestershire Echo*, and previously taught at the old Gloscat 20 years ago.

He was a rabbit enthusiast and bred the animals for show – he had been known to keep more than 50 rabbits at one time. He was spokesman of the Gloucester Rabbit Club for 20 years and in recent years joined the Cheltenham- based guinea pig club Wyevern Cavy.

Mr Browning was a keen table tennis player and was also a member of MidGlos Indoor Bowling Club, across the road from his home.

His funeral took place on Tuesday 7th September at St George's Church which was attended by over 100 mourners. His nephew Nick, children Claire Bruton and Glenn Browning, and his wife Eileen all spoke at the service.

A message of thanks for all the support the family has received was included in the Order of Service. Hymns *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, *Morning Has Broken*, and *Guide M O Thou Great Redeemer* were sung at the service.

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BROCKWORTH PARISH PLAN

It all seemed to go a bit quiet over the summer holidays but rest assured the steering group were still hard at work behind the scenes. We have had a good response to our initial consultation and a few common themes have started to appear:

Main 'Likes' about Brockworth:

Countryside feel

Friendly village

Lots of people have lived here a long time

Low-crime and quiet

Good local services including library, shops, schools, doctors and swimming

Parks

Good bus service to Gloucester and Cheltenham.

Main 'Dislikes' about Brockworth:

Over-development

Increasing traffic

Bus service does not go round the village roads

Not enough children / youth activities

Litter and dog fouling

Lack of car parking.

Our next steps include consulting with local businesses, and holding 3 public drop-in sessions. One drop-in session will be held at the Community Centre on Saturday 6th November 9.30am to 12.30pm. Come along for a complimentary drink and tell us your ideas on the feedback we've had so far and suggest possible ways for us all to address the issues. Keep a look out for posters publicising all 3 drop-in events, one will be held in the Abbotswood Road area and the other will be over in the Coopers Edge area.

More information also available on the website:
www.brockworth-pc.gov.uk

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

BROCKWORTH PHOTO COMPETITION

Over the summer months, we ran "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly" photo competition for residents of Brockworth. We asked that photos be sent in highlighting areas of Brockworth that were 'Good' or 'Bad' or 'Ugly'. We received a number of entries and we had an independent judge - Larry Wedley (a local photographer).

The winning entries can be seen on display during October in Brockworth Community Centre. The winners were Georgina Hicks, Henry Parker, Tina Jones, and Michele Partridge. The winners were each given a £25 high street voucher.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTORAL REVIEW

The County Council is being subject to an electoral review over the coming months. The review is being conducted by the Local Government Boundary Commission, who is an independent body set up by Parliament.

There are 10 divisions out of 53 within Gloucestershire that have 2 members. The County Council requested a single-member division review to secure a uniform pattern of single-member divisions.

The review process starts with looking at the optimum county council size and comments will be invited from all in the community. Towards the end of November, the review will look at the division pattern. During spring 2011, the Commission will put together their draft recommendations.

The public will be consulted at all stages of the process. Please go to their website for further information:

<http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-west/gloucestershire/gloucestershire-single-member-ward-review>.

BROCKWORTH ALBION FOOTBALL CLUB

Brockworth Albion has started training for children, both boys and girls, various ages from school year 1.

If you would like more information please visit our webpage at

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/brockworthalbion/>

Brockworth Albion has qualified level 1 coaching staff and are first aid qualified. Come and make new friends, play regular football and become part of a team.

