

## *Dear Friends*

As we begin October and autumn really begins, we start to see the beauty of the trees around us as they change from various shades of green to the glorious autumn colours - yellows, reds and browns.

The amazing fact is that these colours are not new. They have been in the leaves since they first came out in the spring. We are only aware of them now because the green pigment of the chlorophyll, which has masked them, retreats into the tree as leaves are no longer needed to produce the sugars which are the trees' food.

I wonder what qualities are hidden in our lives because we are too busy working, doing the things we feel we must do, not recognising, like the leaves, they are no longer needed? We may feel that these are necessary activities, financially important for us, providing care and support for others, hobbies that we enjoy, etc, but which, while important, bring worry, stress, occupy most of our time and give us little time to rest, relax or be refreshed - both alone and with others - or explore hidden parts of our life.

A minister I knew used to talk about God's Green Bible, recognising that as creator we can learn much of Him and his ways through his creation. Should we take a lesson from the trees? As the weather changes and the nights draw in, maybe we should lay down our activities, for a while at least, and allow our hidden nature to develop and be seen in all its glory - exploring these gifts for the blessing of others and the glory of God.

James, Jesus's brother, in his letter, writes, 'Every good and perfect gift is from above, from our Father in heaven, who does not change.' What gifts has God given us, for our enrichment and the enrichment of others, that we are too busy to develop and use? Our world would be so much the poorer if we did not have the glorious autumn colours. How much are we, our community and the world, poorer, when we allow some of our God given gifts to be hidden?

Every blessing.

Robert

## BROCKWEIR MORAVIAN CHURCH

### Church Services for October 2018

Sun	7 Oct	6.00 pm	Rev Patsy Holdsworth ( <i>Holy Communion</i> )
Sun	14 Oct	6:00 pm	Sr Sue Groves
Sun	21 Oct	6.00 pm	Rev Michael Mortimer
Sun	28 Oct	6.00 pm	Rev 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](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 Taylor on 01291 689565.

**Charity Lunch** - at 12 noon in the Sunday School Room on 1st Thurs of the month. Thurs 4th Oct – In aid of One25, a Bristol charity helping women break free from street sex work.

**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		

### Western District Fellowship Day

**Saturday 6th October 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.**

The day will include discussions, workshops and a time of worship together. All are welcome to join us for what promises to be an interesting day. Please bring your own packed lunch – other refreshments will be provided.

For more information please contact Rev Patsy Holdsworth

## ST BRIAVELS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

We're a group of ordinary people, 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.

In our evening services we're examining what John, a friend of Jesus and one of his biographers, thinks you should know about the most influential figure in history. Why not investigate?

We meet for Bible study and prayer every Thursday (8pm, venue changes) and Tuesday (10:15am in the chapel).

Sunday 7th October is our next Food for Thought meeting. We've all been wronged, and been confronted by the problem, how can I forgive this person? Maybe we haven't forgiven and we're left with anger and bitterness. How can I be forgiven when I've done wrong? What if I can't forgive myself? Join us to discuss this important subject at 10am in St Briavels Primary School hall. Activities are provided for children and refreshments will be served.

**Coffee Morning on Tuesday October 2nd (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.

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



## 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

## **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.

We begin this month in the midst of Harvest Festival, a celebration and appreciation of creativity, risk taking, sacrifice, caring, hard work and generosity in every area of life. That is at the heart of our worship on the 30th September. A time to stop, reflect and give thanks.

We will be collecting TINS, DRIED GOODS and TOILETRIES for both the LITTLE LARDERS and GARAS, both of which need them. On Monday 1st October St Briavels Fish and Chip Harvest Supper is in Church at 7.00 pm. The Cost is £10, please book with Louise Greening.

Forgiveness is the theme of our first Food for Thought, 10.00 am Sunday 7th in the School Hall. God gave his Son that we could know his forgiveness, but it is something we all find difficult, though very necessary, as we live in love and harmony with those around us. Come and explore with us what forgiveness means and how we can begin to live it as we are called to forgive others as God has forgiven us. Hewelsfield and Brockweir meet at 11.00 am as usual, for All Age Worship. On the 14th, David Treharne leads our worship. On the 21st there will not be a sermon, but a time for prayer and reflection as we prepare for Advent and Christmas. There will also be prayer for Healing and Wholeness. The 28th is Bible Sunday, where we explore afresh the importance of the Bible to our life and faith.

