



**BROOKTHORPE-WITH-WHADDON
NEWSLETTER
NOVEMBER 2011**



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PARISH COUNCIL

John Kay from Gloucestershire Highways Department met Parish Councillors and parishioners on 6th September. I have now received his investigations and comments following that meeting. Councillors will be discussing his findings at the Parish Council meeting on the 1st November.

It was decided at the Parish Council meeting on 4th October to install six wooden kissing gates to replace styles in the Parish. Councillors identified three locations. One to the rear of St Swithun's Church, one to the side of Whaddon Garage and one at the cattle grid in the field at the end of Church Lane Whaddon. If you have any further locations where you would like to see a kissing gate installed, can you please contact me before 1st November so that Councillors can discuss at the next Parish Council meeting? Please remember that I will have to seek the permission of the landowners before any work can be carried out.

Preliminary matters for discussion at the Parish Council Meeting on
Tuesday 1st November at Brookthorpe Village Hall, 8pm
Press and Public most welcome.

1. Police Report
2. County Councillor's Report
3. District Councillor's Report
4. Planning Matters - New applications for discussion
S11/1948/HHOLD Yew Tree Farm, Stroud Road, Whaddon
Demolition of shed and single storey extension
S11/ 1965/HHOLD 2 Grange Cottages, Upton Lane, Brookthorpe
two storey extension and internal alterations
5. Financial Matters - Half yearly budget control, Internal Audit report, awarding of financial grants to local organisations
6. Installation of more kissing gates on public right of way in the parish
7. Highways matters following meeting with John Kay

Anne Rigelsford
Clerk to Parish Council

CAMEO

The Speaker was Ruth Jacobs with her "Vintage Wonders". Ruth brought along her extensive collection of antiques; she has over 10,000 pieces. She told us items have to be over 100 years to be classed as antiques. She worked as a make-up artist and hairdresser in TV etc and was also a wig maker. Her collection started when she was given a leaving present of a hat pin from an opera singer for whom she worked when retired. She collected antiques mainly of the 1920-1930 Art Deco period, but had items from the Victorian and Edwardian periods and she had nothing later than 1939.

She started her talk about hatpins which were quite often paste or crystal, but also had one in Whitby jet and the French version of "jet" which was in fact glass and showed us how to recognise the difference; the Whitby was opaque and warm to touch, the French glass shiny and cold. She also had items of ivory which is illegal to sell unless made earlier than 1947. She moved on to hair ornaments such as combs for chignons, some made of tortoiseshell which was prohibited to be used in 1986 and had a rare Marcel Wave curler. Earrings followed which were mainly screw on or clips as butterfly attachments were not made until after the war. She continued with compacts such as a musical novelty and some as a combined handbag and compact together, also a rare shoulder patten made of Bakelite in its original box, for ladies to use so they did have "shiny" shoulders, which she had managed to buy for £1 and was now worth £195.

Next were lapel pins; she had an extensive collection as she had been given a collection of 600 by an 85 year old lady who had fallen out with her family and thought as Ruth was enthusiastic about her subject, deserved to have them. She had sold many of them at about £25 each. Necklaces were the next items, made of Whitby Jet, Amber and Turquoise and other semi precious stones. She also had a selection of Sweetheart clips, Bracelets and Brooches and Lace pins. She had many beautiful handbags all handmade in beads, some of snakeskin and other fabrics and handpainted fans from the 18th & 19th Century. One feather fan she acquired came from the Windmill Theatre. She often loaned or sold items to the film/tv companies for period films and dramas.

Next month's meeting Tuesday, 8th November 2011 Speaker Pete Skelton
"Photographic Slideshow".

Liz Marsh

MOTORWAY SERVICES AREA



The Judicial Enquiry into the proposed Motorway Services Area at Ongers Farm in Brookthorpe will take place on January 17th and 18th 2012 at Birmingham Civil Justice Centre Priory Courts, 33 Bull Street, Birmingham. B4 6DS.

