

Dear Friends

As you read this, the clock is ticking down to the Brexit deadline of 31st October.

Whether you are a Leaver or a Remainer, we've all looked on as arguments have flown back and forth and Parliament has seemed unable to make any progress.

Did you know that every sitting of both Houses of Parliament begins with prayer? Traditionally members turned around to face their seats as it was difficult to kneel down whilst wearing a sword! In the Commons, the Speaker's Chaplain reads this prayer:

"Lord, the God of righteousness and truth, grant to our Queen and her government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed. Amen."

Church-goer or not, I know many of you pray and I invite you to join me in praying for our Parliament at this challenging time.

Matt Rees

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 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 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 month we come towards the end of the Church's year. Our highlights are the St Luke's Day service on the 20th, during which there will be prayer for healing and wholeness as we recall that Luke was a doctor. He presents in his gospel the centrality of Jesus' message, not just of forgiveness and new life in a renewed creation, which we can receive now, but that he brought healing and wholeness to the sick and troubled as a sign of that. Just as Jesus still forgives and renews lives today, so he still heals. Please join us to receive his healing, peace and power.

On the 27th we celebrate the Bible, inspired by God, which can be a light on our feet and a lamp to our path. It is my experience, and that of many others, that we meet with God through reading the Bible and find it a source of guidance, hope and encouragement. Come and find out more. Finally, on All Saints Sunday, 3rd November, as we celebrate the lives of saints living here and in heaven, we will be remembering those close to us that we have lost, and committing to God, life's other losses.

OCTOBER SERVICES: PREACHERS AND THEMES:

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, ST BRIAVELS

SUNDAY 6th October - Trinity 16: Lonely, Loyal, Loved. Robert

8.30am	BCP Communion
9.30am	All Age Eucharist

SUNDAY 13th - Trinity 17: Build, Bear & Benefit. Robert

9.30am	All Age Eucharist
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SUNDAY 20th - St Luke's Day: Persevere, Promise, People. Robert

8.30am	BCP Communion
9.30am	All Age Eucharist

SUNDAY 27th - Bible Sunday: Support, Strengthen, Show. Robert

9.30am	All Age Eucharist
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SUNDAY 3rd November - All Saints Day: Destined, Directed, Delivered. Robert

8.30am	BCP Communion
9.30am	All Age Eucharist

MIDWEEK AT ST BRIAVELS

1 st Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
3 rd Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer
8 th Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
9 th Weds	10.30am	Communion
10 th Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer
15 th Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
17 th Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer
22 nd Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
23 rd Weds	10.30am	Communion
24 ^h Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer
29 th Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
31 st Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer
5 th Nov Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
6 th Weds	10.30am	Communion
7 th Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer

ST MARY MAGDALENE, HEWELSFIELD & BROCKWEIR

SUNDAY 6th - Trinity 16: Lonely, Loyal, Loved. Robert

11.00am	Family Communion
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SUNDAY 13th - Trinity 17: Build, Bear & Benefit. Robert

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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 October 2019

Sun	6 Oct	6.00pm	Rev Patsy Holdsworth (<i>Holy Communion</i>)
Sun	13 Oct	6:00pm	Sr Mary Harris (<i>Service of 'Sankey' Hymns with Lovefeast</i>)
Sun	20 Oct	6.00pm	Rev Michael Mortimer
Sun	27 Oct	6.00pm	Jan Pain

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 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 1st Thurs of the month. 3rd October in aid of Great Oaks Hospice.

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

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 17th October 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 9th October in the Sunday School Rooms. Eyes Down @ 7.00 p.m. Refreshments will be served

ST BRIAVELS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

We're a group of ordinary people from the local area, united by our belief in Jesus Christ and with a desire to follow him.

Our services are at 10am and 6pm. Our morning service is a family service when we have a "Sunday Club" for young children. We meet for Bible study and prayer every Thursday (8pm, venue changes) and Tuesday (10:15am in the chapel).

Coffee Morning is on Tuesday October 1st (10-12) We raise funds for charities that we support and also provide a great chance to meet up for a chat. Everyone is welcome.

On Saturday 19th October, the churches of St Briavels warmly invite you to a morning of fun, food, craft, games and Bible stories. It will take place from 11am to 1pm in the Pavilion and is open to all. Children need to be accompanied by an adult. We hope you can join us!

If you would like to know more about us, please get in touch or visit our website: www.stbriavelscongregational.org.uk

Matt Rees. Pastor. 01594 530098

HEWELSFIELD AND BROCKWEIR PARISH COUNCIL

Summary Minutes 3rd September 2019

Present: Cllrs. Fox, Haythornthwaite, Brundle, Sinfield, Harris, one member of the public, Parish Clerk.

Councillors paid respects to Nick Davies who sadly passed away and offered condolences to his family. Mr Davies gave a lot to our community and he will be greatly missed.

Thomas Groves-Bond was officially welcomed as a Councillor. There is still one vacancy. Eligible parishioners should contact the Clerk for more information if they are interested in joining the council.

Payee	Service	Amount
Cllr. Sinfield	Web Hosting	£111.75
Lynda Skuse	Clerk salary	£271.00
AEB Price	Strimming/Litter Picking	£160.00
Village Shop	Room Fees	£267.04

Information on site of drains and grit bins to be transferred to a parish map, including drainage channels/grips. Parishioners are asked to contact the Clerk with the site of any channels/grips that are blocked or where flooding regularly occurs.

P1237/19/TCA – Churchcroft, Church Road, Hewelsfield. Remove x 2 Hazel Trees, x 1 Conifer and x 1 Elder, remove three upper branches from x 1 Willow Tree and reduce x 1 Holly Tree in height by 4m No comment.

P1283/19/FUL – Brockweir & Hewelsfield Village Shop, Mill Hill, Brockweir, Chepstow. Installation of air source heat pump. (Retrospective). No Comment

P1282/19/TCA – The Manse, Brockweir Chepstow. Remove 1 x Poplar Tree and x2 Conifer Trees and reduce x 1 Conifer Tree to provide a clearance from the Sunday School Building Roof of 2m at The Manse. No Comment

P1137/19/FUL – Lowlands, Belmont Road, Hewelsfield, Lydney. Erection of a single storey extension including loft conversion and erection of garage/workshop with associated works. Demolition of existing garage. No Comment

P1355/19/FUL – Hartlands, South Bank, Hewelsfield, Lydney. Erection of a two storey rear and side extension with associated works. No Comment

An action plan had been drawn up for an initial clean of the Quay and a public meeting arranged at The Loft, Village Shop for 18th September, 7pm. All welcome.

