

## *Dear Friends*

I am writing to you having just celebrated harvest and now all everyone is talking about is how close Christmas is. Walking into shops and seeing Christmas cards as well as Halloween costumes and pumpkins, I get a little frustrated about how commercialised our world has become.

November has become a difficult month for me in recent years, as at the end of November 2010 my mum died suddenly of an Embolism. I was serving two churches in Northern Ireland at the time and it took three or four days for it to properly sink in. The day after she died I took two services as normal. It seemed the best way to cope at the time.

Her favourite flower was the poppy. On Remembrance Day I remember those who have died in World Wars and recent wars as well as my mum. Each year, I try to preach about peace and reconciliation. The United Nations International Day of Peace this year was on Saturday 21st September. It was our harvest at this time at Brockweir, so I preached about Peace a couple of weeks later.

Turning on the news is difficult at the moment. As I write this, Turkey are attacking Syria. It seems to me that peace in our world is a long way off, but I never give up hope. Jesus, the Prince of Peace, came into this world teaching us how to love one another, to love your neighbour as yourself and, most importantly, to love your enemies and to turn the other cheek. This is never an easy thing to do.

As we gather for Remembrance Sunday, we must pray to God for peace and pray for love and respect between people of different faiths, creeds, nationalities and races.

God bless.

Patsy

## St Mary the Virgin St Briavels & St Mary Magdalene Hewelsfield

All are most welcome to join us for worship, which is welcoming, relaxed and open to all. Join us to find what God's love could mean for you. Both Churches are open from 9.00am until 4.00pm for those who wish to look around or find a space for quiet and reflection. More can be found on our website [www.stbandhchurches.org.uk](http://www.stbandhchurches.org.uk) which gives up to date information. For a wedding, baptism or blessing, or to request healing or other prayer please contact me [robert.simpson02@btinternet.com](mailto:robert.simpson02@btinternet.com) or 01594 560202, or our Reader, Mandy Vaughan, 01594 530844. I usually work Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and mornings on Wednesday and am available anytime for urgent requests.

**This is my last piece for the Village News**, as I am retiring, and Sunday 24th will be my last service here. I have enjoyed being part of your communities for the past 6½ years and it has been a privilege to meet so many of you in different contexts, sharing joys and sorrows.

As well as this month being the end of my ministry here, it is also the end of the Church's year. Saturday 2nd is the St Briavels Church Craft Fair 10.00 am – 3.00pm with refreshments and light lunches. The 3rd is All Saints Day, when we celebrate and remember the lives of those who are now with Christ. When we gather we can especially give thanks for the lives of those we knew, whom we miss and who influenced us. The writer of the letter to the Hebrews likens those who have completed their lives following Christ to witnesses, encouraging us to live for Christ as they did. The following Sunday, 10th, is Remembrance Sunday. We have a full Remembrance Service at St Briavels before joining the Community Act of Remembrance at the Playing field gates. At Hewelsfield we invite those who wish to, to join us at 10.50am at the Churchyard Gates for the Act of Remembrance. After this, we will return to the Church building for our Remembrance Service. We close the Church's year celebrating Christ the King on the 24th and begin the new with the Hewelsfield Nativity Scene Festival on the 30th Nov and 1st Dec.

Thank you all for your love and support. I hope to see some of you at this month's events.

We have great Church Communities here, and I include the two Chapels, where the love of God in Christ is lived out, and I will miss that.

Robert

### NOVEMBER SERVICES: PREACHERS AND THEMES:

#### ST MARY THE VIRGIN, ST BRIAVELS

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> November – All Saints Day: Destined, Directed, Delivered. Robert**

8.30am	BCP Communion
9.30am	All Age Eucharist – Remembering our Losses

**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance: Gathered, Grace & Good Works. Robert**

9.30am	Remembrance Sunday Service
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**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Before Advent. David R**

8.30am	BCP Communion
9.30am	All Age Eucharist

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> – Christ the King: Image, Includer, Inheritor. Robert & David T**

9.30am	All Age Eucharist
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**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent. David R**

8.30am	BCP Communion
9.30am	All Age Eucharist

#### MIDWEEK AT ST BRIAVELS

5 <sup>th</sup> Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
6 <sup>th</sup> Weds	10.30am	Communion
7 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer
12 <sup>th</sup> Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
14 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer
19 <sup>th</sup> Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
20 <sup>th</sup> Weds	10.30am	Communion
21 <sup>st</sup> Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer
26 <sup>th</sup> Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
28 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
4 <sup>th</sup> Weds	10.30am	Communion
5 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer

#### ST MARY MAGDALENE, HEWELSFIELD & BROCKWEIR

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> November – All Saints Day: Destined, Directed, Delivered. Robert**

11.00am	Family Communion – Remembering our Losses
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**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance: Gathered, Grace & Good Works. Robert**

10.50am	Remembrance at the Gates & Family Communion
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**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Before Advent. Mandy**

11.00am	Family Communion
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**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> – Christ the King: Image, Includer, Inheritor. Robert & David T**

11.00am	Family Communion
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**SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> December – Nativity Scene Festival**

10.am – 4.pm	Nativity Scene Festival
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**SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> December – Advent Sunday. Mandy**

4.00pm	Nativity Songs of Praise
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#### FOREST OF DEAN QUAKER MEETING

We meet for Worship every Sunday at 10.30am in Staunton Village Hall (near Coleford.) There is a car park behind the hall. Contact me for more information.

Jen Cothier 01594 530348

## BROCKWEIR MORAVIAN CHURCH

### Church Services for November 2019

Sun	3 Nov	6.00pm	Rev Patsy Holdsworth ( <i>Holy Communion</i> )
Sun	10 Nov	6:00pm	Rev Rosemarie Dagger ( <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> )
Sun	17 Nov	6.00pm	Rev Patsy Holdsworth
Sun	24 Nov	6.00pm	Mr Chris Hewitt

### REGULAR MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

**Tap Dancing** – 6.45-7.45 & 7.45-8.45 – Mondays in the School Room. 'Tap for Fun' classes for adults from complete beginners to intermediate levels. Please contact Deborah Stock on 07801 479269, email [deborahstock@aol.com](mailto:deborahstock@aol.com) for more information.

**Table Tennis** – 2.15 - 4.00 pm – Tuesdays & Thursdays in the School Room.

Players of all abilities always welcome – for more information contact Jean Green on 01594 530955.

**Charity Lunch** – 12 noon in the Sunday School Room on 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of the month. 7th November in aid of the Over 60s Christmas Lunch.

**Book Group** – Please contact Heather Armstrong (01291 689326) for details.

**Brockweir & Hewelsfield History Group** – Normally on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Sunday School.

**Food Bank Collection** – Donations for the food bank may be brought to services, charity lunches, etc, or left in the church porch at any time. We welcome your gifts of tinned and dried food, and also toiletries.

### Ecumenical Welcome



Because we are the only church offering regular public worship in the village of Brockweir, we invite all Christians in the local community to play as full a part as they are able [allowing for any continued commitments to their own denomination] in the life and fellowship of this congregation. We invite those of all Christian traditions, and those having no particular denominational affiliation, to worship and to share in Holy Communion with us, and to share in the ministry and mission of the Church in this area.

**Minister:** Rev Patsy Holdsworth, 35 Quarry Way, Emersons Green,

Bristol, BS16 7BN, Tel: 0117 907 8994 email: [Patsy.holdsworth@moravian.org.uk](mailto:Patsy.holdsworth@moravian.org.uk)

*Please note that Patsy's day off is normally on a Tuesday. Please try to only contact her in an emergency on that day.*

### Church Committee

Katie Groves-Bond	07814 431892	Jean Green	01594 530955
Heather Armstrong	01291 689326	Sue Groves	01291 689804
Carol Ostler	01291 689675	Judith Ashton	01291 689572
Philip Ashton	01291 689572		

### Coffee, Cakes and Chat

We will be holding a regular coffee morning on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Please come along on and join us on **21st November** from 10.00 am 'til noon, in the Sunday School Rooms. You will be assured of a warm welcome.



### BINGO!

Our Bingo sessions will be held on the second Wednesday of each month. Come and join us on **13th November** in the Sunday School Rooms.

Eyes Down @ 7.00 p.m.

£3.00 entrance plus a donation for refreshments.

Maximum prize £5.00. All proceeds to the Church Building Repair Fund.

## ST BRIAVELS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

In a world with lots of uncertainty, we meet to share good news of hope and joy: We'd love for you to join us. We're conscious that many people in our community face all kinds of struggles; if you would like us to help you or pray for you, please get in touch.