FLAGS AT ST. MARGARET'S

Date	Day	Flag	
1st November	1 day*	All Saints Day	St George
6th November	8 days	Remembrance Day	Poppy
14th November	2 days*	Birthday of Prince of Wales	Three Leopards
16th November	3 days	St Margaret	St Margaret
20th November	2 days	Christ the King	St Margaret
30th November	3 days	St Andrew	St Andrew

* Denotes a run in. ie one flag is replaced with another.

Durations of flag may be extended or curtailed slightly at the discretion of the flag flyers.

Bruce Wiggall

APPLE DAY AT DAY'S COTTAGE



The Apple Day at Day's Cottage on Sunday 9th October was a great success. Over 100 people came during the day, many with apples to be identified. Others brought baskets of apples which were quickly turned into apple juice, which they drank on the spot.

Orchard tours were arranged, in particular to the Museum Orchard where there are over 90 varieties of Gloucestershire apples. Much interest was shown in the Nursery beds, music was being played during the afternoon, and people enjoyed the wide variety of delicious apple cakes, tarts, flans and turnovers all made by members of the team responsible for the day-to-day production of the Juices, Ciders and Perrys.

C.B-S

SIXTIES DANCE



On Saturday October 8th over 80 people - many of a "certain age" - attended the 60s Dance at Painswick Golf Club. This has now become an annual event and offers the opportunity to meet friends and have a chat, enjoy a good buffet and then dance the night away to records from the Beatles, Rolling Stones, Gerry & the Pacemakers, Manfred Man and many other groups and singers from that era. Please note that next year's dance will be held on **Saturday 13th October 2012**.

Margaret & Nigel Bone

VILLAGE AGENT

If you're over 65, it's vital that you have your seasonal flu jab, as this will help protect you at the time of the year when you are most vulnerable.

Flu is not simply a bad cold and it can increase your risk of more serious illness, so help protect yourself by having a seasonal flu jab - and make sure you've had the one-off 'pneumo' jab too. Seasonal flu is a highly infectious disease caused by viruses that are always changing. You need a flu jab every year because a new vaccine is produced to target those viruses most likely to be in circulation.

Some people are more susceptible to the effects of flu as it can increase their risk of something more serious, such as bronchitis or pneumonia. Catching flu can also make some existing conditions worse.

The influenza vaccination is recommended if you're aged 65 and over, and you should consider it regardless of your age if you have certain health conditions such as a heart problem or a chronic breathing problem (e.g. bronchitis or emphysema); or if you have had a stroke, mini-stroke, diabetes, chronic kidney/liver disease; or if you have lowered immunity. If you are the main carer for an older person or someone with one of the above conditions, speak to your GP, as he or she may recommend that you are vaccinated too.*

Most of the GP surgeries have finished doing flu clinics but you can still make an appointment with the nurse to have your vaccination.

Keeping on the "medical theme", I am very aware that one of the problems of living here without the use of a car leaves a person very isolated and dependant on the goodwill of others for getting them to appointments, getting shopping, picking up prescriptions or even just getting out having a change of scene. If you're in the lucky position of being able to use a car, perhaps you might think of offering your time? You can pick up someone else's prescription as long as you have written permission from them; offer to be a volunteer driver with your local surgery or the Stroud Volunteer Agency. If you don't want to tie yourself to a local scheme, then simply have a think about who lives near you who might welcome a trip out. Yesterday I spoke to a gentleman who is suffering from severe depression and lacks the confidence to go clothes shopping. He would love to go with someone and make a bit of "a day" of it.

VILLAGE AGENT

Did you know that we now have a new non-emergency police telephone number now, as of September this year? Gloucestershire Constabulary have joined the rest of the South West Region with the introduction of 101, the new national police non-emergency telephone number. The current non-emergency telephone number 0845 090 1234 will be phased out.

The introduction of the 101 number will help communities to keep their neighborhoods safe by giving them one easy way to speak directly with their local police to report and discuss all non urgent police related issues. Calls will still be received by call handlers based at Waterwells, Quedgeley.

