

## **BROCKWORTH PARISH**

Welcome to the Brockworth pages of the magazine. This is the second edition that Brockworth Parish Council has contributed to along with the Brockworth Youth Centre. We hope to keep you up to date with all the news from Brockworth village and publicise 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 10<sup>th</sup> September. For advertising requests, please contact the publishers of the magazine (details inside front cover page).

### **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](http://www.gardeningdelights.co.uk)

Brockworth Parish Council Offices, Brockworth Community  
Centre, Court Road, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4ET  
Tel: 01452 863123 Email: [clerk@brockworth-pc.gov.uk](mailto: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 available at the Centre on Tuesday to  
Thursday 10am to 2pm.

## **ERMIN STREET / HUCCLECOTE ROAD PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING**

The proposed traffic calming measures are available to view at Brockworth Community Centre. The designs are in the front window of the community centre so you can view them outside of usual opening hours. If you would like to submit comments regarding the proposal, please email [highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk) or telephone 08000 514 514.

## **BE KIND TO PEDESTRIANS!**

Please would all residents help to keep their hedges or trees that grow alongside pavements or right of ways cut on a regular basis. Ideally, pedestrian walkways should have a 2m height with 1m width clearance so that those in wheelchairs or walking with children can do so without fighting with overgrown vegetation ☺



## **TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL ADVICE SERVICE**

Tewkesbury Borough Advice & Information 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

## **RECYCLING**

Tewkesbury Borough Council has increased the range of items they can accept in the blue bin collection service. You can now include plastic pots, tubs, trays, punnets (eg yoghurt ports, fruit punnets, margarine tubs etc), paper based food and drinks cartons like the juice cartons, paper back books. For further details please look at their website [www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/recycling)

## **FREE SWIMMING AT BROCKWORTH SPORTS CENTRE**

Brockworth Parish Council is funding free swimming for children under 16 years old at Brockworth Sports Centre on Mondays to Fridays 1.30pm to 3.30pm during the school summer holidays (Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August inclusive). Children aged under 8 years must be accompanied by an adult (and the adult will have to pay normal entry).

As well as the free swimming, the sports centre is also providing:

Introduction to Scuba Diving – for 8 year olds upwards  
Intensive Swimming Courses – for 4 year old upwards  
Synchronised Swimming Course – for 8 year olds upwards  
Kayaking – for adults and children

Fun and Fitness in the Sports Hall with Glos Martial Arts – for children aged 5 upwards, every Tues & Thurs 10am to 11.30am  
£3.00 per session

Use of Badminton Courts and Sports Hall is available for £1.00 per child during the day.

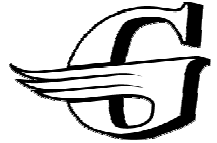
For prices, bookings and further info please contact the Centre  
01452 863518

For parish council information, meeting dates, minutes of meetings, please see the Brockworth Parish Council website

[www.brockworth-pc.gov.uk](http://www.brockworth-pc.gov.uk)

# **A BRIEF HISTORY OF GLOSTER AIRCRAFT COMPANY**

By Godfrey Browning



The nucleus of the Gloster Aircraft Company was formed in 1915 although it was initially called the Gloucestershire Aircraft Company.

The first aircraft components were produced at H.H.Martyn and Co of Cheltenham. By 1917 the Company were producing large numbers of fuselages and spares and this is when the historic Belfast Hangars were constructed. By the end of World War 1 the Company was capable of producing 45 complete aeroplanes per week.

H.P.Folland the Chief Designer of the old Nieuport Company joined GAC and helped produce the "Bamel" in 1921. This was a high speed, single seat biplane that could be adapted for use as a military fighter. It won many races and held the World air speed record of 212.15mph in 1922.

Also in 1922, GAC received its first foreign order from the Imperial Japanese Navy for 50 Sparrowhawks. The development of the Mars, Gannet, Grouse, Grebe, Gamecock, Gambet, Gorcock, Guan, Goral, Goring and Gnatsnapper aeroplanes followed on.