We usually hold our Sunday Morning Service at 10am (6pm Evening Service). Our morning service is a family service when we have a "Sunday Club" for young children.

On 10th November, our morning service will take begin at 9:30am, allowing us to be finished in good time for the Remembrance Service at the Memorial Gates.

We meet for Bible study and prayer every Thursday (8pm in my home) and Tuesday (10:15am in the chapel), apart from the first Tuesday of the month (5th November) when we hold our coffee morning at 10am

### A few advance notices for your diary:

A special invitation to families: Saturday 30th November – bring the children and make **Christmas decorations at the chapel. 10:30am-1:30pm**. This event has become really popular over the last few years.

**Tuesday 5th December** – our regular coffee morning will have carols and mince pies. A particular treat, the choir of St Briavels Primary School are going to come and sing for us. Join us at 10am.

If you would like to know more about us please get in touch or visit our website: [www.stbriavelscongregational.org.uk](http://www.stbriavelscongregational.org.uk)

Matt Rees, Pastor

## HEWELSFIELD AND BROCKWEIR PARISH COUNCIL

### Summary Minutes – Tuesday 8th October 2019.

Cllrs. Fox, Haythornthwaite, Harris, Groves-Bond, six members of the public.

#### Meeting adjourned for members of the public to raise matters.

Application P1330/19/OUT of interest to parishioners.

Breakdown given of costs for initial cleaning of The Quay.

Footpath running through Rock Farm of interest.

Agreed parish council would fund skip hire up to £300.00 and reimburse cost of pump fuel. Refreshments for volunteers provided by parish council.

**P1330/19/OUT** – Garages, The Triangle, Brockweir NP16 7NR. Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling. Demolition of existing garages. Detailed plans needed before comment.

**P1129/19/FUL** – Land adjacent to Gregory Farm. Cllr. McFarling provided an update as follows: The case officer confirmed that though the applicant is working on responses to the concerns of the Parish Council, more time will be needed and no new proposals have been received. Email exchange with the FODDC land drainage officer as the EA have reviewed mapping of flood zone 3 areas. The application is now in a high risk flood zone. No information on mitigating harm to the ecology received, nor new proposals regarding the Mill. Extension of time offered.

#### Outstanding Enforcement Issues:

Use of Dusty's Stable, Bailey Lane for a dwelling. – Open investigation (EN/0388/15)

Frame tent pitched on land beside Armadale Cottage, Bailey Lane. – Case opened to be investigated (EN/0102/19)

The two cases above have been passed to Senior Enforcement Officer who will review them in the near future.

Creation of a driveway and additional buildings at 6 The Triangle. – Both Investigations EN/0132/18 and EN/0423/18 closed – not expedient to pursue.

Letters sent regarding the two cases below requesting removal of the caravans (EN/0103/19) or clarification/explanation of usage (EN/0104/19)

Caravan parked in field below Brook House used as dwelling. – (EN/0104/19)

Caravan parked at side of garages at The Triangle used as dwelling. – (EN/0103/19)

**Application for Erection of x2 single storey rear extensions** including external and internal alterations at The Brockweir Inn to be an agenda item at November meeting. Concerns received from parishioners regarding the work undertaken so far.

**Review of footpaths ongoing.** A series of public meetings would be held to invite views.

Payee	Service	Amount
Kingfisher Direct	Purchase two grit bins	£125.98
Lynda Skuse	Clerk salary	£271.20
AEB Price	Strimming/Litter Picking	£130.00
Henry Bendall	Cutting Verges	£100.00
FODDC	Election Costs	£147.00
Forest Equipment Services	Dog Foul Bins	£77.98

**Donations agreed:** £150.00 Brockweir CIC towards Annual Village Bonfire. £50.00 Lydney Dial A Ride.

**Agreed in principle** to accept quote from Town & Parish Council Websites to refurbish council website.

**Consultations with property owners** taken place with Consultants and Installation Company appointed by the EA. Property reports should be sent to householders by 21st October. There will be a meeting to discuss proposed measure.

**Councillors were appreciative** of the good work being done by the owners of Cutts Orchard.

**Two new grit bins** sited at Hewelsfield crossroads. Upturned grit bin on Bailey Lane re-sited.

**Next meeting Tuesday 5th November 2019, 7.00pm at The Loft**

## ST BRIAVELS PARISH COUNCIL

### Notes from the Meeting held on 14 October 2019 at the Assembly Rooms, St Briavels

**Local Plan** – The Parish Council considered the Forest of Dean District Council Local Plan and recommend that parishioners provide their input at <https://fdcan-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/planning/plan41/io19/io> (shortened version <https://bit.ly/35CTarl>) The consultation is currently requesting issues and options for the Forest of Dean district.

**Whittington Close/Play Area** – The Parish Council will be putting together a working party to consider options for the Play Area adjacent to Whittington Close/Doctor's surgery. Any thoughts and ideas are welcome.

**School lights** – It was agreed to fund installation of two wall lights, subject to clarification of some details, outside the school to help during the dark evenings.

**Appointment of Clerk** – It was reported that 4 applications had been returned. Interviews will take place forthwith.

**Remembrance Sunday** – The Parish Council will be holding the Remembrance Sunday Commemoration event at the Memorial Gates at 11am November 10th and then moving on to the Pavilion for refreshments. All are welcome.

**Next meeting** – Monday, 11th November, 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms, with planning applications available to view from 6.30 pm and Councillors available for you to raise any issues you feel the PC may be able to resolve. Full minutes are available on the Parish Council website.

E-mail: [stbriavelsclerk@outlook.com](mailto:stbriavelsclerk@outlook.com)



**APPLE DAY THANKS**

Despite the weather forecast and a broken leg, the event was a great success; now in its 7th year. Thank you to all those who turned up, took part, tried to get apple strains identified and generally enjoyed turning hundreds of apples into about 450 litres of wonderful juice.

Thanks to the Pavilion for opening up and lending us shelter, water, electricity and support. Thanks to the Parish Council for underwriting the Apple Day. This is a community event that works and works well. A special thanks to Matt Dunwell, for encouraging me to run the event when cancelling would have been the easy option. Any suggestions on how we can improve are always welcome.

Chris McFarling [chrismcfarling@phonecoop.coop](mailto:chrismcfarling@phonecoop.coop)

**HEWELSFIELD CHURCH TEA & CAKE WITH SILENT AUCTION**

Thank you to everyone who supported this event held on 14 September at our parish church. The amount raised on the day and with additional donations from those unable to attend was £540, an amazing amount which will pay for our roofing tiles to be repaired.

Mandy Vaughan



**BORJGHALI GEORGIAN CHOIR PRESENTS:  
'SUPRA' – A RITUAL GEORGIAN FEAST  
Sat 9th Nov at Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir**

We will be holding our annual Georgian Feast at Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir in the Wye Valley on Saturday 9th November. The feast will be in the style of a Georgian 'Supra', or ritual feast, with food, toasts and rousing and ancient songs from the Republic of Georgia.

Doors open at 7pm and the evening starts at 7.30pm. The evening will finish at 10.30pm.

Food will be suitable for vegans, vegetarians and people who are gluten free. If you have a specific allergy please let us know in advance. We shan't be serving wine, but you are welcome to bring your own.

Tickets: Adults – £25; Concessions – £20; Under 15s – £10; Under 10s – free

We look forward to welcoming you! Profits will go to "Boris's Legacy"

To book: Please pay in advance. We have limited places available, offered on a first come, first served basis. Contact [tickets.borjghali@gmail.com](mailto:tickets.borjghali@gmail.com) with your ticket numbers, using the reference 'Supra+number of tickets' ie 'Supra+3'. Please make a bank transfer to: Bristol Georgian Choir  
Sort code: 20-13-34 A/c no: 73749096

[www.borjghali.co.uk](http://www.borjghali.co.uk)

**ST BRIAVELS LUNCH CLUB, THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2019**

We all meet at 11.45 for a glass of sherry and a three-course lunch at 12 o'clock in St Briavels Pavilion. We are a happy group of about 20 and are always pleased to see a new face. If you are new to the village and would like to join us please contact Mary (01594 530505) for more information. The cost of the three-course meal, sherry and coffee is now £7. There is also a raffle. We look forward to meeting you

Mary Perryman

**NATIVITY EXHIBITION, 2019**

*Saturday 30th Nov & Sunday 1st Dec: 10am-4pm*

Where do the years go? I'm sure we were preparing for the 2018 Exhibition about 6 months ago!