As we go into November we celebrate All Saints as we explore, learn from and draw strength from our forebears in the faith.

### **OCTOBER SERVICES: PREACHERS AND THEMES:**

#### **MIDWEEK: St Briavels**

1 <sup>st</sup> Mon	7.00pm	Harvest Supper - Church
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer

#### **SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 19**

8.30am	St Briavels	BCP Communion
10.00 am	St Briavels School	Food for Thought
11.00am	Hewelsfield & Brockweir	Family Worship

#### **MIDWEEK: St Briavels**

9 <sup>th</sup> Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
10 <sup>th</sup> Wed	10.30 am	Communion
11 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer

#### **SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 20: Let us Approach the Throne. David Treharne**

8.30am	St Briavels	BCP Communion
9.30am	St Briavels	All Age Eucharist
11.00am	Hewelsfield & Brockweir	Family Worship

#### **MIDWEEK: St Briavels**

16 <sup>th</sup> Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
18 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer

#### **SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> - Trinity 2: Reflection, Prayer and Healing. Mandy & Robert**

8.30am	St Briavels	BCP Communion
9.30am	St Briavels	All Age Eucharist
11.00 am	Hewelsfield & Brockweir	All Age Communion

#### **MIDWEEK: St Briavels**

23 <sup>rd</sup> Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
24 <sup>th</sup> Weds	10.30am	Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer

#### **SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> - Bible Sunday: All Scripture is Inspired by God. Robert**

9.30 am	St Briavels	All Age Eucharist
11.00am	Hewelsfield & Brockweir	Family Communion

#### **MIDWEEK: St Briavels**

30 <sup>th</sup> Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
31 <sup>st</sup> Weds	10.30am	Communion
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer

#### **SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> - All Saints Day (Baptism @ St Briavels) David Treharne**

8.30 am	St Briavels	BCP Communion
9.30am	St Briavels	All Age Worship
11.00am	Hewelsfield & Brockweir	Family Worship

#### **MIDWEEK: St Briavels**

6 <sup>th</sup> Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
8 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer

## ST. BRIAVELS PARISH COUNCIL

### **Notes from the Meeting held on Monday, 10th September, 2018 in the Assembly Rooms, St. Briavels**

**A Big Thank You** to the St. Briavels Wind Turbine Community Resilience Fund for approving funding of £1,000 per year for three years to support the work of Richard Chuter, the Village Handyman. This sum will be match funded by the Parish Council and will enable Richard to carry on with the excellent work that he does in and around the Parish.

**The Parish Council apologises** to the War Memorial & Playing Fields Committee for reporting that fly tipping has been taking place in the corner of the playing fields. This is not the case and the items were placed there awaiting disposal. A question was raised at the meeting regarding the relationship between the Litter Action Group and the Parish Council (PC). The Parish is fortunate to have many parishioners who expend lots of their own time and energy to benefit the wider community, including the organisation of walking groups and litter picking to name but a few. It is important to note that whilst these activities may be supported by the Parish Council in term of grants, and, in respect of litter picking, a 'funded helper', they are autonomous and wholly independent of the PC. Some groups may have as members, one or more Parish Councillors, but they are acting as individuals and not representing, tasked by, or accountable to, the Parish Council. Also, any request to support such a group would be considered in the same manner as any other grant application.

**Remembrance Sunday** – arrangements for the special event to commemorate the Centenary of the end of the First World War on 11th November are progressing well and the PC looks forward to seeing you at the memorial gates and afterwards in the Assembly Rooms. To mark this special anniversary, a memorial bench has been ordered and will be placed on the playing field. Also, a plaque in honour of Vice Admiral Alfred Carpenter RN, who was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous gallantry at Zeebrugge 22 April 1918, will be added to the left-hand column of the memorial gates.

**Playing Fields Wall** - the PC is working with the Playing Fields Committee to obtain quotes for the repair of the wall by the tennis courts and it is expected to consider these at the next PC meeting.

**Next meeting** – Monday, 8th October, 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in the Assembly Rooms, with planning applications available to view from 6.30 p.m. 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.