EA had delivered letters to households affected by flood, inviting them to complete a questionnaire and make an appointment for a survey of their

property. Highways were requested to erect signage warning that the River Wye is tidal and liable to heavy flooding.

The Wireworks bridge is officially closed to traffic as the girders are in a very poor state. Estimates for possible repair are being sought. Highways will keep the council informed.

A quote of £130 had been obtained from a contractor to clear the site of the old well on Underhill.

It was agreed not to set up a mailing list to send notices for the parish.

Work on improving broadband is scheduled to commence 1st Quarter 2020.

Traffic issues at Hewelsfield crossroads were discussed with Highways several times, resulting in the rumble strips on the road and a statement that no further action would be taken.

Additional grit bins to be sited at Hewelsfield Crossroads.

Overgrown verges on Underhill reported to Highways.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 8th October 2019 7.00pm at The Loft, Village Shop.

ST BRIAVELS PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Meeting held on Monday, 9th September, 2019 in the Assembly Rooms, St. Briavels

Age Concern Forest of Dean – the Council awarded a grant of £2,000 to Age Concern to help towards their “meals on wheels” service.

Playing Fields – the Council awarded a grant of £5,000 for new play equipment, for children of all abilities, to the Playing Fields Association.

BT Telephone Boxes – it was agreed to adopt 3 telephone boxes in the Parish and to ask BT to continue to run the boxes at The Square and The Fence.

Whittington Close / Play Area – in the light of communications received, and other considerations, it was agreed to review the way forward with the Whittington Close / Play Area proposals.

Street Lighting – members of the Council had met with the Gloucestershire Street Lighting team and discussed locations for new street lights. Possible locations include the school, the Tump, opposite Pystol Lane and Smithville Close. A consultation will be made with residents before progressing.

Communications – the Council noted the points made in letters received, and through the Village News, and thanked the correspondents for their input.

Parish Council Vacancy – the Council are inviting applications for the co-option of a parishioner to join the Council. This position will be considered at the October meeting.



Parish Clerk Vacancy – the Council discussed the recruitment of a Parish Clerk. Further details are available in the Village News, on our website, in the Notice Boards and from our locum clerk (contact details below).

Next meeting – Monday, 14th October, 2019 at 7.00 pm 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

ST BRIAVELS PARISH COUNCIL & BURIAL AUTHORITY

NALC National Salary Scale SCP7-12 (£10.16 - £11.22 per hour) depending on experience and qualifications

Applicants are sought for the permanent post of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to commence as soon as possible.

The appointee will work from home and be required to attend all meetings of the Council - normally 10 per year, in the evenings. Personal transport is essential.

The appointment will be subject to satisfactory performance after a 6-month probationary period, and will be for 50 hours a month, also to be reviewed after 6 months

The successful candidate must be computer literate (MS Word, Excel, website management) and have experience in relevant administration and maintenance of financial records.

It is preferable if the appointee has the Certificate in Local Council Administration (or equivalent), but if not will be expected to work to obtain it; training will be provided at the Council's expense.

Application pack from the locum clerk Richard Crighton at rsc43@sky.com

Closing date for applications: Friday 11 October 2019, interview during the week of 21 October.

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



BANK HOLIDAY COFFEE MORNING – THANK YOU!

Just to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended and helped at our last Coffee Morning on Bank Holiday Monday. We raised an amazing amount of £1,200, which was split between the chosen charities. Each one was extremely grateful.

Thank you again for all the support this year and we look forward to seeing you on Easter Monday next year.

Adele, Tessa and Family

RIDE AND STRIDE

Well I did it! On 14th September I walked 7 miles round Gloucester and visited 37 places of worship, six more than last year.

This was in aid of the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust annual fundraising event. A big THANK YOU to all those who sponsored me. I hope to catch up with all those who haven't already handed me their donations. As this has to go to press before the final count, I cannot give an exact figure, but hopefully we should have raised over £100, half of which will be returned to our St Briavels Church. Thank you all.

Jean Sheraton

THANK YOU!

Since breaking my leg, I have received cards, calls and emails of support. May I thank you all, for this has alleviated the frustration at not being able to drive, walk the dog, or generally get out and about to meet people as I have always done. During the next 6 months of healing, your kindness will keep my spirits up. All for one and one for all makes our community happier. Thank you all.

Chris McFarling

COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Those who helped put in the Community Orchard in a corner of the playing fields have been watching the progress of the small trees we planted some months ago. They had blossom in the Spring and then small apples appeared. We hoped to add them to the forthcoming apple juicing day. However, an inconsiderate thief stole the apples. Surely, the trees didn't look as though they were wild grown, as they had protective wire around them.

While I hope whoever it was enjoyed the apples, it is a shame that such a thoughtless person is in our community. I hope they re-consider their actions and do not repeat them next year.

Jean Sheraton

WHAT CAN I DO?

The increasing concern about climate change and its devastating impacts (storm-flattened Bahamas, flooding in southern Spain, the burning Amazon) can leave us feeling that there is nothing we can do to stop the weather, the rain, the wind and fire. The masses of information and adverts we receive through the various media we watch and read only serves to confuse us further as we try to work out what to do.

Many of us have begun the journey to a low carbon lifestyle; the distance we travel dictated by circumstance, income and commitment. Statistics show that the lower the income, the less the carbon footprint. The richest 10 percent of people produce half of the planet's individual consumption based fossil fuel emissions, while the poorest 50 percent contribute only 10 percent. However, don't despair. We can do so much. Working together has great powers of synergy and some of the low carbon actions we can take save us money and help keep us healthier. If you're still confused, ask your district councillor – he declared this 'climate emergency' after all.

Chris McFarling. chrismcfarling@phonecoop.coop

YOUR VILLAGE NEWS NEEDS YOU!



Or at least your photos!

Thanks to all those who have submitted photos so far, they're great - but we need more.

You don't need a fancy camera or special skills. If the subject matter of your photos has something to do with the landscape, buildings, events or people of our parishes, we want to see them

There is a full explanation of how to submit your photos together with guidelines and help for submitting them on the Village News website, www.villagemag.co.uk or email covers@villagemag.co.uk for help.

Note that because we print the whole year's covers in advance in early December, we need your submissions by early November at the latest.

NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

BROCKWEIR CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Brockweir annual Christmas Market will be held on **Saturday 23rd November at the Mackenzie Hall**. Make a date in your diary now! Don't miss this opportunity to get some lovely Christmas gifts from local crafts people.

Stall holders - stalls are still only £15 each and are going fast, so be sure to contact Barbara to book your table for this perennially successful event.

Barbara French, on behalf of the Mackenzie Hall Trustees.
barbara@brockweirvillagehall.co.uk

KEEPING GREAT JAZZ ALIVE IN MONMOUTHSHIRE

The Royal George in Tintern is hosting regular monthly Jazz sessions in the Botanists Bar on Friday nights (free entry). On 18 October, it's the Tom Berge Trio, with Bob Duck on Drums and featuring Clive Morton on double bass.



Barbara Bergin

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

I know we are only in September but Christmas is not far away. So if you would like to fill a shoebox for either a family or a child the leaflets are now available, or if you want to buy an item for them just let me know.

We know what a difference these shoeboxes make to the children and families, so if you feel able to help just contact me on 01594 530571. Thanks,

Adele

THE BIG VILLAGE QUIZ

The Mackenzie Hall are holding a

Quiz Night on Friday 4th October, 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Just turn up on the night as a team or as individuals, maximum 4 per team.

Cost per person £3.00. *Prize for the winning team.*

LICENSED BAR and SNACKS

Tickets available from Village Shop



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP MAKE ST BRIAVELS BECOME A DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY? FREE - COMMUNITY DEMENTIA LINK COURSES



A Community Dementia *Link* is an individual who wants to do something within the Community to support people living with dementia. The *Link* person will also use their skill, knowledge, experience and connections to help the families involved.

A free course for 'Community Dementia *Links*' is supported by the Dementia Friendly Community Enabler Team, the Forest of Dean Dementia Action Alliance (of which the Parish Council is a member) and the Gloucestershire Dementia Training and Education Strategy.

Single-session introductory presentations can be arranged. These are also free and last for approximately 1.5 hours. They give a good first-level insight into the subject. Please make contact if you're interested.

To book a place, contact John Hurley on 01594 530890 pjbbk1@gmail.com

APPLE DAY – "A JUICING WE WILL GO"

I broke my leg on Friday 30th August. That's another story but, with no prospect of driving for a few months, I was about to cancel Apple Day when Matt Dunwell, our local permaculture hero, popped in and said he would pick up the apple press and scrapper and return it to help keep our popular community event going.

And so, it's still on for Sunday afternoon, 13th October from 2pm – 4.30pm at the St Briavels Pavilion. Same conditions apply: if you're local and want to keep your apple harvest as bottled juice for the next year, please come along,

C R A F T F A I R

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.

enjoy and help out in this community tradition, now in its seventh year, kindly underwritten by St Briavels Parish Council. No commercial growers please, as this is just for local people to make the most of their windfalls and not let them go to waste. Note that there might be a small increase in costs as bottles can now only be sourced from abroad.

Now here's the important bit. If this community event is to succeed this year, everyone will need to help a little, lending a hand at the press, collecting the juice, keeping the scrapper safe and unclogged, working out the quantities of apples being juiced, collecting the apple cake for Cinderhill Farm pigs and generally helping with any other jobs that might come up. I shall direct and help as much as I can, of course.

A final big ask. If anyone wants to help me pick my apples they are most welcome to share in the apple juice. Please call me anytime to arrange timely access to the garden (jungle). If you can let me know what you'd like to do to sustain our apple day success please email me or call me. This is an opportunity for the community to come together.

Chris McFarling. chrismcfarling@phonecoop.coop 01594 531225

NOSH AND NATTER

Looking out at the view through the glass windows whilst drinking tea and eating cake – what could be better? Good company and meeting new ladies living in our community completed a lovely coffee morning at Jo Jenkins' home. I hope to see our new friends join us for more Nosh and Natter meetings in the future. This was a wonderful joint effort by Jo and Rosie Blogg. Thank you both of you.

Our meeting in October is on Tuesday 8th from 12.30-2.00pm for a jacket potato lunch at Carol Stickland's, Poolfield Court House, Hewelsfield, GL15 6UW. All ladies are very welcome. For more information contact me at siddonspauline@aol.com or call 01594 530524

Pauline Siddons

ORGANIC FRUIT & VEG * FRENCH BREAD & PATISSERIE * ORGANIC LAMB *		
* RARE BREED PEDIGREE BEEF & PORK * FREE RANGE POULTRY & GAME * CHEESE		
CHUTNEY	ST BRIAVELS LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET	* SAUSAGES
* OLIVES	Saturday 5th October	* PASTIES
* NUTS *	The Pavilion 10-12.30 pm	HONEY *
* CIDER		* BUTTER
* EGGS		UIT JUICE
* DELI *		* CAKES *
* HERBS *		RESERVES*
INNOVATIVE VEGETARIAN & VEGAN FOOD * FUDGE * PLANTS * REFRESHMENTS*		
SWEET & SAVOURY PIES * AUTHENTIC FRESHLY MADE CURRIES & INDIAN SNACKS		

ST BRIAVELS SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB MEMBERS SAY THANK YOU

The club members would like to thank everyone who helped make their harvest auction on Saturday 7th September such a success. Through the efforts of all those involved the club were able to raise the excellent sum of £1,022.

A special thank you to Mandy for an uplifting harvest blessing, to Jill and Kim who manned the bar, to Robert who was an excellent auctioneer and to all who spent so generously. Many thanks

Sheila Brown (chairman)

BADS PRESENTS 'MURDER IN PLAY' BY SIMON BRETT - 10 & 11 OCTOBER

BADS second foray away from their hilarious pantomimes after last year's successful production of Blithe Spirit is the murder mystery, 'Murder in Play'.

Boris Smolensky's budget repertory production of "Murder at Priorswell Manor" is looking decidedly shaky. The cast are more interested in their egos than the play and life imitates art when Boris's wife, Renee, is murdered on stage.

Tickets are £8, with all our profits going to Velindre and Great Oaks Hospice. Velindre is Wales' premier Cancer Centre, providing care, support and treatment to cancer patients and their families. Great Oaks Hospice offers a range of services for adults with a life limiting illness.

Thursday 10th October 7.30pm at Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir

Friday 11th October 7.30pm at Assembly Rooms, St Briavels

Tickets are available from Brockweir Village Shop, direct from the cast, online from Eventbrite or email badsbrockweir@gmail.com

Alison Macklin www.badsbrockweir.co.uk

CHRISTMAS LUNCH SAT 7th DECEMBER - SAVE THE DATE!