St Mary Magdalene Church (Hewelsfield & Brockweir) will be putting on our annual exhibition of nativity scenes collected and produced all around the world. We usually manage to squeeze in 120 exhibits and the flower arranging team make it look even more amazing by nestling the sets into greenery, all beautifully lit with candles.

There will be soup and jacket potatoes for lunch (until 2pm) and teatime treats available both days. I'm sure there will be a few gifts to buy too.

If you have never been to the Exhibition before, come and experience this special event. If you've been before, I'm sure you will want to return.

Carol Stickland

**SAT 23rd NOVEMBER 10am-4pm**  
**MACKENZIE HALL BROCKWEIR**  
 Hand Crafted and Individually Designed Gifts  
 Live Music Refreshments  
 Get all your Christmas Gifts the easy way -  
 at the **Mackenzie Hall Christmas Market**

*News and Activities continued on next page...*

## ST. BRIAVELS SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP

This year our Christmas shopping trip will be on Tuesday 19th November. The coach will be leaving The Square, St Briavels at 9am. Would any club member who has not booked their seat on the coach please do so with Susan Barnby tel no 01594 530845 by Thursday 14th November. Many thanks.

Sheila Brown

## ST BRIAVELS PAVILION NEWS

Thank you to everyone who donated and came along to our Harvest Auction. A special thank you to Philip Jenkins who, after 25 years, has stepped down as our Auctioneer. Our total for the evening was £1,159.00

Jill Skidmore [jillgskd7@aol.com](mailto:jillgskd7@aol.com)

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH – SAT 7th DECEMBER

The BEST team are looking forward to welcoming all Brockweir and Hewelsfield residents over 60 and their partners to the Christmas Lunch on Sat 7th December, 12.00 to 3.00 pm at the Mackenzie Hall. Members of the Youth Club will be supporting us as always, so please do join us all for festive food, wine and laughter. Doors will be open from 11.30 am onwards.

Invitations will be delivered during the week commencing 11th November and the deadline for replies is Fri 22nd November. Spaces are limited, so a speedy response would be appreciated.

We have tried to build a comprehensive invitation list, but if we have missed you please do contact the BEST secretary, Alison Crawshaw. Email: [brockweirsocial@gmail.com](mailto:brockweirsocial@gmail.com) or phone 01594 531160 Thank you.

The BEST Team

## CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 2nd November 2019, St Briavels Church, 10am – 3pm

- A Variety of Local Crafts –
- Soup and Refreshments –
- Raffle –

Give yourself some time out on this Saturday morning and find something for yourself or gifts for others.

*It's never too early to start on Christmas gifts so join us for some excellent suggestions and enjoy meeting your friends over a cup of tea and cake or come for a soup lunch.*

Proceeds towards the provision of a kitchen in the church.

## NOSH AND NATTER

Hot baked potatoes, roasted vegetables and salad, plus warm peaches and ice cream sounds like a restaurant menu but it was our treat at our latest Nosh and Natter meeting. Carol and Marion worked together to provide this lovely meal, which was welcomed by a good turnout at Carol's home. There was plenty of room for us to sit at two tables so we were able to chat and enjoy the company. And we were very pleased to welcome Alison, who at last has the time to join us! Thank you, Carol and Marion.

Our meeting in November is Morning Coffee on Wednesday 13th from 10.30-12.00 at Hilary Hopgood's home –The Myrtles, Coldharbour Lane, Brockweir Common, NP16 7NS. If you are interested in coming along you will be made very welcome or if you need more information please call me on 01594 530524 or email [siddonspauline@aol.com](mailto:siddonspauline@aol.com)

Pauline Siddons

## SOFT (Sharing our Faiths Together) MEETING

SOFT meetings will be held in the Loft above the Village Shop on Wednesdays 6th & 20th November at 7.30pm.

We are a friendly, mixed faith group of people seeking to explore and understand the world around us. Our discussion topics range across a wide variety of subjects chosen by members in turn.

Anyone is welcome to just come and join in, or if you would like more information please contact: Carol Stickland – 01594 530882 or Sue Groves 01291 689804

There is no admission fee to meetings though we do request a contribution towards room rental and refreshment costs.



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### Bagged for baskets

Keep reusable bags in your car, in your bag, in your pocket.

Find out where you can buy loose fruit and veg.



## BURNS NIGHT DINNER AND CEILIDH – SAT 25TH JANUARY

Brockweir's biennial Burns Night Celebration will be taking place on Sat 25th Jan 2020 7.00pm at the Mackenzie Hall. Don't miss the traditional Burns Night Dinner and Ceilidh with the band Mad Jig Wolf.

Tickets will go on sale in early January at the Village Shop. All welcome.

Save the date!

The BEST Team

## NEWS FROM ST BRIAVELS SCHOOL

We have recently said very emotional goodbyes to two members of staff that both worked in the school for 20 years. At the end of the Summer Term, Mrs. Ricketts left us (AKA Miss Whitney) and at the end of September Jo George left Sunflowers (Playgroup). We held a special assembly for both of them where staff and children shared memories and presented them with various gifts and cards, expressing our great appreciation of their dedicated service to our school; we wish them well in their new positions. Hannah Hardinge has been appointed the new Lead Practitioner in Sunflowers, and Foxglove Class have Mr David Le Templier as their new teacher.

We are very fortunate in school to have a very active PTA, who are constantly putting on events for the children to enjoy and in the process raising some much needed funds for the school. We have already had a Back to School Barbecue, Beetle Drive and a Talent Show and Disco this term and we look forward to a Pre Loved Clothes Sale on Wednesday 6th November at 7.30 pm and our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7th December at 10.00am until 2.00pm, both held in the School Hall, and all are welcome to join us.

We have a Toddlers and Babies Group that meets in the School Hall every Tuesday during term time, £3.00 per family including refreshments. Parents, Grandparents, Carers, all welcome.



## THE PLANET'S BAKING

- why aren't you?

Mackenzie Hall,  
Saturday,  
February 1st, 4 pm

Watch this space



ORGANIC FRUIT & VEG \* FRENCH BREAD & PATISSERIE \* ORGANIC LAMB \*  
 \* RARE BREED PEDIGREE BEEF & PORK \* FREE RANGE POULTRY & GAME \* CHEESE  
 CHUTNEY \* OLIVES \* NUTS \* CIDER \* EGGS \* DELI \* HERBS \*  
**ST BRIAVELS LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET**  
**Saturday 2nd November**  
 The Pavilion 10-12.30 pm  
 \* SAUSAGES \* PASTIES \* HONEY \* BUTTER \* FRUIT JUICE \* CAKES \* RESERVES \*  
 INNOVATIVE VEGETARIAN & VEGAN FOOD \* FUDGE \* PLANTS \* REFRESHMENTS \*  
 SWEET & SAVOURY PIES \* AUTHENTIC FRESHLY MADE CURRIES & INDIAN SNACKS

★★★★★★  
 Feel free to bring your own wine, drinks & snacks.  
 Teas, coffees & ice cream on sale.  
 ★★★★★★

**Film Night**  
**Friday 8th November**  
**All Is True**  
 "Branagh embodies the Bard in mesmerising All Is True" Rolling Stone  
**Tintern Village Hall 7.45pm**  
**Tickets £4.00 15s & under £2.50**

★★★★★★  
 Information: tinternvillage.co.uk  
 or phone 07774 726860  
 ★★★★★★

## EGYPTIAN & NOMADIC BELLY DANCE WITH ANARA

Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir, NP16 7NW

Egyptian Belly Dance has always been a dance which celebrates the rites of passage of Womanhood, from the Ancient days of the Egyptian Queens, Priestesses, Maidens and Mothers. No matter your size or shape, Egyptian Belly Dance will awaken a confidence in you! It tones and exercises your body, improving your flexibility and stamina and has been used to support women's health.

**Come and discover your Inner Goddess!**  
**A fun and easy dance to learn in a creative and playful way!**

Anara has studied dance since the age of 3: Ballet, Contemporary, Latin, Flamenco, Egyptian Belly Dance and Jazz and has practised 5 Rhythms & Ecstatic Dance since 1999. She has also studied Dance Movement Therapy, Safe and Effective Dance Practice and has taught dance in the UK since 2004.

