

## **BROCKWORTH PARISH**

Brockworth Parish Council is going to be regularly contributing to the Brockworth & Hucclecote Magazine (with assistance from the Brockworth Youth Centre) and we hope to keep you up to date with all the news from Brockworth village and publicise events that are taking place in Brockworth.

Brockworth Parish Council is made up of 4 wards – Moorefield, Horsbere, Glebe and Westfield. There are 10 elected councillors and 7 co-opted members on the parish council. The current council will serve until May 2011 when the next elections take place. Elected councillors serve for a period of four years. The full council meets once a month on a Wednesday evening and meetings are held at the Community Centre. There are currently two committees and these also meet at the Community Centre on a regular basis.

The Community Centre was built in 2007 and is run by the Parish Council. It is regularly used for art classes, keep fit, education classes, meetings and conferences.

The Parish Council provides two play areas, a burial ground and allotments (run by the Allotments Association) within the parish. The council also runs an annual fete for the benefit of the local residents and groups.

If you wish to hire a room at the Community Centre or contact the Parish Council, please see contact details below:

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

## **PARISH FETE & CAR BOOT**

At Mill Lane Playing Fields

SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY

1.00pm to 4pm

Attractions include:

Vintage Fairground

Dog Show with arenas

The Challenge

Charter Band

Children's Wild West Fancy Dress

Children's Step n Style Group

Dog Agility Display

Fete stalls available – contact Brockworth Community Centre for further information

### **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)

Tewkesbury Borough Advice & Information available at Brockworth Community Centre on Tuesdays 9am to 12pm and Thursdays 2pm to 4pm.

### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER?**

Would you like to write an article, story or share information in this newsletter? Please contact the Clerk at Brockworth Parish Council Offices. Advertising requests should be made direct to the publishers of the newsletter (details on the front page).

## **A LITTLE BIT OF BROCKWORTH'S HISTORY**

**Around 600AD the Saxons called our village "Brocwurthin"- the "wurthin" (enclosure) by the "broc" (brook).**

St George's Church was built by the first resident Norman - Lord of the Manor, Roger de Chandos. In 1142 it was consecrated and became one of the earliest churches in England to be dedicated to St George. About 1846, the church was renovated at a cost of around £800.

Cooper's Hill is the venue for the famous Cheese Rolling which started about 2000 years ago to maintain the grazing rights on Cooper's Hill common.

Ermin Street was built about 2000 years ago by the Romans to connect Gloucester to Cirencester. In 1698 it became the third turnpike (toll) road in England.

Green Street is also an ancient road (salt way) thought to have been used to transport salt from Droitwich to the Cotswolds.

Gloucester Business Park used to be an airfield where the first British jet engined aircraft (Gloster E28/39) took flight. It was developed to test the new Whittle jet engine in flight; the test results would influence the development of an operational fighter, the Gloster Meteor.

Brockworth Parish Council has a  
new website – have a look at  
[www.brockworth-pc.gov.uk](http://www.brockworth-pc.gov.uk)

## **WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT BROCKWORTH PEOPLE WANT FOR BROCKWORTH**

Have you heard about “**Parish Plan**”? Parish plans in other places have helped to achieve gardening projects for young and old, repair valued community buildings, initiate youth activities – what their communities wanted for them. Brockworth has seen a lot of changes too, so this Planning process will help to make sure the needs of the community are being met.

There are several stages involved in the process: finding out your views and any issues, looking at what actions could be taken to address those issues, and prioritizing the actions into an action plan ready to take projects forward.

Here is the opportunity for you to have your say about YOUR place, tell us what you like and what you would like to be improved.

Over the coming weeks, we will use that information from you, and keep you informed about the next part of the process through this newsletter, and through the parish council website ([www.brockworth-pc.gov.uk](http://www.brockworth-pc.gov.uk)).

There will be several community events taking place over the summer where we will be asking you to talk to us, and other opportunities are being planned by the initial steering group to ensure that everyone gets a chance to participate.

If you're interested and want to know more or think you can help, please call the Parish Clerk on 01452 863123 to be put in touch with the steering group.