The Brockweir Events and Social Team (BEST) invite you to join friends and neighbours at **The Christmas Lunch** on Saturday 7th December 2019 from 12.00 to 3.00 at the Mackenzie Hall.

We would like to welcome all residents of Brockweir and Hewelsfield who are aged 60 and over, plus their partners, to come together to start to the Christmas festivities with good food and company.

Those who have attended previously will automatically receive an invitation. If you have not attended before, are new to the village, new to your 60s, or know of someone else who might like to join us, please forward contact

details to the BEST secretary, Alison Crawshaw:

Email: brockweirsocial@gmail.com, phone 01594 531160, or leave your details in the village shop marked for her attention by Friday 1st November.

The BEST Team.

ST BRIAVELS LUNCH CLUB - THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER

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 22 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 (530505) for more information. The three-course meal, sherry and coffee costs £5.50. There is also a raffle. We look forward to meeting you

Mary Perryman

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER ANNUAL REPORT

The Police and Crime Commissioner is required to produce an annual report reflecting how he has carried out his responsibilities over the past 12 months and progress in delivering the Police and Crime Plan. The report is presented to Gloucestershire County Council's Police and Crime Panel and in addition to seeing it, the Panel has asked for it to be communicated and distributed as widely as possible.

You can find the report at: <https://www.gloucestershire-pcc.gov.uk/reports/> Hard copies are also available from the OPCC at ppc@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

Vanessa Pegler

OPCC No. 1 Waterwells, Waterwells Drive, Quedgeley, Gloucester, GL2 2AN
Tel: 01452 752343 www.gloucestershire-pcc.gov.uk

SOFT (Sharing our Faiths Together) MEETING



SOFT meetings will be held in the Loft above the Village Shop on Wednesdays 2nd & 16th October.

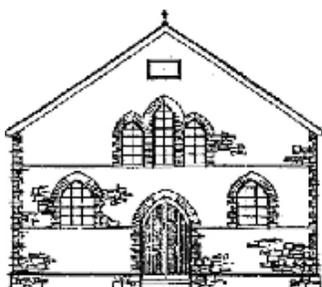
We are a friendly, mixed faith group of people seeking to explore and understand the world around us. Our discussion topics range across a wide variety of subjects chosen by members in turn.

Anyone is welcome to just come along 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.

Brockweir CIC 2018 Events Profit and Loss Statement

Income:	£	Expenses:	£
Soapbox - Entrants	2,200.00	General - Admin	6.70
Soapbox - Sponsorship	0.00	General - Equipment	2,677.61
Soapbox - Traders	725.00	General - Insurance	750.00
Soapbox - Donations	182.00	General - Other Expenses	191.60
Soapbox - Event	3,810.50	General - Donations to community	126.00
Soapbox - Advertising	1,120.99	General - Promotional Goods	224.34
Fireworks - Ticket Sales	1,476.00	Soapbox - Insurance	0.00
Fireworks - Event	2,020.12	Soapbox - Advertising	1,059.27
Fireworks - Donations	0.00	Soapbox - Event	5,066.47
General - Quiz Proceeds	1,069.56	Soapbox - Promotional Goods	251.10
General - Donations	425.00	Fireworks - Insurance	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	13,029.17	Fireworks - Event	2,482.99
		Fireworks - Advertising	0.00
		TOTAL EXPENSES	12,836.08
		TOTAL PROFIT	193.09



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

Thursdays Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov 7	SILVER JEWELLERY (10 classes) £230 for 10 x 3hr sessions (Silver is not included)	Ann Skehel
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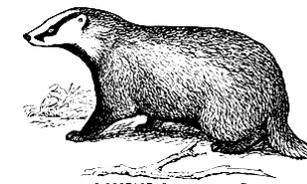
Fridays Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 8.	PAINTING AND DRAWING (10 classes) £220 for 10 x 3hr sessions, am or pm. 9.30am - 12.30pm and/or 1pm - 4pm.	Ann Hulme
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Saturday Oct 26	FOUR SEASONS PHOTOGRAPHY - AUTUMN 9.30 - 12.30pm £25	David Broadbent
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Saturday Oct 19	PLAY WITH CLAY FOR A DAY 9.30 - 4pm £50 for one-day workshop	Val Welham
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Tel: 01594 530214 Email: info@wyearts.co.uk Web: www.wyearts.co.uk

BADGER CULLING UPDATE



The decision by Natural England to authorise badger culling in eleven more areas of England, ranging from Staffordshire to Cornwall, will not be changed by me further expounding the injustice of it all. The culling goes on and it would have been more if they had been allowed to approve licences for Derbyshire as well, which they had applied to do.

There is a charming single verse of poetry penned many years ago about badgers

*'Last of the night's quaint clan he goes his way
a sober gentleman in silver grey.
Like paths of his in woodlands dim
the moons of centuries have silvered him.'*

Under the current policy, which aims to remove 70% of the badger population in each of the culling areas, the use of the word 'last' may soon take on a different meaning, as the authorities have no reliable means of assessing the numbers of badgers living in the areas they are targeting.

My enquiries have led me to understand that details of licensed areas are not released to the public. So we cannot be sure if our parishes will be involved

Keith Childs

A CELEBRATION OF ENGLISH SONG

Works by Finzi, Quilter, Purcell, Butterworth, Britten and others
(including the first public performance of 3 new songs to words by Thomas Hardy)

Performed by
Roger Martin, Baritone
and
Martin Pagnamenta, Accompanist

AT ST BRIAVELS CHURCH
7.30 PM, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 2019
ADMISSION FREE – light refreshments included

RETIRING COLLECTION IN AID OF GARAS
(GLOUCESTERSHIRE ACTION FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS)

NEWS FROM THE PANTRY

As we bid a very fond Bon Voyage to Martin and Mary Sollars, we'd like to pay tribute to the amazing work that they have put into building The Pantry's reputation and products over the past two and a half years - a huge act for us to follow! We've been really looking forward to taking up the reins, and we've been delighted to welcome so many customers old and new into the shop over the first couple of weeks.