She is a Professional Holistic Therapist.  
 Lessons are suitable for all levels. You must be aged 18 or over

**Mondays: 7.30 - 9pm.**  
**Commences January 6th 2020**

2 x 12 week courses, Jan-March, Apr-July. (No class on April 6th or 15th)  
 Early Bird: £150 enrol by NOV 15th, if two friends enrol together a free coin belt for each or £180 enrol by DEC 15th

e: anaradance777@gmail.com / m: 07931 477764

## RECYCLING OLD ELECTRONIC DEVICES

2019 is the International year of the periodic table. It is probably also no better time to be reminded of element scarcity. Electronic devices contain numerous elements of which supplies are running out. Indium and tantalum mines, for example, are predicted to be exhausted within the next one hundred years. The growing global rate of consumption, plus their usefulness in a range of technologies – transistors, solar panels, pacemakers, turbine blades – makes the need for their recovery an urgent necessity. In addition there are ethical considerations. “Conflict elements” such as gold, tin and tungsten are often fought over in areas where they are mined. Child labour is often involved in their extraction.

A survey carried out by the Royal Society of Chemistry, unsurprisingly found that the worst hoarders are those aged between 16 and 24, who have ten or more devices at home. According to the Electrical Waste Recycling Group (a group of businesses formed in 2008) we recycle about half a million tonnes of electrical waste in the UK, which sounds good but is only a small proportion of what is going to landfill or is stashed away in people’s homes. To find out more, search for “elements in danger” or visit the Royal Society of Chemistry’s website ([www.rsc.org](http://www.rsc.org)).

And go and recycle those old devices.

David Rees



## PERRYMAN'S FIELDS

John Perryman has decided to gift 3 acres of fields next to his home on St Briavels Common to a community project that will do some good. We've had a chat and suggested that a Food Forest community project might be the thing. The idea involves creating three canopies of trees, bushes and plants, as in a forest, which provide fruit and nuts and leaves to eat. The edible forest garden works like a mini-ecosystem, enriching the soil, storing carbon and providing habitats for a multitude of wildlife. The Food Forest project in Shepton Mallett is a good example.

This is a great way of getting children and young families involved in the wonder of learning how to grow, nurture and harvest fresh, nutritious and tasty food. Being local, it exemplifies how we can reduce food miles and provide a tiny bit of what's known as food security.

So here's a question. Would you be interested in doing something which gets you outdoors, keeps you fit, helps you share ideas and efforts with other like-minded folk and learn about food forest gardening? If so, please let me know. This project may take a little while setting up yet there will be many opportunities for everyone to contribute to a community project. If you have legal experience of setting up a Community Interest Company that would be useful and any pro bono support welcome. A minibus trip to see Shepton Mallett's success is under consideration. Then, we'll need to work as a community to clear the 3 acres of bracken, secure the boundary walls and fences, clear a mini-parking area, and decide on a plan to work with the land to create the forest garden. Opportunities to come together with common purpose need to be seized and enjoyed.

The working title for the project is Perryman's Fields. No doubt a few Perry Pear trees might find their way into the planting scheme. Every bit of help would be much appreciated.

Thank you, John, for your generosity.

Please contact me when you can.

Chris McFarling [chrismcfarling@phonecoop.coop](mailto:chrismcfarling@phonecoop.coop) t: 01594 531225



## NICK DAVIES

Nick was a local lad, born at Lydney Hospital, the son of Dilwyn and Kath, having an older sister, Sally. He attended Brockweir and Wyedean schools.

Nick was always an outdoor lad. He loved helping Grannie in her garden and playing with her Boxer dogs. Summer time was helping with the hay-making at Wilmont Farm. After attending agricultural college at Hartpury, he went to work with his father at Llanwern, working in the Tarmac department. His dream was to own his own land so he could rear sheep and cattle. He worked hard, saved hard and attained his dream. He built his own calf-rearing sheds and barns as well as his own machinery, enabling him to build up his contracting business, hay-making, fencing and hedge cutting for many in our community.

As a young lad, he took up motorbike scrambling. He loved music, especially Status Quo. Football was not to be missed, being an avid Manchester United fan. He trained with the Chepstow Harriers, running many marathons. Nick led a simple life. He was a private person, quiet and understanding, someone who would help anyone. He was devoted to his family and took the role of uncle to Ferne and Alice with great responsibility. He was their best of friends, as well as their biggest tease.

Over the years, Nick has helped with many local events, mowing the churchyard, supplying fields for car parking and for the local Bonfire and Firework displays.

Nearly ten years ago, he met Miranda, whom he worshipped, and their happiness and love shone out. He adored the twins, providing them with a stable, happy home at Castle Crescent. They enjoyed many family holidays together.

This has been a time of shock and great sadness for our communities, as a life was tragically cut short. Nick was respected by many and that's why so many attended his funeral service, to show support for the family and their respect for Nick, whose quiet personality had touched so many.

Mandy Vaughan

## Citizens Advice at St. Briavels Assembly Rooms

For free, impartial and confidential advice.

Drop-in sessions first Thursday each month

1.30 - 4 pm

For a fixed appointment please call 01594 823937



## GORDON BIGGART

It was with sorrow that I heard the news of Gordon's death at his home in his native Scotland in Edinburgh on October 4th 2019. He was 87 years of age. Many will remember Gordon and Libbie and their four children who moved into The Admirals on Cinderhill in St Briavels in about 1970 living there until they moved to Scotland in 2006.

Primarily, Gordon was a devoted family man, yet he was very active in the community, particularly when he retired, and he retained a real love for, and interest in, this area when they moved away. His concern for the environment drove his involvement in the Wye Valley Preservation Society, which was very active in those days, and specifically he became very involved, together with Ken Secrett and Peter Chard, fighting tirelessly to resist the inclusion of various new quarries on the Hewelsfield Plateau in the Local Minerals Development Plan. Their efforts were rewarded in 2001 when the inquiry rejected the proposals (though sadly we are waiting now for a result on an enquiry to develop an extension to the Stowe Valley Quarry).

Gordon was also a keen supporter of the Parish Grasslands Project in its early days and he bought some acres adjoining Sylvia Farm where he and the children encouraged wild flowers and planted many trees, though his vendetta to eliminate the grey squirrels who attacked them was not wholly successful. Then there was his love of music. He was a loyal member of the Music Society and Libbie and Gordon were crucial in their roles as Secretary and Treasurer to the society in the 70s and 80s. Without them, it is doubtful that it would have been sustained. For many years, it was their grand piano that lived in the church to be used by visiting performers.

Gordon had a huge heart to match his tall stature and the community benefited from many acts of kindness and generosity, which I know were quietly and anonymously made over the years, to help both individuals and organisations in the parishes of St. Briavels, Brockweir and Hewelsfield.

Libbie, in Edinburgh, lives very close to her elder daughter Janet and family; and her younger son, Tom and family, is in nearby Perthshire. We send the whole family our sympathy and best wishes.

Ursula Williams

## THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

### Pasta with Broccoli, Feta and Puttanesca

- 150g dried pasta
- 200g Purple Sprouting Broccoli – cut into short lengths
- 50g feta cheese, cubed
- ½ 180g jar of cooks creamed pasta sauce (not tomato)
- 25g pine nuts
- 50g parmesan cheese
- Grated zest from ½ lemon.



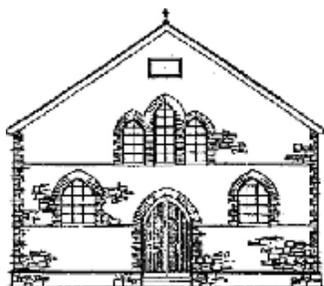
Cook the pasta in a large pan until just soft. (Hint – to stop the pasta sticking put a table spoon of oil in the water whilst the pasta is cooking.) Drain the pasta and return to the pan.

Steam the broccoli for three minutes and drain.

Put pine nuts, feta cheese, cooked pasta, broccoli and the ½ jar of pasta sauce in a dish and gently heat in the oven for about 20 minutes.

Serve in bowls accompanied with fresh herbs.

Mary Perryman



### WYE VALLEY ARTS CENTRE, LLANDOGO

*Beginners and improvers are very welcome on all the courses as all will enjoy the individual attention which the tutors can give to small groups of students. There are 1, 2 and 4 and 6 day courses. Please ask for further details. We hope you will find an opportunity to come to The Wye Valley Arts Centre to enjoy our beautiful inspirational surroundings, the perfect creative environment.*

#### AUTUMN 2019

<b>Thursday</b> Nov 7	<b>SILVER JEWELLERY (10 classes)</b> £230 for 10 x 3hr sessions (Silver is not included)	Ann Skehel
<b>Fridays</b> Nov 1, 8.	<b>PAINTING AND DRAWING (10 classes)</b> £220 for 10 x 3hr sessions, am or pm. 9.30am - 12.30pm and/or 1pm - 4pm.	Ann Hulme

Tel: 01594 530214 Email: [info@wyearts.co.uk](mailto:info@wyearts.co.uk) Web: [www.wyearts.co.uk](http://www.wyearts.co.uk)

## ST BRIAVELS WI

### UPDATE FOR OCTOBER 2019

The speaker for our September meeting was from the Severn Freewheelers, who are motorcyclists that transport blood and other medical items on a volunteer basis for the NHS. The speaker was comprehensive, enthusiastic and entertaining.