## **LIFE AT CASTLE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

There never is a week that passes without something out of the ordinary taking place. Castle Hill Primary School is a very lively and happening school! But rest assured, all our children participate in a daily mathematics and literacy lesson as a priority for the day and we are confident all our children's hard work will be reflected in the Year 6 SAT's that are coming up.

Our staff know that they are lucky to be supported by such a great community in Brockworth. The turnout at a recent 'Groundforce Day' is a true reflection of how hard families are willing to go to support the school in making a difference. In just one day the pond area was cleared and injected with new love that will enable our Key Stage 2 children to make the garden area their own.

The emphasis on a healthy lifestyle has really been a focus at Castle Hill this year as we continue to work towards our 'Healthy Schools Plus Award.' A recent Theme Week enabled us all to think about what should be packed in a healthy lunchbox. Now some very keen parents and teaching assistants are running a cookery club to further educate the children as to what can be prepared for a healthy breakfast, lunch and tea.

We have also put lots of energy into making a positive partnership with Gloucester Rugby Club. We have had sessions in school run by Mike Tindell and Marco Bortolami, taken part in a Tag Rugby Tournament and accepted the invitation to be special guests at matches at Kingsholm Rugby Stadium. Memories that I'm sure will stay with the children forever.

Next year we have plans in place to build on a creative curriculum. One that delivers the high standards of achievement we have come to expect from children at Castle Hill primary School. This will involve the children in relevant, motivating and meaningful experiences – we look forward to reporting back!

Su Broadhurst  
Head Teacher

## **BROCKWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

### ***Curriculum Week***

This year Curriculum Week had the theme of science and health. There were a range of activities, including a display of owls and a trip to Westonbirt Arboretum, which involved the whole school last term.

### ***Maths in the Morning***

On the last Monday of each term we set the normal curriculum aside so that children can concentrate on practical maths activities to support all the other maths they do the rest of the week. We hope that this will make maths an even more enjoyable activity as children explore what can be done in a practical way and take more of their skills into the real world.

### ***Nearly New Clothes Sale***

The nearly new clothes stall continues on Tuesdays 2.30—3.15. This is an exchange of good quality clothes, sold by us on your behalf and with the school taking a 20% commission with all proceeds going towards the school library. This has always been a way of passing on good quality clothes which you no longer require and finding bargains both in school uniform and casual clothes. If you have anything of good quality that you can donate to the stall please send it into school over the next few weeks or bring it along to the first market.

### ***School Library***

The school library is open every Tuesday after school for children, parents and carers to make use of.

### ***School Clubs and Activities.***

Art Club	Wednesday after school
Recorder Club	Tuesday and Friday after school
ICT Club	Monday lunchtime
Netball	Thursday after school
Football, Cricket	various nights after school
Gymnastics	Monday lunchtime
Sports and games	Friday lunchtime



## **BROCKWORTH CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

Brockworth Children's Centre will be celebrating its 3<sup>RD</sup> Birthday in June 2010. For those of you who still 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.

The sessions available on a weekly basis include; Stay and Play (0-5 yrs), Toddler Time (0-2yrs), Baby Group and Clinic (Health Visitor Drop In) and Ante Natal Drop-in and Classes.

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

The centre is open all year round (including School Holidays) and we look forward to seeing you!

If you would like any further information please contact us on 01452 863617 or just pop into see us.

## **BROCKWORTH YOUTH CENTRE**

The youth centre is located behind the community centre on Court Road, facing Moorfield Road and the Multi Use Games Area. We work with 13-19 year olds five nights a week with regular trips and activities. In the past twelve months we have been on two international residentials, visited Wembley and much more. There is not enough space to tell you any more in this edition – please drop in or call 01452 863 936 for a full programme.

By the way – we are the ones responsible for editing these children and young people’s pages!



### **Transforming Space, Providing a Recreational and Educational Environment For All.**

As part of our overall aim to Create Environmental Excellence at Brockworth Enterprise School, we have applied for a Lottery Award to enable us to transform an outside area situated within the Quad, into a covered Environmental area with seating, tables and Landscaping.

Materials used will be from sustainable sources, including wood and recycled plastic, helping to raise Environmental awareness. If successful, this new facility will provide both the school and local community groups with a sheltered space for Recreational and Educational use.

So it’s fingers crossed and watch this space!