Needless to say, we do hope to introduce a few changes to The Pantry over the next few months. We've broadened the range of everyday essentials, and will be careful to make sure prices are kept as low as possible; some products are pre-price marked by the wholesalers to be competitive with supermarkets, and we'll be on the look-out for more of these as time goes on. We also plan to broaden the range of local meat products and introduce a high-quality range of fish and charcuterie meats. Vegetarians and vegans have been asking us to increase their choices in all ranges, so we'll certainly be looking at that, as well as providing a better range of non-dairy alternatives to milk, cheese and yoghurts. Our range of frozen convenience products has already increased dramatically, and will soon include fabulous gourmet Indian ready meals.

The village has certainly taken to glass-bottled milk in a big way (nearly 300 pints per week, and climbing!), and to keep up the drive for sustainability, we're going to drastically reduce our use of single-use plastic as soon as possible. For instance, our lovely cheese is kept fresh in the deli chiller by wrapping it in plastic cling-film, but we've found a de-gradable alternative that we think may be a really great substitute, and we'll be trialling it soon.



We'd like to end this article with a thought: by the time this is published, it will be less than 100 days to Christmas! We'll be drawing up our Christmas Ordering forms over the next week, so please drop by and collect one to make sure all your festive needs are here for you! We'll be posting on Facebook weekly, and will make sure that our Christmas range is available there for you to browse!

In the meantime, call in and take a look at what we have to offer for Autumn! See you soon.

John & Diana

ST BRIAVELS WI

UPDATE FOR SUMMER 2019

The speaker for our July meeting was Phil Hucks from the Orchard Trust, which is based at Upper Stowfield. Phil spoke with enthusiasm and passion for the activities and support they provide for people with learning disabilities and their carers. The centre is keen to be inclusive and open to everyone in the community, both young and old. Everyone is welcome to use the facilities and they have a gentle country walk on the 3rd Thursday of the month, which is especially aimed at older people and their carers. Further details can be found on their web site: www.orchard-trust.org.uk.

We did not have a speaker for our August meeting. Instead, we met for cheese and wine. It was a good opportunity to catch up with everyone. We have had 2 coffee mornings, one at Mallards Pike and the second one at Hanley Farm Shop.

On the 20th August we entertained the female Indian students who were staying at the Asha Centre as part of the Peace Ambassadors programme. They enjoyed the tour around the village and the castle. They were impressed with our village church and considered the view from the Tump amazing. They provided a colourful sight as we toured the village, and a big thank you to everyone who warmly greeted us as we walked around. We were then invited to their graduation ceremony at the Asha Centre, when the students entertained us, including songs and dances in traditional costume. It was a wonderful evening and we all enjoyed the experience. We were inspired by these young women's commitment to using the increased skills and educational opportunities they had been provided with to improve their own communities. On the 17th September a number of members returned to the Asha Centre for a cookery demonstration of Parsi Cooking by international chef, Niloufa.



From the 25th November to 10th December there is a United Nation campaign to end violence against women. The National WI is supporting this campaign and as a local WI we are considering ways that we can support this on a local level. One of the options being considered is a candlelight evening walk around the village, which we would open up to all the women in the village. We will confirm details at a later date but if you want to be involved or have any other ideas please contact us .

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

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INSPIRING WOMEN

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.

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.

Tuesdays

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

07883 678629. 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

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 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.

BROCKWEIR YOUTH CLUB - the club meets during term time.

For further information please ring 01291 689 327 or visit: 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

MIXED CIRCUITS CLASS: 6:30pm at Mackenzie Hall

YOGA WITH ALI ROSE: 7- 8:30pm, Assembly Rooms. 07883 678629 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: 9:00-11.00am - 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 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

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 OCTOBER

Walking for Health every Tuesday – meet at the Assembly Rooms, 2pm			
1 Tues	Coffee Morning	10am	St Briavels Congregational Church
2 Weds	SOFT meeting	7.30pm	The Loft, Village Shop, Brockweir
3 Thurs	Charity Soup Lunch	12noon	Moravian Schoolroom
3 Thurs	St Briavels Walking Group	1pm	Meet at St Briavels Church
4 Fri	Quiz Evening	7.30pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
5 Sat	Produce Market	10am-12.30pm	St Briavels Pavilion
5 Sat	Brockweir Events: <i>The Drystones</i>	7.30 for 8pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
8 Tues	Nosh & Natter: Jacket Potato Lunch	12.30-2pm	Poolfield Court House, Hewelsfield
8 Tues	Hewelsfield & Brockweir PC meeting	7pm	The Loft, Village Shop, Brockweir
9 Weds	Bingo	7pm	Moravian School Rooms, Brockweir
10 Thurs	Walk & Talk Group	2pm	Meet at Hewelsfield Church
10 Thurs	Brockweir & Hewelsfield Local History Group	7.30pm	Moravian Schoolrooms, Brockweir
10 Thurs	BADS: <i>'Murder in Play'</i>	7.30pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
11 Fri	BADS: <i>'Murder in Play'</i>	7.30pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
12 Sat	St Briavels Moat Society Working Party - all welcome	10am to 12pm	Castle Moat
12 Sat	PGP: Restoring wild flowers to meadows and pastures	2-5pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
12 Sat	Wye Valley Music: <i>Trio Damira</i>	7.30pm	St Briavels Church
13 Sun	Apple Day	2-4.30pm	St Briavels Pavilion
14 Mon	St Briavels PC meeting (planning applications and councillors available from 6.30pm)	7pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
15 Tues	St. Briavels Senior Citizens	12.30pm	Orepool, Sling

16 Weds	SOFT meeting	7.30pm	The Loft, Village Shop, Brockweir
16 Weds	WI meeting: Harvest Supper	7.30pm	St Briavels Pavilion
17 Thurs	Coffee, Cake & Chat	10am to noon	Moravian Sunday School Rooms
18 Fri	Garden Society: Planting Pots for Winter & Spring	7.30pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
19 Sat	Church Tidy-up Day	10am-1pm	Hewelsfield Churchyard
19 Sat	Fun, Food Craft, Games & Bible Stories	11am - 1pm	St Briavels Pavilion
19 Sat	Brockweir Events: <i>Johnny Coppin</i>	7.30 for 8pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
19 Sat	A Celebration of English Song	7.30pm	St Briavels Church
24 Thurs	St Briavels Lunch Club	11.45	St Briavels Pavilion
25 Fri	Board Games Café	7-10pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels

ADVANCE DATES

2 Nov	Craft Fayre	10am-3pm	St Briavels Church
16 Nov	Brockweir Events: <i>The Great Cabaret Safari</i>	7.30 for 8pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
23 Nov	Brockweir Christmas Market	10am - 4pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
30 Nov & 1 Dec	St Briavels Art and Craft Market	11am-4pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels.
7 Dec	Christmas Lunch (over 60s)	12noon - 3pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
7 Dec	St Briavels People's Choir	7 pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels

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Film Night

Friday 11th October

Fighting With My Family

"a triumph" Times "outstanding performances" Independent

Tintern Village Hall 7.45pm

Tickets £4.00 15s & under £2.50

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Feel free to bring your own wine, drinks & snacks.