We have arranged a polymer clay workshop for the 23rd October which will be led by the tutor Sally Boehme. Members are looking forward to having "a crafty day". Over the weekend of the 11th to 13th October we had a stall at Gloucester Cathedral as part of the Gloucestershire WI Centenary celebrations. The stall was decorated to reflect the activities and interests of the members of St Briavels WI. We are lucky to have some very talented members who were able to use their craft skills to decorate and dress the stall. A talented member painted miniature portraits of all the members from photographs, to put on the stall. She did a brilliant job but, unfortunately, she was not open to bribes to air brush the final results!

We have a Harvest Supper arranged for the October's meeting and our monthly coffee club will be held at the Assembly Rooms on the 31st October. We are making preparations for our Christmas meal and attending the County Christmas Carol Concert in Cheltenham. We continue to support the food bank on a monthly basis and provide cakes for the Hospice twice yearly.

We are still considering our plans on how we are going to support the United Nations campaign to end violence against women. The National WI is supporting this campaign and we consider that this is an important campaign to support locally. The statistics are very alarming; 1 in 4 women will experience domestic abuse, 2 women a week are killed by a current or former partner. At the point of separation, women and their children are at higher risk of being victims of physical harm. Children who are exposed to domestic abuse are more likely to have emotional/behavioural difficulties. Domestic abuse presents in many forms and is something that is experienced across all sections of the community, and unfortunately there have been a number of incidents where women and children have been killed in the local areas.

We are currently considering holding a candlelight vigil in the Castle Moat on the 18th December, between 7.00 and 7.30pm, which would be open to all women of the village. When we have confirmed the details we will advertise them via the Village News, posters and Social media, so please keep a look out for the details.

St Briavels WI meets on the 3rd Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm in the Pavilion. New members are always welcome

Sue Smith

## DIARY DATES – weekly/regular activities

### Mondays

**ZUMBA TONING WITH JO:** 9:15-10:15am – Mackenzie Hall Brockweir.

**CUB SCOUTS:** (8-10½ year olds). 6.00-7.30pm. St Briavels Pavillion.

Emma-Jayne, 07807 068296, [stbriavelsscoutgroup@outlook.com](mailto:stbriavelsscoutgroup@outlook.com).

**ADULT TAP FOR FUN:** 6.45 - 7.45 improvers+ / Intermediates; 7.45 - 8.45 Beginners. Moravian Church Hall. Call Deborah: 07801 479269.

**TABLE TENNIS:** 7.30 - 9pm (except 2nd Monday of the month). Assembly Rooms. St. Briavels. No need to book, all levels welcome. Good exercise and great fun. [tabletennis@st-briavels.com](mailto:tabletennis@st-briavels.com).

### Tuesdays

**YOGA WITH ALI ROSE:** 9:30-11am. Assembly Rooms, St Briavels.

07883 678629. [simplyalirose@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:simplyalirose@yahoo.co.uk)

**COURTYARD CAFE:** 1:30-4:30. Assembly Rooms – hairdresser, seamstress services, "Pop-up" shop: French bread/patisserie.

**ST. BRIAVELS "WALKING for HEALTH"** walk every Tuesday for approx. 1 hour. Starts 2pm, Assembly Rooms, St. Briavels. Call John for more info – 01594 530890.

**KNITTERS GROUP** meets every Tuesday, 3.00 - 4. 30 at St Briavels Assembly rooms. For info contact [Claire@nissel.co.uk](mailto:Claire@nissel.co.uk)

**OPEN MIC** and New Wye Valley Acoustic Music Club at the Rose & Crown, Tintern, every first Tuesday of the month. For more info call Adrian on 01291 689812.

**ZUMBA GOLD WITH JO** at 7-8pm St Briavels School Hall

**ZUMBA WITH JO** at 8:15-9:15pm, Fitness, St Briavels School Hall

### Wednesdays

**COMMUNITY VINYASA YOGA** 9-10 am, Assembly Rooms, St Briavels, Lorna Kennedy 07793 381849 [lornayoga@me.com](mailto:lornayoga@me.com) [www.lornayoga.com](http://www.lornayoga.com)

**ECSTATIC DANCING** 9.45 am -11.30 pm Mackenzie Hall

**FRIENDLY ART GROUP** Most Wednesdays, 10am-1pm Assembly Rooms. Call Ann Kilminster on 07980 978348.

**PILATES:** 2-3pm. Assembly Rooms, St Briavels. For info call: 01291 627243 / 07787 193302.

**BROCKWEIR BOWLS CLUB:** 2-4pm Wednesdays, Mackenzie Hall.

Re-starts 11 September. For more information call Bob Broughton 01594 530003.

**BEAVER SCOUTS:** (5¼-8 year olds). 5.00-6.00pm. St Briavels Pavillion. Emma-Jayne, 07807 068296, [stbriavelsscoutgroup@outlook.com](mailto:stbriavelsscoutgroup@outlook.com).

**BROCKWEIR YOUTH CLUB** – the club meets during term time.

For further information please ring 01291 689 327 or visit: [www.brockweiryouthclub.co.uk](http://www.brockweiryouthclub.co.uk).

**MINDFULNESS MEDITATION GROUP** First Wednesday of the month, 7-9 pm. All welcome. Please call Diana on 07952 548040 for new venue details.

**SOFT MEETING.** On two Weds each month. 7.30pm. The Loft above Village Shop.

### Thursdays

**COURTYARD CAFE:** 1:30-4:30. Assembly Rooms – hairdresser, seamstress services, "Pop-up" shop.

**SCOUTS:** (10½-14 year olds). 6.00-8.00pm. St Briavels Pavillion. Emma-Jayne, 07807 068296, [stbriavelsscoutgroup@outlook.com](mailto:stbriavelsscoutgroup@outlook.com)

**MIXED CIRCUITS CLASS:** 6:30pm at Mackenzie Hall

**YOGA WITH ALI ROSE:** 7- 8:30pm, Assembly Rooms. 07883 678629 [simplyalirose@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:simplyalirose@yahoo.co.uk).

**ZUMBA WITH JO**, 'Zumba Strong', St Briavels School Hall, 8.15pm - 9.15pm

**ST BRIAVELS WALKING GROUP** – monthly walks. John Hurley 01594 530890

### Fridays

**TEA AND TOTS:** 9:30-11.00am – term time only, Assembly Rooms, St Briavels. For more information please visit our Facebook page: St Briavels Tea and Tots.

**IYENGAR YOGA** – 9.30-11am at Mackenzie Hall. [www.wildwoodyoga.co.uk](http://www.wildwoodyoga.co.uk) or call/message Kishe Redwood 07805 729893

**UNDER 5s PLAY CLUB** – 11am - 1pm at the Pavilion.

**BOARD GAMES CAFÉ** – Last Friday of the month, 7-10pm at the Assembly Rooms, St Briavels

### Saturdays

**YOGA WITH ALI ROSE:** Once a month, last Saturday of month, 9.30-11.00am Assembly Rooms, St Briavels. 07883 678629.

[simplyalirose@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:simplyalirose@yahoo.co.uk)