We look forward from hearing from you. Call us on
01452 551789

Parent & Toddlers

@ The Church Centre, Court Road, Brockworth

Every Monday 10 am – 11.45 am

(Excluding school holidays)

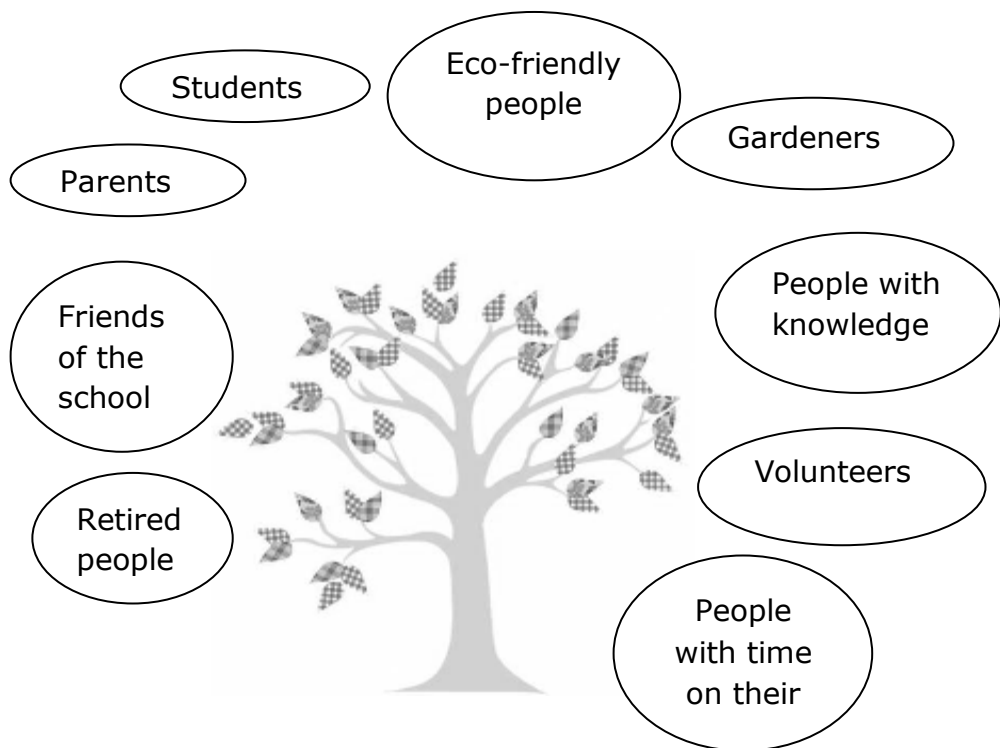
£1.50 per session to include refreshments for the children

To register contact Judy Baldwin on 01452 862840

Keen amateur gardeners wanted!

Volunteers required for a new allotment project at
Brockworth Enterprise School

If you would like to become involved in the designing, planning
construction or maintenance of this piece of land then please
contact Amanda Cooke at the school on 01452 865029



BROCKWORTH YOUTH CENTRE

We have had an incredibly busy and successful first five months of the year (our year runs with the financial year from April). For example, did you know:

- Over 270 different young people have attended sessions with us since April
- We have run two residential trips to the Forest of Dean
- We have helped almost 50 young people achieve nationally recognised accreditations, proving their out-of-school achievements and learning
- We have taken groups sailing, raft building, ice skating, swimming, to Theme parks – and much more!
- 8 of our 16-18 year olds have clocked up over 200 hours of volunteering with us

We also have lots of individual success stories – helping young people find jobs; or succeed at school; or get onto the courses they want; or get on better with their community; or a lot of the time just to enjoy being young.

We have recently changed our opening times and age groups to reflect changes in who attends the centre. On the opposite page is a timetable.

Please feel free to drop into one of the sessions. The way we work is to see what young people want to do and learn, and then plan activities and programmes around them. So if you have an idea, or want some support, or simply to socialise with people your own age, give us a look.

Ben Evans

BROCKWORTH YOUTH CENTRE

WEEKLY PROGRAMME 2010

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

We now have 3 age groups:

SENIORS – school year 11 upwards (age 16+);
INTERMEDIATES – school years 8-11 (age 12-16);
and **JUNIORS** – school years 6+7 (age 10-12)

Children's Centre Timetable on this page in the printed newsletter. Due to size constraints, it has been removed so that the newsletter can be uploaded to the website. The timetable can be viewed on the Youth Activities page.