Please update your phones and think of anyone you know who would welcome your help in doing the same. As always, thank you for all the calls; keep them coming. Please don't forget that I am now also part of the trained team of Specialist Agents who are working with the Three Counties Cancer Network to support cancer patients, aged 18 and over, and their families with information, support, and practical help from diagnosis onwards.

*Source; Age UK

Lou Kemp
Tel: 07776-245767

TOILET FACILITY



St. Margaret's new Toilet Facility is officially opened. On Sunday 2nd October, prior to the Harvest Festival service, 'Chief Clerk of Works' Churchwarden Malcolm Martin officially opened the new Shed & Toilet Block by cutting the ribbon, and the building was dedicated by the Rev'd David Smith. With this new facility, it will allow us to lay on more social events, like having teas/coffees after special services etc., to fundraise and clear the project's outstanding debit of £700:00

Hans Rackham

BROADBAND

Make your views count in a major county-wide campaign to bring high speed Broadband to rural Gloucestershire.

With Government support, the Boarders Broadband project is working to improve internet services in rural Gloucestershire. The process of finding a supplier is already underway - **but first we have to prove there is enough demand from local people, communities and businesses.**



This is where you come in. In the next few weeks, local Broadband Champions - volunteers from your community - will be out delivering questionnaires. Please take a little time to complete and return your questionnaire to the **Broadband Champion, a designated drop-off point in your community or send it, freepost, to GRCC, Freepost SWC 0305, Community House, 15, College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2BR.**

To complete the survey on line - or to find out more about the Boarders Broadband campaign - visit the GFirst Website www.gfirst.co.uk/broadband. Boarders Broadband is also conducting a separate online business survey which is available at the same address. If you live in Gloucestershire and run a local business, you can complete both residential and business surveys.

If you're interested in volunteering as a Broadband Champion for your community, please contact Chris Cowcher at GRCC on 01452-528491.

SPEED LIMIT

Due to Roadworks, a 20 mph speed limit will be imposed at the junction of the A46 and the A4173 from 29th November to 5th December.

VILLAGE HALL



The next Show will, by popular demand, bring back Cate Cody and take place on **Friday 16th March 2012**. Those who came along last November will remember what an enjoyable evening we had with the Village Hall packed out. Anyway, this is a date for everyone's diary and obviously more details will be provided in the New Year.

The main event for the Village Hall will be the Christmas Draw which takes place at **7.30pm on Friday 2nd December**. Tickets will be on sale shortly so once again we would ask for your generosity in either buying tickets, providing prizes or giving a donation. As last year, we hope that people will come along and enjoy a glass of wine, mince pies and other Christmas Fayre.

In the next issue of the Newsletter, there will be a report on the "Movies and Musicals" Evening due to take place in the last week of October.

It is the intention to hold an event to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in either May or June 2012. More details will be provided later.

Nigel Bone

CAROL SERVICE



THE CAROL SERVICE
THIS YEAR
at
ST. SWITHUN'S CHURCH
BROOKTHORPE
is on
SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER
at 7 pm

WEDDINGS AT HILLES HOUSE



Detmar Blow would like people to know that from September 2011, Hilles has a civil licence for Wedddings. With its vast views over five counties and our own wonderful countryside, it makes a great setting for a wedding or any other party or celebration

You can see more information on www.hilleshouse.co.uk or telephone 07745-804900.



Gloria
Wiggell

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DIARY

NOVEMBER

1st Parish Council Meeting,
BVH 8.00 pm
8th CAMEO Meeting BVH 7.30 pm
Speaker: Pete Skelton
"Photographic Slideshow"

ADVANCE DATE

December 2nd Christmas Draw BVH 7.30
see page 9
December 10th Carols at St. Swithun's
see page 10

Mobile Library Thursdays

November 10th & 24th

Green Boxes Tuesday

November 8th & 22nd

Mobile Police Station

Note change of times

*November 3rd, 13th & 23rd
12.30 - 13.00*

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