**ZUMBA WITH JO**, 'Toning', St Briavels School Hall, 9.00 - 10am.

### Sundays

**ST BRIAVELS PEOPLE'S CHOIR** meets at 7 pm at the Assembly Rooms every week.

**ST BRIAVELS SCHOOL TERM DATES: 2019**

Autumn Term 2 September - 25 October / 4 November - 20 December

## DIARY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

Walking for Health every Tuesday – meet at the Assembly Rooms, 2pm			
2 Sat	Produce Market	10am-12.30pm	St Briavels Pavilion
2 Sat	Craft Fayre	10am-3pm	St Briavels Church
5 Tues	Coffee Morning	10am	St Briavels Congregational Ch.
5 Tues	Hewelsfield & Brockweir PC meeting	7pm	The Loft, Village Shop, Brockweir
6 Weds	SOFT meeting	7.30pm	The Loft, Village Shop, Brockweir
6 Weds	Pre Loved Clothes Sale	7.30pm	St Briavels School Hall
7 Thurs	Walk & Talk Group	2pm	Meet at Hewelsfield Ch.
7 Thurs	Charity Soup Lunch	12noon	Moravian Schoolroom
9 Sat	Wye Valley Music: Machonchy String Quartet	7.30pm	Bridges Centre, Monmouth
9 Sat	'Supra' Georgian Feast (must be pre-booked)	7 for 7.30pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
9 Sat	St Briavels Moat Society Working Party – all welcome	10am to 12pm	Castle Moat
10 Sun	Act of Remembrance	10.50am	Memorial Gates, St Briavels & Hewelsfield Church Gates
11 Mon	St Briavels PC meeting (planning applications and councillors available from 6.30pm)	7pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
13 Weds	Nosh & Natter: Morning Coffee	10.30-12noon	The Myrtles, Brockweir Common
13 Weds	Bingo	7pm	Moravian School Rooms, Brockweir
14 Thurs	St Briavels Walking Group	1pm	Meet at St Briavels Ch.
14 Thurs	Christmas Craft Workshop: Baubles (book: 01594 530847)	2-5pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
14 Thurs	Brockweir & Hewelsfield Local History Group	7.30pm	Moravian School Rooms, Brockweir
14 Thurs	Wine Tasting with Tom Innes	7pm	Village Shop, Brockweir
16 Sat	Brockweir Events: The Great Cabaret Safari	7.30 for 8pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
16 Sat	Annual Congregation Council meeting	2pm	Moravian Sunday School Room

19 Tues	St Briavels Senior Citizens: Shopping trip	9am	The Square, St. Briavels
19 Tues	Make a Willow Christmas Decoration (book: 01291689995)	10am-1pm	Brockweir Village Shop
19/20/21	Volunteer Days (Tues-Thurs)	–	St Briavels Castle
20 Weds	SOFT meeting	7.30pm	The Loft, Village Shop, Brockweir
20 Weds	WI meeting: AGM & Entertainment	7.30pm	St Briavels Pavilion
21 Thurs	Christmas Craft Workshop: Robins (book: 01594 530847)	1.30-4.30pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
21 Thurs	Walk & Talk Group	2pm	Meet at Hewelsfield Ch.
21 Thurs	Coffee, Cake & Chat	10am to noon	Moravian Sunday School Rooms.
21 Thurs	Wine, Chat, Shop	7-9pm	Village Shop, Brockweir
22 Fri	Board Games Café	7-10pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
22 Fri	Garden Society: Inspiring the Next Generation	7.30pm	St Briavels Pavilion
23 Sat	Brockweir Christmas Market	10am - 4pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
28 Thurs	St Briavels Lunch Club	11.45	St Briavels Pavilion
30 Sat	Family event: Making Christmas Decorations	10.30am-1.30pm	St Briavels Congregational Church
30 Sat/1 Sun	Nativity Exhibition	10am-4pm	Hewelsfield Church
30 Sat/1 Sun	St Briavels Art and Craft Market	11am-4pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels.

## ADVANCE DATES

5 Dec	Coffee Morning: mince pies and school choir	10am	St Briavels Congregational Church
7 Dec	Christmas Lunch (over 60s)	12noon - 3pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
7 Dec	Christmas Fayre	10am-2pm	St Briavels School Hall
7 Dec	St Briavels People's Choir	7 pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
25 Jan	Brockweir Burns Night Celebration	7.00pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir



## WYE VALLEY MUSIC (ST BRIAVELS MUSIC SOCIETY)

### Musicians in Schools

In last year's Annual Report, we mentioned that the society

had organised schools workshops for children from St Briavels, Clearwell and Ellwood Primary Schools. The pupils were introduced to the instruments of the string quartet; this proved to be an exciting and enjoyable event for the children and their teachers. This year we received a substantial grant from the Lark Trust to expand this work. Some of this has been used already to fund further musical experiences, this time featuring brass instruments, for children in three more Forest of Dean primary schools, and we are now going to extend this work by arranging further workshops.

In January, we have arranged for pianist **Clare Hammond** to perform for children

### Beethoven in Wales (Concert 2)

Last month, we enjoyed the second in our series of concerts in which **Mary Hofman and Richard Ormrod** are playing all of **Beethoven's violin sonatas**. The concert was held in Monmouth School for

### The Maconchy String Quartet

Our November concert will be on Saturday the 9th November, 7.30pm in the Bridges Centre Monmouth. It will feature four talented string players: **Bridget O'Donnell, violin, Eloise MacDonald, violin, Joanna Patrick, viola, and Lily Hope, cello**.

Established at the Royal College of Music in 2018, to celebrate the work of Dame Elizabeth Maconchy, they are a

*Admission for the public is £15, £12 for members and £2 for students. Booking may be made on-line at [www.wvm.org.uk](http://www.wvm.org.uk). Enquiries can be made to the message line at 01291 330020 or by email to [info@wvm.org.uk](mailto:info@wvm.org.uk).*

in three primary schools in Chepstow. Her programmes comprise a series of short pieces covering a wide range of styles, emotions and characters. She introduces each of these with the stories behind the music, musical features to listen out for and anecdotes about the composers. These concerts are designed to stimulate children's imaginations and introduce them to the power, excitement and joy of classical music.

Our aim in embarking on this programme is to support the teaching of music in local schools, especially for children who might not otherwise have opportunities to enjoy live performances by top class professional musicians. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to become involved in this work, either by sponsoring further workshops or by helping to organise future events.

Girls' new Performing Arts Centre. There was a good audience and those who attended were able to sample the splendid Steinway piano, the excellent acoustic and comfortable facilities provided at the venue.

London-based string quartet championing works by undiscovered female composers. In July, as part of the Wye Valley Chamber Music Festival Summer Residency, the quartet gave a wonderful performance of the lovely string quartet by Clara Schumann in St Briavels Church. The group will be playing **quartets by Haydn, Elizabeth Maconchy and the much admired string quartet by Maurice Ravel**.

Mike Haines



## PARISH GRASSLANDS PROJECT

[www.parishgrasslandsproject.org.uk](http://www.parishgrasslandsproject.org.uk)

Some 60 people came to the Parish Grasslands

Project meeting at the Mackenzie Hall on Saturday 12 October, to hear about creating and restoring flower-rich meadows. In the last year or two, several new residents of our parishes have asked us for ideas and advice on making the fields they own more attractive and suitable for pollinators, so we invited three speakers with direct experience of doing just this. Caroline Hanks, who organises the very active Herefordshire Meadows group, told us how several farmers in the county are sowing native seed mixtures and changing their grazing regimes to enable grassland to be more productive, draw more on nutrients deep in the soil rather than spreading mineral fertiliser, store more carbon and include more wild flowers. Simplifying, it involves moving cattle and sheep around more often so that pastures are never closely cropped. Then Sue Holland, who has worked for many years for the Herefordshire Wildlife Trust, described two nature reserves where the trust acquired species-poor grassland in the 1990s, and restored the floral diversity by spreading green hay over rotovated

ground. Success came fairly quickly, with most of the special species, such as wild daffodil, meadow saffron and marsh orchids, moving in within a decade.

After a lengthy break for conversations and refreshments, Bruce Langridge, of the National Botanic Garden of



Wales, near Carmarthen, told us about their farmland and the extensive meadows they have restored to spectacular flower displays in high summer. When the garden was founded, their estate included a couple of small fields with flower-rich grassland and a diverse display of waxcap fungi in

autumn, but over the years they have spread green hay and restored traditional patterns of mowing and grazing. This has helped the rarer plants to spread and, once helped, they spread further by themselves. We also heard about a "wild garden" on the edge of the formal flower displays, where a sequence of accidents and unsuccessful experiments has created a highly attractive mixture of meadow flowers characteristic of northern Britain and the alpine regions of Europe. Instead of admitting this was a mistake, the Garden now publicises it as an asset.

George Peterken

### 1st St BRIAVELS CUBS: DISTRICT CAMP 2019

Camping is always a highlight of the year for Cubs. It's a chance to enjoy exciting new experiences, build friendships and bond as a group. This year, we joined the Forest of Dean District Cub Camp, a two-night event held in Westbury on Severn in September. Cub leaders from around the area join forces to create an event that's jam-packed with brilliant activities.

We took a group of 27 Cubs and they got to choose from 14 activities, making their way around the campsite independently in small groups. Favourites were the climbing wall, a caving experience and an inflatable assault course. They also enjoyed building and driving go-karts, a spider web challenge which involved making their way through a tangle of ropes without touching them and using pioneering skills to build a swing boat. In between these adventures, they could pick apples to make their own juice and take part in craft workshops. Our leaders ran a 'hedgehog workshop' where groups of children made papercraft hedgehogs and helped build hedgehog houses. We managed to complete three houses over the weekend, which will soon be decorated and sold to raise funds for our Group. All these activities are carefully chosen to be challenging and fun, and they're aligned with the Scouting ethos, helping the Cubs build #SkillsForLife.