Between 1924 and 1929 a complete series of racing seaplanes were designed and built to compete in the world famous Schneider Trophy. The Gloster III A was second in the Trophy in 1925.

In 1926 the name of the Company was changed to the Gloster Aircraft Company as overseas buyers found the "Gloucestershire" rather too difficult to pronounce.

The Gloster VI named the "Golden Arrow" was the first Gloster monoplane and broke the World speed record at 336.31mph on September 10th 1929. Around this time the Gloster factory

became a centre for many forms of aeronautical development including helicopters and variable-pitch propellers. The AS 31 was designed and built as a twin-engine aerial survey aircraft. This aircraft carried out a 60,000 square mile survey of the Zambezi Basin in Northern Rhodesia.

With the worldwide recession in the early 1930s, the Company had to manufacture a wide variety of products including fish-fryers, steel milk churns, steel roll-up shop fronts, motor car bodies and motorised bomb trolleys.

1934 was a very hectic year for the Company as this was the year that the Gauntlet fighter was ordered into production. More important than this though was the amalgamation with Hawker Aircraft Ltd. The successor to the Gauntlet also saw its first flight in 1934 - the world-renowned Gloster Gladiator.

Between 1936 and 1939, 527 Gladiators were built of which 216 were exported to Belgium, China, Greece, Finland, Iraq, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Portugal and Sweden. Gladiators distinguished themselves in many places during the Second World War, but none more so than in Malta. For over 3 months 3 Gladiators were the Island's sole air defence against attack. The Islanders affectionately called them "Faith", "Hope" and "Charity" as they rose to do daily battle with Mussolini's air force.

Despite the fine performance of the Gladiator, Glosters realised that the days of the biplane were numbered. Hence a small single seat monoplane fighter, the Gloster F5/34 was built to the same specification as the Hurricane and Spitfire but unfortunately lost out for mass production to the latter planes.

Glosters were building the Hawker Henley light bomber in 1939, as well as 1,000 Hurricanes in the first 12 months of the War. The last of the 2,750 Hurricanes built at Brockworth was delivered to the RAF in March 1942. About this time production started on 3,330 Typhoons for the RAF.

In the meantime Glosters were working on a small plane which

was to revolutionise the world of flying. This was the Gloster Whittle E28/39 which was the world's first turbo-jet aircraft to be developed. It was powered by the turbo-jet engine invented by Sir Frank Whittle and had its first flight at the GAC airfield on April 8th 1941.

After much research work, the twin-engine Meteor Fighter was developed; this was the only allied jet aircraft used in the War. It was one of the most outstanding planes ever built and in 1945 it established a World Speed Record of 606 mph. The Meteor was built in 36 variants for 12 different air forces throughout the World.

It was realised that the British Isles could be threatened by bombers flying at high altitudes and dropping their bombs through cloud cover guided by means of radar. Hence the Javelin was developed as a two-seater all-weather fighter, which could fly faster than the speed of sound and reach altitudes above 50,000 feet. With its characteristic delta shape the Javelin was awarded super-priority production in July 1952. Due to a lack of further orders from the Government, Gloster Aircraft Company closed in 1962.

### **Mains Water Quality in Brockworth**

For the last few weeks our first cup of tea in the morning is usually undrinkable due to the off putting taste, even though we let the cold water tap run for about a minute. I complained to Severn Trent about this and was contacted by their part time Customer Relations Officer. She said that someone from Severn Trent would come between 1pm and 5pm on Tuesday July 6th to take samples of our mains water. Needless to say nobody turned up and I have written them a much stronger letter of complaint.

Is anyone else in Brockworth suffering from poor quality mains water? Evidently our neighbours have water filters - but should we all have to buy these and the monthly cartridges when the water rates are so expensive?