Teas, coffees & ice cream on sale.

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WYE VALLEY MUSIC (ST BRIAVELS MUSIC SOCIETY)

International Trio at St Briavels

The second performance practice and artistic identity. concert of the Society's season will be on Saturday

12th October at 7.30 pm in St Briavels Church. It will feature the **Trio Damira**, an exciting new ensemble of musicians with national and international success, both as soloists and chamber musicians. The members of the trio are **Bela Hartmann (piano), Oliver Nelson (violin) and Mikail Lezdkan (cello)**. The trio is named after the eminent Swiss-Italian painter and sculptor Brunilde Damira and the members draw on their German, British and Russian heritages to give performances of a uniquely international flavour.

Bela Hartmann has established a reputation for lively and individual interpretations of a wide repertoire. He won the Beethoven Medal of the Beethoven Piano Society of Europe in 1995, the International Schubert Competition in Dortmund in 1997 and was a semi-finalist at the Leeds International Piano Competition in 2000. He has given recitals at prestigious venues in the UK, Europe and the USA, and has performed concertos by Brahms, Prokofiev, Stravinsky, Dvorak, Beethoven and Mozart. He is also a keen music essayist and has published both in print and on-line on areas such as

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

Keith Norman



PARISH GRASSLANDS PROJECT

www.parishgrasslandsproject.org.uk

This month will see a flurry of activity for the Parish Grasslands Project, with our autumn meeting and a special introductory day at the community orchard.

We were encouraged this year to receive five inquiries from residents keen to have advice about how they could restore or establish wild flower meadows on a variety of sites. This led us to choose meadow restoration as the subject of our meeting at the Mackenzie Hall on Saturday October 12, starting at 2pm. We have previously reported on the four excellent speakers arranged for the day, and their credentials are worth repeating. **Caroline Hanks** organises the very active Herefordshire Meadows, which has been involved in several creation and restoration projects. **Sue Holland**, also of Herefordshire Meadows, has worked for many years for the Herefordshire Nature Trust and has experience of the long-term course of some of their early meadow

restorations. **David Whittington** is a member of Monmouthshire Meadows Group and has been restoring his own floodplain meadow. **Bruce Langridge** works at the National Botanical Garden of Wales in Carmarthenshire, where several meadows have been successfully restored using a variety of methods.

Meadows play an important role in creating the landscape that surrounds us. So, even if you don't have a meadow of your own, you might be interested to find out how this increasingly scarce habitat can be supported and how we might see an increase in the number of meadows in our parishes. All are welcome: admission is free and open to members and non-members alike, and tea, coffee and cake will be served during the interval.

On the following day, Sunday October 13, the annual Apple Day will be held at St Briavels Pavilion, when anyone can bring apples for pressing for juice. Our volunteers will be there between 2.00 pm and 4.30 to help with the Apple Day and to encourage anyone attending to visit the Community Orchard, just a few yards away on the playing field.

Mike Topp



The GREAT FUN Fruit & veg SWAP SHOP!

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Community Café, St. Briavels Assembly Rooms, Tues & Thurs Afternoons: 1.30 - 4.30pm

Everybody is welcome from all neighbouring parishes – the more the merrier!

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1ST St BRIAVELS BEAVERS UPDATE

We're back up and running after the summer holidays, and it's great to see that so many of the children who came to our taster sessions in July have decided to join. Beavers meet on Wednesdays at 5.00-6.00pm at St Briavels Pavilion. Our first week back was an action-packed session and the new and existing Beavers got to know each other. We now have a large group and are looking into ideas for future provision and growth.

Beavers are the youngest members of the Scouting movement (5¼ to 8 years old), and the focus is very much on having fun, being creative and taking part in outdoor activities. A highlight of the year is the Beaver Sleepover. This year, we spent a night at Beaver Lodge in Parkend and the children had a great time taking part in Gruffalo themed activities. For many of the Beavers, this is the first time they spend a night away from home without their parents, so it is a big step towards independence.

Other exciting activities we've held recently include target practice with air rifles specially designed for younger children, and the District Water Activities Day, where the Beavers took part in canoeing and other activities on Mallards Pike Lake. We also do lots of crafts and cooking and learn about the local community as well as how to help people less fortunate than ourselves. During the autumn we'll be working towards badges such as My World, Global Issues, Disability Awareness and Space as well as taking part in themed activities for Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas. Everything we do is aligned with the core Scouting ethos #SkillsForLife and it is wonderful to see the Beavers developing skills, building friendships and learning about the world during their time with us.

Right now, we have a waiting list for Beavers, but do 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. As always, if you have any spare time to help at weekly sessions or occasional events, please let me know! You can reach me on stbriavelsscoutgroup@outlook.com or 07807 068 296.

Emma-Jayne Williams, 1st St Briavels Group Scout Leader

Weekly Meetings:

Beaver Scouts (5¼-8 year olds) - Wednesdays, 5.00-6.00pm

Cub Scouts (8-10½ year olds) - Mondays, 6.00-7.30pm

Scouts (10½-14 year olds) - Thursdays, 6.00-8.00pm



Heritage Open Days 2019 - We were thrilled to welcome so many of you through the gates for the annual Heritage Open Days Event in September. We were so blessed with the weather for both days and the atmosphere was amazing! In all, we had just over 1000 visitors over the Saturday and Sunday combined and you helped us to raise just over £500 for the YHA Breaks for Kids Charity. Thank you for your patience if you live close to the Castle, as we appreciate when these events are running that parking and congestion in the village increase. We hope that you also managed to visit more of the Heritage events throughout the Forest of Dean and wider Wye Valley.

October Half Term - We will be running our Halloween themed banquets once again in the October half term holidays. These are open to non-residents as well. So dust off your Dracula outfit and join the fun! We are also looking to run a couple of fun activities during the holidays; so please keep a look out for local signs and posters confirming dates, times and details for these.