When we ask the Cubs what they enjoy about camping, it's the simple things that seem to make the most impact. Sleeping in tents, bacon butties and hot chocolate for breakfast, spending the whole weekend outdoors, rain or shine (this year there was quite a lot of rain!). By Sunday, most of them were covered in mud and totally exhausted, but they went home happy, with some great memories.

For the rest of the autumn term, we'll be working towards our Personal Challenge, Our World and Teamwork badges. And on November 10th, we'll be at the St Briavels community event for Remembrance Day, along with the Beavers and Scouts.

Cubs is very popular, and we have a waiting list at present. Get in touch if you'd like to put your child's name down and we'll offer you a place as soon as we can.

Emma Carey, 1st St Briavels Cubs Leader (Akela)

For more information about joining Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, contact Emma-Jayne Williams, 1st St Briavels Group Scout Leader on [stbriavelsscoutgroup@outlook.com](mailto:stbriavelsscoutgroup@outlook.com) or 07807 068296.



It's like the Forth Bridge... this month we are starting our winter programme of painting and decorating and general cleaning of the gardens and building. We have our first volunteer working parties on 19th, 20th and 21st November. Please call on 01594 530272 or email [stbriavelsmanager@yha.org.uk](mailto:stbriavelsmanager@yha.org.uk) if you interested in joining us. We also have various volunteering opportunities throughout the year. So please do let us know if you are interested but unable to make those dates.



Remember, Remember, the 5th of November...

A few Bonfire Facts for you...

- According to folklore, fireworks were invented by accident in 10th century China when a cook accidentally mixed 3 common ingredients found in a kitchen (sulphur, charcoal and salt) and then set it alight, resulting in colourful flames!
- The first recorded fireworks in the UK were in 1486 at the wedding of King Henry VII
- During WW2, celebrations had to be inside due to blackout regulations
- Did you know until 1959 that it was illegal to not celebrate Bonfire Night in the UK
- The Yeoman of the Guard still search the Houses of Parliament each year
- An average sparkler burns at between 1000-1500 degrees C

... followed by a few banging fireworks related jokes!

Q. What do you call a duck who likes watching fireworks?

A. A firequacker, of course!

Q. Did you hear I launched my own clothing line this week?

A. I knew I shouldn't have lit the fireworks so close to it!

Q. Did you hear about the policeman who arrested two people on Bonfire Night – one for drinking battery acid, the other for eating fireworks?

A. He charged one and let the other one off!

Linda Harrison, Manager

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NATURE NOTES: THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Moucher – John Josephi – is having a well earned break this month.

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## BROCKWEIR EVENTS AT MACKENZIE HALL



**We have booked some great acts for the coming season at the Mackenzie Hall. So make sure to keep this information somewhere safe so you don't miss out. Have a look at the artists' websites to try before you buy – you won't be disappointed!**

### REVIEW

#### SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2019. THE DRYSTONES

[www.thedrystones.co.uk](http://www.thedrystones.co.uk).

This was a unique event. Two very talented young musicians, Ford (guitar, pipes, percussion and vocals) and Alex (fiddle, percussion and vocals) and their sound engineer, Chris, together produced a range of songs and dance music that defies a music genre. Whilst rooted in folk tunes, both traditional and self penned, the use of loop pedals and pre recorded information combined with a range of instruments and voices resulted in a unique mix of sounds that goes far beyond folk music. Warmly supported by a small but enthusiastic audience, they played to the peak of their abilities and after a virtuoso performance of pipe and fiddle in the encore everyone went away happy.

### COMING IN NOVEMBER

#### SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2019. THE GREAT CABARET SAFARI\*

[www.shooshoobaby.co.uk](http://www.shooshoobaby.co.uk).

The 'effortlessly funny' female duo ShoShooBaby has been appreciated by audiences throughout the world, earning them a reputation for their excellent singing and musicianship. Expect watertight harmonising on a wonderful array of razor-sharp original cabaret songs, alongside music by Queen, Louis Prima, Ennio Morricone and the Proclaimers. The musical saw, zither, harmonium and kazoo are just a few of the instruments that feature in this eclectic and creative show. *What sets them apart is their musical wit and superb harmony.* SCOTSMAN.

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**\*Supported by Air in G.**

Adrian Birch

## HEATING OIL SYNDICATE

If you run oil fired central heating, then you might be interested in a long-established local syndicate that you can take advantage of. It is a casual and uncomplicated arrangement requiring no more than several prompts from members asking if there is a new offer due when they start to get low. This usually leads to a very good deal being negotiated and published, with a short time period to place orders directly with the supplier. (Anything from 24 hours to a week.) There is no membership fee, pre-ordering or pre-payment required – and no commitment to a schedule or giving over your bank details to a 3rd party. The transaction remains entirely between you and the supplier.

The latest offer in October was 45.5p per litre (+vat), and around 5p to 20p per litre cheaper than you could get as an individual elsewhere (depending on delivery urgency, etc) which is a big saving on 1,000 litres of oil. The best saving per litre achieved over recent years, versus an individual quote, has been as much as a staggering 32p per litre, which was quoted to a pay-monthly 'top-up' budget scheme customer. If you are on a pay-monthly budget scheme with a preferred regular supplier, you can still take advantage of offers elsewhere – and you can usually ask for your money back from your budget scheme supplier at any time, if you wish.

Due to the easy and unconditional nature of this syndicate, the list of people who receive these deals has grown over the years to around 950 local / regional people, via Facebook, Twitter and a private email list. If you wish to be included on the list, please email your full contact details to [kc@karencockfield.com](mailto:kc@karencockfield.com) with 'OIL LIST' in the subject line, and you will be added. It is that simple. (Please check – you should receive an acknowledgement.) Email offers will come from the same address. Please do not confuse this syndicate with others that may be found online called the 'St. Briavels Oil Syndicate', which has happened; thus, being identified here under the personal name of the organiser as the 'Karen Cockfield Syndicate', to avoid confusion.

If you have been benefiting from these offers and would like to show your appreciation, then a few pounds donation from the savings you make towards the heating oil for our community-run charity of 'St. Briavels Assembly Rooms', would be most welcome! (It was negotiating a good price for our village hall that was the inspiration for starting this syndicate in the first place!) There probably is a more fitting proverb than 'many hands make light work', but that'll do! Please deposit your donation through the letterbox outside the Assembly Rooms in an envelope marked 'Oil Donation', give it to a trustee, or email [donate@st-briavels.com](mailto:donate@st-briavels.com) for bank transfer details. Many thanks in anticipation – and to those who already make small donations whenever they order

Karen Cockfield



## NEWS FROM THE BROCKWEIR VILLAGE SHOP

Our extraordinary team of volunteers rose to the challenge last month after Alison left, creating a large gap to fill. The shop and café are a hive of activity, as volunteers and staff take on a wide range of additional roles. We are now looking at our options to fill the gap and the committee is meeting with members and volunteers to work out together how we can best manage the shop for the future.

Peter Stickland

### Wine Tasting with Tom Innes Thursday 14th November • 7pm

Whether you're a wine expert, or just like an occasional glass of the good stuff, we have a great evening lined up for you.

Tom Innes, of the renowned wine merchants, 'Fingal Rock', is hosting a special wine tasting evening at

the Brockweir & Hewelsfield Village Shop, where you can brush up on your knowledge of a range of different wines in the most convivial circumstances. And if you find some that you love, you can even buy bottles of it to take home with you.

Why not bring some friends and make a real night of it? Tickets are just £8 from the shop.

### Wine, Chat, Shop! Thursday 21st November • 7-9pm

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas (or at least it soon will be!)

So, why not join us for an exclusive preview of our fabulous Christmas range here at the Brockweir & Hewelsfield Village Shop, where you can solve your gift dilemmas over a glass of wine with friends?

There'll be fabulous festive candles, china and glassware, gorgeous decorations, wreaths and stockings, as well as lots of tasty seasonal treats to eat and drink. It's a fun way to get a start on that Christmas shopping and support your local community at the same time.

### ART IN THE CAFÉ

#### 'FROM SNOWDON TO SNOW MONKEYS' 19th November to 30th December Photographs by Chris Williams

You are welcome to my "Private View" at the Village Shop, Brockweir on Tuesday, November 19th, 6 - 8 pm for wine, soft drinks and nibbles!