*from Godfrey Browning, 43 Green Street*

## **BROCKWORTH PARISH PLAN: PROUD OF THE PAST, IMPROVING THE FUTURE FOR EVERYONE.**

We have the opportunity to affect the future by preparing "a statement of how Brockworth sees itself changing and developing over the next few years". We are not affiliated to anything that has been set up before and we have a clean slate to voice everything and anything and influence future forward plans.

We are looking for people from all over the village to join us. Some of us have already met and so far we have drawn up the following:

- The plan must respect the views of all sections of our community
- It will identify which features and local characteristics we value
- It will highlight our local problems and opportunities
- It will set out what we want for the future
- And prepare an action plan to achieve our vision

This plan will be prepared by our community for our community in Brockworth, so make sure you have your say! This is such a great opportunity to get to know the people in the parish, for us to get together and have some fun.

Please complete the form overleaf and return to the drop box at the Brockworth Community Centre on Court Road, or look out for other locations throughout the parish.

You can also contact the secretary of the group on 01452 863123 or email [clerk@brockworth-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@brockworth-pc.gov.uk)

## BROCKWORTH PARISH PLAN

What do you like about Brockworth?

What don't you like about Brockworth?

About You:

Please tick your age:

Under 16 years  16 to 25 years  25-60 years  Over 60 years

Please state your ethnic origin: .....

If you'd like more information on Brockworth Parish Plan, please contact the secretary of the group on 01452 863123 or email [clerk@brockworth-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@brockworth-pc.gov.uk)

## **BROCKWORTH MOTHER'S CLUB**

Brockworth Mother's Club was founded in 1948 when there was little for young mothers to do in the village.

The club, which is not affiliated, began as the result of a discussion between a health visitor and Phoebe Phelps, who was president for 45 years until she passed away in 1993. They both felt a club could be created for mothers to continue the friendships they had built up at the welfare clinic.

They decided to hold monthly meetings with a subscription of 2/6d a year at a little church hall on Ermin Street. Members had to bring their own fuel for heating, hot water etc. Turns were taken to light the temperamental stove and clean it out for the next day. Ration cards had to be produced before tea and biscuits could be provided. Today the little church hall has been converted to a private house.

Despite the difficulties the members became absorbed in building up a monthly programme of events and the club grew and grew. Offshoot classes for 'keep fit' and borrowing books were developed and some of the members found willing learners for their talents of lamp shade making, cookery, dressmaking and a hundred and one other things.

In 1950 the club moved its venue to the British Legion for a little more comfort and convenience. It later moved to St George's Hall and then on to its present home at the United Reform Church Hall.

As experience was gained so the programmes became more formidable and a range of interesting and some well known speakers were provided. A series of Twenty Questions proved to be very popular with the teams recruited from the members. A variety of concerts, which included their own version of The Black and White Minstrel Show and Old Time Musical Hall, kept the members entertained. Other highlights of the past 62 years

have included a carnival with Frankie Vaughan, a Hawaiian evening, and a grand 50 years celebration when past members were invited to reunite for a golden evening.

Their 60 year diamond celebrations saw them visit Highgrove House followed by a day's visit to the Severn Valley Railway. On the birthday evening they were entertained by a former Butlin's redcoat whilst enjoying a nice buffet supper.

The club has worked hard over the years to make a little money for charity and considerable pleasure has been given in plays, parties and outings.

Today, sadly, none of the original members survive but some of their children help to swell the membership. Like their mothers many of them have belonged to the club for considerable years. The club is still a popular meeting place and it continues to thrive in a very similar format to that created 62 years ago. Though not a senior citizens club the members have matured together gently over the years.

They still meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm and are always pleased to welcome new members. Guest speakers entertain the members who then enjoy a buffet supper. Annual events also include a Christmas Dinner, an annual birthday party and other trips and outings.