Volunteering - We have had some wonderful volunteers join us over the 2019 season. If you are interested in volunteering with the YHA (whether at one of our events, on a maintenance working party or to gain work experience) please drop an email to stbriavelsmanger@yha.org.uk and we will send you further details. We are a network of over 150 sites throughout England & Wales, so you can volunteer in some superb locations (from mountain tops to beach fronts to vibrant city centres).

An October fact...and some dead good Halloween jokes!

*Just before the death of flowers
And before they are buried in snow
There comes a festival season
When nature is all aglow*

Although the tenth month in the Gregorian calendar, it is named from the Latin numeral 'Octo', meaning eight, as it was the eighth month in the Roman calendar.

Q: What kind of ghost has the best hearing?

A: The eeriest

Q: When do ghosts eat breakfast?

A: In the moaning

Q: What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?

A: Pumpkin Pi

Linda Harrison. Manager



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!

SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2019. THE DRYSTONES www.thedrystones.co.uk.

The Drystones are a young duo from Somerset whose recent arrival on the folk scene is making waves. Combining traditional music's timeless union of fiddle and guitar with a range of Indian instruments and technical wizardry they have broken boundaries to produce a rich mix of ancient and modern sounds,

which are eminently danceable. They will be performing tracks from their recent album 'Apparitions'. Nominated for the 2018 Radio 2 Young Folk Musicians of the Year, when you hear them you will understand why. *'Indecently talented'*-MIKE HARDING

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2019. JOHNNY COPPIN www.johnnycoppin.co.uk.

Gloucestershire legend Johnny Coppin is a singer/songwriter, composer and poetry anthologist. Formerly with the folk/rock band Decameron, his solo albums include 'Forest and Vale and High Blue Hill' (songs of Gloucestershire), Edge of the Day -a collaboration with world-famous writer Laurie Lee, 'Force of the River', 'A

Country Christmas' and many others. His clear voice, together with his ability to write fine songs makes his music essentially English in character, whilst having universal appeal. *"Strong clear vocals, songs of substance and impressive arrangements"* - DAILY TELEGRAPH.

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

Adrian Birch

Doors 7.30 Performance 8.00. Advance tickets £10 from Brockweir and Hewelsfield Village Shop, brockweirevent@gmail.com or Adrian Birch on 01291 689812. £12 on the door. Refreshments available but BYO alcohol. See also www.brockweirvillagehall.co.uk.

***Supported by Air in G. The Air in G programme for all village halls will be available to view at the Brockweir Village Shop**

Water! Water! Everywhere?

I watch a bit of TV these days, and I'll admit to a slight sense of disappointment if, by the end of an evening, I've not seen a newsflash of a giant iceberg crashing into the ocean to raise the sea level by another half an inch. Project Gloom engaged reverse gear the other night with a report that the Dead Sea is drying up by a metre a year. My panic attack subsided when I realised that the one metre was the high tide point and not the depth of the sea. Get it? And anyway, will we miss it once it's gone? To endure the rigours of the airport terminal in order to spend a week bobbing about in mega-salt water under a blistering sun like an empty semi-skim milk carton seems perverse to me. Give me the fruit machines of Las Vegas any day!

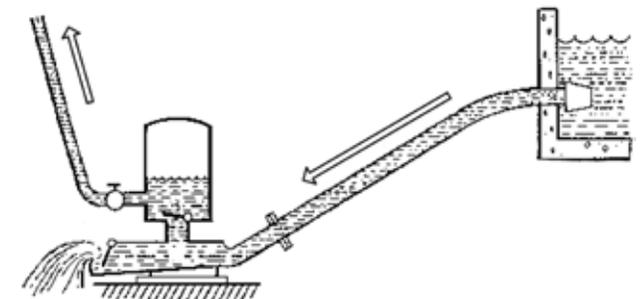
The report went on to tell us that, in Dubai, the entire city relies for its water on deep boreholes drilled into aquifers which, when they run dry, will be replaced with even deeper boreholes. All this at vast expense of energy. It seemed like madness to me, as I considered our own green and pleasant land, but, as someone who witnessed the coming of "the Mains" to our Common, I began to see a pattern emerging. I can take you to a millhouse near Woolaston with a dried up millpond fed by a non-existent stream, the legacy of the sinking of the original borehole. At Coldharbour; stands our own monument to modernity, the Booster Pump. Built during the hot summer of '59, its commissioning attracted much official attention, but when assembled dignitaries drew breath to cheer as

their principal threw the switch, nothing happened. Apparently one of the workers had left his Tizer bottle in a pipe to keep cool, thus jamming the whole project and contributing vastly to the national gaiety.

While most of us Hudnalls dwellers had subsisted on little wells and tanks and storm water for our needs before '59, the Big House had long ago embraced technology. We had always been mystified when the Hudnalls House gardener announced he was off to see to "Miss Eyre's Ram." The Ram in question turned out to be, not a magnificent beast with curly horns and a harem of girlie ewes, but a pump. A pump moreover which relied upon nothing more than a flow of water for power, a system of ingenious valves and an exit pipe to carry the water slowly but ceaselessly back uphill to a reservoir which could then supply a cottage, a country house or a village. You will find them in remote corners of any hill country, as can the manufacturers, who maintain a record of every pump that has left their works.

And the date of the first product? 1800. And the inventor, in 1799? A wily Frenchman (hiss!) called Joseph Montgolfier.

Not a lot of people know that!





NEWS FROM THE BROCKWEIR VILLAGE SHOP

October is a very significant time for the Village Shop as we no longer have Alison to rely on for guidance and leadership: the first time in over 15 years.

Some of you will remember she started in August 2004, recruited as the full-time Manager to establish and take forward the newly opened shop. It is clear she succeeded, and I don't think anyone then would realise just how much the Shop would contribute to our community life. It has become the place to go for a wide range of great food, to enjoy excellent coffee and snacks in the café as well as a place to meet others from our community as well as visitors.

We all owe a great deal to Alison for her dedication and commitment over the years as our Business Manager, and look forward to seeing how she will apply her energies and skills to other areas of our community now she has many extra free hours a week.

Of course, this means we have to fill the gap. We do plan to recruit new members of paid staff once we understand the full impact of Alison's departure. For the next few weeks the Shop will operate as

if Alison is on an extended holiday, just as it has on many occasions. We have prepared for the transition - the feedback from the Open Committee Meeting on 28th August and the other meetings between volunteers have all raised similar issues. The biggest ones are the importance of finding enough people to fill the shifts, making sure information is shared easily, and providing answers quickly when something unexpected arises. Of course there will be snags, but I am confident these will be minor because our team of volunteers and staff are committed to each other and to the success of this community project.