Images in this Christmas exhibition are of winter in northern climes – snow and stormy weather add drama and mystery to pictures. This collection transports us from Iceland via north Wales to Norway and all the way to Hokkaido, the northern most island of Japan.

In an era when most of the population has a smartphone capable of taking excellent pictures, why do I lug around a rucksack with kilos of cameras, lenses and a tripod? I started taking photographs 67 years ago and quickly learnt that getting a quality image is about managing the many compromises that cameras force

us to take. Wildlife photography often requires patience, camouflage, and telephoto lenses. Landscapes, however, need time, careful consideration and frequently, wide-angle lenses. It's important to understand the technical aspects that allow the photographer to control the camera and not the other way around. The best light for photography is when there is golden light low in the sky at dawn and dusk. This means long exposures are necessary, so the camera should be on a stable tripod.

Having encumbered myself with equipment, what am I aiming to achieve when I take a photograph? I want to capture an essence of the place, reflecting how it felt to me at the time.

I don't want a simple record of the scene. I want the image to feel balanced and whole, complete in itself, as an artist might paint it. But unlike an artist, I can't play fast and loose with the scene, it has to be as it was at that moment in time. Digital manipulation can fine tune contrast and hues – but I don't add to images and can't change the scene.

Fine tuning is nothing new – the doyen of landscape photography, Ansel Adams, spent much more time in a darkroom altering and printing his photographs, than taking them with his huge, time-consuming, plate camera! It is easier to achieve an 'artistic feel' with landscape images than in wildlife photography – though the bar is set higher because of this. Animals keep moving and won't pose in the 'best' position, with the ideal background. However, I still want the picture to reflect how I felt during my interaction with the animal. I hope that the close up of the mother Snow Monkey with her baby achieves this as she stares into my lens – her disdain seemed evident to me then, as I hope it does in the picture.

I have chosen to reproduce these photographs in a way (on canvas and acrylic) that allows them to be hung directly on a wall. This keeps the price down, as framing often costs more than the picture itself! They can, of course, be framed. I hope you enjoy my images!

Chris Williams

### St. Briavels People's Choir WINTER CONCERT

Your Christmas starts here!... with an  
Old Tyme Music Hall Style Sing-a-Long and some  
Traditional Seasonal Favourites, Mince pies & Mulled wine!

**Saturday 7th Dec. 7pm £6.00, the Assembly Rooms**  
**Tickets: 01594 530421 or on the door**



### **INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION**

On 22 November, 7.30pm at St Briavels Pavilion, we welcome Alexia Naylor. Alexia's initiative and energy, with that of other committed parents of St Briavels schoolchildren, resulted in two highly successful entries in the RHS Malvern Schools Garden Competition in 2018 and 2019. The Garden Society gave practical support in 2018 and it was impressive to see not just the dedication of adults and staff, but the involvement and enjoyment of so many of the children across the school. Alexia will talk about how this was achieved and how she is inspiring the next generation of gardeners.

We begin the evening with our AGM, usually a fairly brief event, followed by mulled wine and mince pies, as we round off the year before taking a break from regular meetings until January.

All welcome. Visitors £5

### **A SEASONAL TREAT!**

Paul Green, of Greens Leaves Nursery in Newent, was our speaker in October. He brought a wonderful display of plants with him, both to talk about and for sale.

Paul's breadth of knowledge and engaging style was much appreciated, as he discussed a range of plants, especially perennials and grasses, that can brighten up our autumn gardens. There was quite a rush by members to buy many of the plants Paul mentioned, as well as to ask for advice at the end of a most enjoyable evening.

Christine Haines

### **IN MY GARDEN**

Surprises. Most of us like a surprise – well a nice one anyway – and having a garden means that we don't have to wait for our birthday for something unexpected to pop up out of the undergrowth.

Bulbs planted in the gloom of a grey November are easy to forget about – until they emerge in April or May full of the joys of spring. Most of us might think about planting a few daffodils but what about something a bit more exciting? Allium are always striking, most of them on tall slender stems topped with perfect globes made up of masses of tiny, usually purple flowers, and the bees love them! Camassias are lovely too, spires of clear blue flowers looking like a mad experimental cross between a red hot poker and a bluebell. A surprise doesn't have to be visual; wild garlic might be a small and delicate wild woodlander but the smell can knock you sideways, and if you're feeling adventurous it's great in cooking too.



I'm finding space for all of them, as well as turning the heat up for next spring with Tulips; sultry burgundy 'Ronaldo' is my favourite and this year I'm planting it with a new one, 'Slawa', to pick out its deep tones. In the pictures it looks slightly less fiery than another favourite, 'Princes Irene', an electric blend of deep purple and vivid orange, a real stunner. These aren't colour combinations I'd choose to live with all year but a burst of flamboyance and pizzazz after a dull dreary winter will be a very welcome surprise!

### **WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH**

I'm writing in middle of very wet autumn. By the time the magazine is printed, it may be drier – let's hope so! The beautiful colours of the season that had began to develop before the downpours are on hold, nights remain warm and daytime temperatures are generally mild (although the damp air makes it feel cooler). In the garden, the soil is wet but warm. So, too wet to start planting bulbs but perfect for tender perennials (and weeds) to thrive – and great weather for slugs! As always, it's win some, lose some for gardeners. Of course, the wet autumn may precede a dry winter and spring, so take advantage of any dry spells to mulch, mulch and keep the precious moisture in your soil. The worms will do the rest.

When you can get into the garden to sort out your borders, dividing, planting and transplanting, remember that all this work is disruptive for the soil – even digging out weeds! Mulching with well-rotted compost will help it recover. Wait until the spring to add manure, though. You don't want plants to do much growing now, with winter getting closer, but keep new plantings well watered so that their roots establish.

- Get Spring bulbs not yet planted into the ground, once it's dry enough – about 5" deep. Avoid straight lines and give them companions. Most bulbs look best emerging through the foliage of early perennials or annuals and the borrowed foliage helps to mask the bulb leaves when they die back.
- Tidy up shrub roses and make sure roots are firm, in case we get high winds or snow. But don't embark on serious pruning – wait until next spring.
- Complete any pruning needed on summer flowering shrubs
- Plant garlic and broad beans for a good start and good roots before spring. Prepare the soil thoroughly, incorporating well-rotted compost or manure

Find more detailed guidance and full reports on our website: [wyegarden.com](http://wyegarden.com)

Christine Haines

## PEOPLE POWER PLEDGES

### The Hows, Whys, Lows, and Highs of Small Steps

"As a new parent, I first assumed wet wipes were part of the essential kit, but – a good old fashioned flannel does a great job. For post mealtime clean-ups, home or away, we had flannels cut into quarters to 'boom their chops' as we say. It's no harder to remember to take a flannel with you, than remember to pack the wet wipes. We had to work out how to make them wet when out; a dry wipe is not the same. We tried carrying them about wet in a tupperware, but they get smelly after a day and required too much efficiency. Instead we dabbed on a bit of water from the inevitable water bottle we had with us. If we forgot that, water was never far away.

"We used the same system for bums. We cut up a fleece dog blanket we bought in the pound shop. We discovered through trial and poeey error, that very small squares make for much cleaner wiping. A big piece of material can flop about and pick up poo all over the shop, then flop again and deposit poo over the rest of the shop; with a small square you can be targeted.

"At home we had a tub for dirty wipes and either a tap or a bowl of water. And that's where the important 'one wipe' rule comes in – only ever dip a clean square! That works out logically anyway because the squares are best small. Out and about, there is almost always a tap nearby when nappy changing. Where there was not a tap there was a bottle of water; water is never far away. In fact, I found a sippy cup works well because you can either shake the water onto the square or dip it in the wide top. Bum cleaned, wipes went in the net bag safely stashed in the washable waterproof dirty nappy bag (we bought) and transferred directly to the washing machine. The net bag was a must because the small squares got stuck in the washing machine filter when loose.

"We occasionally got to use actual wet wipes when someone left a packet behind at our house. When one of these accidentally made it into the wash it emerged in the washing basket with plenty of life left in it and was used many times over. It did feel like a treat to use actual wet wipes, it is true; but when the packet was done it was never hard going back to the squares. Some older people commented that that was how they used to do it. I knew a couple of parents who bought reusable wipes online and took them out wet in a special tub scented with essential oils, but we never found that to be necessary."

*For more information on People Power Pledges, to get involved, or share your story, contact [rachelslee@hotmail.com](mailto:rachelslee@hotmail.com)*

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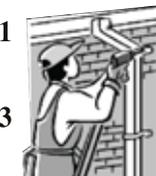
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