## **LUNCH CLUB AT BROCKWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Brockworth Community Centre has started a regular lunch club. Initially this will be fortnightly on Fridays and we are hoping to run it every 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 COMMUNITY PROJECT**

The Community Project has moved to the recently refurbished Library in Brockworth. Please telephone Lisa, Maureen, Scott or Claire on (01452) 863681 for more details of courses or to book a place.

### **AUTUMN 2010 TIMETABLE FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSES**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Benefits, Debt, Housing, Welfare Advice	Monday	10am - 12noon	Ongoing	FREE	BL
Arts & Crafts	Monday	1pm - 3pm	Ongoing	£3 p/week	URC
Book Club	Monday	7pm	2nd Mon of month	FREE	BL
Yoga & Relaxation	Monday	7:30pm - 9pm	20/09/2010	£30 Term	URC
Careers Guidance	By Appointment		By Appointment	FREE	BL
Tai Chi	Tuesday	9:30am	Ring 07799533033 for details		URC
Brush Up Your English	Tuesday	10am - 12pm	21/09/2010	FREE	BCC
Brush Up Your Maths	Tuesday	12:30pm - 2:30pm	21/09/2010	FREE	BCC
Spanish For Beginners	Tuesday	6:30pm - 7:30pm	21/09/2010	£20 Per Term	BES
Spanish For Intermediates	Tuesday	6:30pm - 7:30pm	21/09/2010	£20 Per Term	BES
Dance yourself Happy	Tuesday	6pm - 7:30pm	21/09/2010	£20 Per Term	BES
Mediterranean Cooking	Tuesday	7pm - 9pm	21/09/2010	£30 Per Term	BES
Computers (Intermediate)	Tuesday	7pm - 9pm	21/09/2010	£30 Per Term	BES

ESOL (Beginners)	Tuesday	7pm - 9pm	21/09/2010	FREE	BES
Knitting and Sewing	Thursday	7pm - 9pm	21/09/2010	£30 Per Term	BES
Learn to Massage	Thursday	7pm - 9pm	21/09/2010	£50 Per Term	BES
ESOL (Intermediate)	Tuesday	7pm—9pm	24/09/10	FREE	BES
Credit Union Drop-In	Wednesday	1:30pm - 3:00pm	Ring (01452) 422712 for details		BCC
Computers (Beginners)	Wednesday	3:30pm - 5:30pm	22/09/2010	£30 Per Term	BES
Ear Acupuncture	Thursday	Ring (01531) 822202 for Appointment		£13 Session	BL
Stay Fit & Well	Thursday	12.45pm - 1.45pm	Ongoing	£3 Per Week	URC
Stay Fit & Well	Thursday	7pm - 8:30pm	23/09/2010	£30 Per Term	TBC

BCC	Brockworth Community Centre	Court Road, GL3 4ET
BES	Brockworth Enterprise School	Mill Lane, GL3 4QF
BL	Brockworth Library	Moorfield Road, GL3 4EX
URC	United Reformed Church	Moorfield Road, GL3 4QZ
CC	St George's Church Centre	Court Road, GL3 4ET

**(01452) 863681 for more details**

**Please telephone Lisa, Maureen, Scott or Claire on (01452) 863681 for more details (the office is closed during August)**

**E-mail: [brockworthcommunitycollege@hotmail.com](mailto:brockworthcommunitycollege@hotmail.com)**

## **BROCKWORTH YOUTH CENTRE**

The youth centre works with young people aged 11-19 to help them develop personally and socially. We also work closely with Brockworth Enterprise School to help encourage achievement and well-being for pupils at school.

We are running a full summer programme including trips and residentials – for more details please see the programme over the page.

In September we are changing our evening programme to reflect the change of age groups using the centre. We do this on a regular basis based on natural friendship groups and to respond to needs of young people. Again, for more details contact Ben Evans.