We continue to face a serious shortage of volunteer hours. There is a place for anyone who would like to volunteer, and it is remarkable to see the benefits of volunteering in building strong friendships and mutual commitment. This is what creates community and makes this a great place to live. If you are not already a volunteer, will you join us please?

Peter Stickland

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ART IN THE CAFÉ

Claire Timbrell - 30th September - 17th November

Claire is a self taught exhibiting artist living in Chepstow but with a studio based at 'The Redhouse, Cymru' - an arts and creative industries centre, housed in a Victorian grade II listed building in the heart of Merthyr Tydfil.

As a professional associate with

the SAA, (an online worldwide arts community offering inspiration, courses, books, tutorials and access to art materials) Claire is the featured artist in their current 'Paint' magazine. Her natural passion and infectious enthusiasm for creating art led her to

run workshops and demonstrations in her local area. These grew as a result of their popularity to numerous other locations and she soon launched 'Daffirose Studios', a mobile art school. Claire, through her mobile art school, offers 1-2-1 tuition, art courses for all abilities and highly popular 'Painting Parties'; her most recent being a 'Paint-Along-Workshop' for a corporate client at the All Nations Centre, Cardiff, which was enjoyed by 130 people!

In her own work, Claire works with a variety of media, including both acrylic and watercolour, but has become best known for her dramatic acrylic 'pouring' artwork, where she pours quantities of paint directly on to a canvas and then

manipulates the surface with blow torch. Using oil based additives such as coconut oil and treadmill lubricant, she then moves the paint around the canvas surface with palette knives, creating an abstract background. Once this layer is dry she assesses and reinterprets shapes formed - a process that can be considered and worked on for months. Top layers of more detailed painting are then applied, both semi figurative and abstract in oil or acrylic, to create the final bold image.

Claire's work is currently exhibited in galleries across South Wales and has sold around the world.

Jacqui Trefgarne

THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

TASTY TOMATO SALAD

An ideal way of using up a glut of tomatoes (particularly Gardener's Delight).

½ tsp cumin seeds

Ripe tomatoes - chopped.

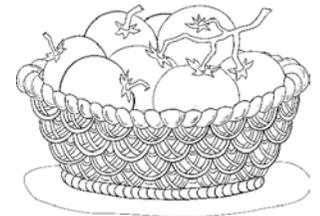
1 red onion - finely chopped

Good quality olive oil

Salt and black pepper.

1 small bunch coriander - finely chopped.

Zest and juice of 1 lime



Dry roast the cumin seeds in a hot dry frying pan and set aside to cool.

Mix all the chopped ingredients in a large mixing bowl (ratio of tomatoes to onion is your choice). Add the zest and juice of the lime and the cold cumin seeds. Give everything a good mix. Drizzle with the olive oil, season and mix again. Enjoy!

This salad can accompany most meals.

David Rees

PLANTING POTS FOR WINTER INTEREST & SPRING JOY!

On Friday 18 October, 7.30pm at Mackenzie Hall, we welcome Harriet Rycroft, to talk about and demonstrate how to create effective pot displays that brighten our winter and spring gardens.

Harriet studied horticulture part time while her children were very young, volunteered at Hidcote Manor Gardens, then was a gardener at Whichford Pottery, where she became Head Gardener, planning, creating and maintaining large displays of planted pots all year round, including at the Chelsea Flower Show. During her time at Whichford, she travelled to Japan, Germany, Holland and Sweden to give talks and demonstrations, as well as in the UK. She now works both independently and two days a week with the team at the Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens, which have a well-deserved reputation for exciting planting, both in the ground and in containers.



Harriet will begin with an illustrated talk, showing what the possibilities are, and then go on to do a demonstration planting, giving us the opportunity to ask plenty of questions. All welcome. Visitors £5

IN MY GARDEN

Too much of a good thing - I've dithered long enough this year and now I really do have to get in there and tackle my pond. It's so full of oxygenating plants that the lovely willow moss, *Fontinalis antipyretica*, has colonised too well and there's no clear water left, the mallards no longer swim, they waddle across it.

My plan is that sky should once more come into my garden, its changing colours and moods echoed by reflections in the pond's surface, and that the birds should see there's water on this dry hillside and have room to bathe as well as drink from the very edges. I might even see the amphibians which I know use it; dozens of frogs fled from the mower when I began to cut my meadow lawn last month.

I do need to be thoughtful about it though, a pond is only alive when it's well planted, so I will take care not to deprive mine of its diversity - it's just the quantity of plants that's the issue.

Oxygenators usually hide under the surface quietly doing their thing, mine are forming a continuous floating carpet. Marginals like Iris and purple

loosestrife at the edges of the water take out excess nutrients and provide vertical stems for emerging insect larvae, which they do wonderfully, but they do have the appearance of a small forest and are now actually making a bid for world domination and creeping out into the lawn. With their roots in the darkest depths and with their big flat leaves sheltering and shading what's beneath, the shining star shaped flowers are the crowning glory of the water lilies - but it would be good to see that there's actually water beneath too.

I'm very keen on rewilding my garden, but if left I know my pond would eventually become dry land - this is after all a garden and it can suffer from too much of a good thing.

Cheryl Cummings

WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH

September seems to be repeating itself, with a cool start to the month followed by what's looking like Indian Summer weather, just as last year. The soil is generally moister though. As October gets underway, make sure you keep the moisture in the soil by mulching areas that you clear of weeds and annuals. This month is the best for planting, dividing and re-planting perennials, as the soil is still warm and their roots can establish quickly. Don't be over zealous in your clearing and tidying. Aim for a balance between neatness and leaving plenty for wildlife to enjoy.

Once soil temperatures cool, conditions are right to start planting bulbs. Tulips should be left until late in the month, or even early November. Planting deeply, to make it harder for squirrels and badgers to dig them up and then mulching the planting areas seemed to work quite well for us this year. We'll do the same this autumn and hope for the best!

- Gather fallen leaves and make leaf mould – even small amounts will provide wonderful soil conditioning next year
- Prune your climbing roses
- Get ahead by sowing sweet peas, if you have a greenhouse or cold frame and can protect them over the winter
- Cut your grass and trim hedges while it stays mild
- Divide and replant rhubarb crowns to increase your plants (or possibly to reduce the amount you get next year!)
- Plant bare rooted, roses, trees and shrubs towards the end of the month

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Christine Haines

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