Two young people from the youth centre are currently in Hungary, part of a dance group from Gloucestershire attending a dance festival for the whole of Europe. This is just the type of mind-expanding opportunity we love and encourage.

We also have a group of 8 young volunteers, aged 15-17, who help run the centre and staff sessions. We rely on them very heavily, especially in the current culture of cut backs, so a big thank you to you all – you know who you are!

Also well done to the group of five lads who are currently running the tuck shop as a profit-making business. They have done market research, written a business plan and worked out profit against outlay – let's hope the rewards for your hard work come in cold, hard cash.

If you want to get involved in the centre then please come down. We are open most evenings and one of our youth workers will be able to direct you to a session most appropriate for you. We work by seeing what individuals and groups' interests are and working on projects to expand and explore these.

Ben Evans – 07825 113 835 [ben.evans@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:ben.evans@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

## Brockworth Enterprise School and Brockworth Youth Centre – Summer Activities

The youth centre and school have teamed up to provide activities for young people in Brockworth throughout the summer.

All activities have limited places and are first come first served. To find out times, places and costs, or to book onto any activity, please contact Ben Evans on 07825 113 835.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Cooking Workshops	Sports	South Cerney <b>NO SPACES</b>		Trip to Drayton Manor Park <b>NO SPACES</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Residential to Buckstone House			Health and Beauty Workshops	
<b>9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> August</b>					Trip to Oasis swimming pool
<b>16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Cooking Workshops			Health and Beauty Workshops	Trip to Drayton Manor Park <b>NO SPACES</b>

## **BROCKWORTH CHILDREN'S CENTRE**



Brockworth Children's Centre will be open as usual during the Summer Holidays for groups, trips and other fun activities. If you want to know more then drop in and see us and pick up a timetable. To get you started here are a few dates for your diaries:

- 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010 – Mini Farm Day at the Centre – fun for all the family
- 26<sup>th</sup> August 2010 – Trip to Cotswolds Wildlife Park – limited spaces available
- Week Commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010 – Centre Closed for a week

The sessions available on a weekly basis include; Stay and Play 0-5yrs & Ante-natal Drop-in with the midwife (Friday a.m.); Toddler Time 0-2 yrs (Tuesday a.m.), Baby Group (Monday a.m.) and the Baby Clinic /Health Visitor Drop In (Tuesday p.m)

The centre staff can also offer more targeted help/support to Children and Adults on a range of subjects 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.

If you are a parent or carer and interested in seeking employment, training or both then why not make an appointment to speak to Sefflin Harrison our Journeys to Work Advisor. Parents can also use the Public Information Point to access Jobcentre Plus, Gloucester County Council and Family Information Services.

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

If you would like any further information please contact us on 01452 863617 or drop in and talk to a member of staff.

## **CASTLE HILL NEWS**

### **Year 4 Mock Trial Presentation**

All Year 4 parents were invited to a special presentation assembly to celebrate their amazing win in the Mock Trial. Ken Minshall, the Chairman of the Gloucestershire Magistrates Bench Management Group presented the children with their certificates and the winner's Shield. This is an especially amazing achievement because not only did Castle Hill win over 12 other schools, but the other competitors were from Year 6 classes!

In the competition the children had to take part in a mock trial held at Shire Hall. We were responsible for proving that Matthew Maidment did not graffiti on his way home from a party, causing criminal damage. Victoria Kirby and Sam Gregory were solicitors defending their client. Chloe Butterworth and Jarrod Osman proved reliable witnesses. Jamie Marsh and Abigail Charlton were magistrates responsible for delivering the verdict. Scarlett Bennett did a wonderful job as court artist. We are really proud of them and you never know, this might be an experience that inspires at least one of them to have a career in Law. Watch this space!

### **SATs results**

Castle Hill Primary School are celebrating the achievements of their Year 6. I'm sure you will agree that 100% of children achieving Level 4 or above in Maths and 97% in English is a fantastic result!

### **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 Glos. 862840