Ursula Deighton, Clerk, St. Briavels Parish Council  
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## HEWELSFIELD AND BROCKWEIR PARISH COUNCIL

### **Summary Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

**Present:** Cllr. Fox, Cllr. Bowen, Cllr. Sinfield, Cllr. Harris, Cllr. Haythornthwaite and the Parish Clerk.

#### **Finance**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Lynda Skuse	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£291.85
Forest Equipment Services	Emptying Bins	£64.80
AEB Price	Grass Cutting	£160.00
Adam Sinfield	Reimburse Web Hosting Fee	£111.75
Henry Bendall	Grass Verge Cutting	£100.00

**Planning Applications** - 3096.1.P1080/18/FUL – Cows Hill Farm, Hewelsfield, Gloucestershire. Erection of a general purpose agricultural building (part retrospective). Councillors had no comment to make on this amendment.

**Road Safety Issues** - A meeting had been arranged with Brian Watkins on 13<sup>th</sup> September, in the parish, to discuss issues raised at the public meeting. Cllrs. Bowen, Fox and Merrett will attend. Cllr. Sinfield was asked to investigate the organisation STRAVA in connection with cyclists racing down Mill Hill.

**Commemorating the centenary of the end of WW1** - Cllr. Harris reported that sufficient funding had been raised to purchase the Perspex figures, which will be used in church services on 11<sup>th</sup> November. An additional commemorative ceremony in the parish was discussed and Cllr. Fox agreed to contact No. 1 Rifles Regiment to investigate the possibility of musicians attending.

**Election of a Parish Councillor** - The Clerk had been informed by the Returning Officer that applications from two electors had been received and that an election would be held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Poll cards would be sent to all electors in the parish.

**The future of the former Oil Yard/Gregory Farm Site** - Cllrs. Bowen, Harris and Sinfield had met the owner/developer of the site, who confirmed that he had no immediate plans to submit a further planning application for the site. The clerk was asked to investigate applying for the site to be registered as a village asset.

**The date of the next meeting is MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7pm The Loft, Village Shop, Brockweir**

### **BUNGALOW WANTED TO BUY IN ST BRIAVELS**

**Lady seriously searching for a bungalow to buy  
in St.Briavels village, two or three bedrooms**

**Tel. 01594 530399**



**BADGER CULLING UPDATE**

I offer this as a piece of public information, which seems to be difficult to find or has not always been made readily available.

Under licences issued by Natural England in the week ending 16 September 2018, Badger Culling is coming to our area of The Forest of Dean as part of the government's policy to attempt to control TB in the cattle herds. This information is extrapolated from documentation advising how SSSI's (Sites of Special Scientific Interest) which fall within the wider culling zones are to be managed. Among the many new licences issued, SSSI's at Bigsweir Woods, Devil's Chapel Scowles, Poor's Allotment and The Hudnalls are listed.

Can I request that parishioners who regularly walk in our countryside and are concerned at this news keep a lookout for steel cage traps (approx. 1 metre long), shooting towers or areas baited with food treats like peanuts, record their observations and, if they feel inclined, report them to me on 01291 689319 or [madgettsbadgers@gmail.com](mailto:madgettsbadgers@gmail.com) so that we can be forewarned and prepared for this 'activity'. The issue of licences alerts us to the reality that badgers will be shot around us.

Keith Childs

**BANK HOLIDAY COFFEE MORNING – THANK YOU!**

Once again, we were amazed at the amount we raised from the last Coffee Morning, which was over £1200. It really was well supported and we cannot thank everyone enough for their support. Each of the Charities were really pleased and we have had letters from them to say what the money would be used for.

Since Mum died 27 years ago, we have raised over £95,000, which is an incredible amount - but we cannot do it alone. We told Dad that we would continue for as long as we are able, so we would love to see you all next year on Easter Monday.

Lots of thanks for all the helpers and to everyone who attends.

From Adele, Tessa and family

**RIDE AND STRIDE**

Thank you to all those generous people who sponsored me for this year's RIDE AND STRIDE in support of the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust and our church in St Briavels. As I have been on holiday until now, I haven't quite finalised the totals before this had to go to print.

On 8th September I walked, with friends from Cinderford churches, round 30 churches of many denominations in Gloucester, and finished up with our church in St Briavels, where Louise and Meurig Greening served some scrumptious

cakes and a welcome cup of tea. It was five and a half miles, and the route and churches visited can be seen in the Assembly Rooms cafe. The total my sponsors raised was £214.

Our vicar, Rev Robert Simpson, also cycled 11.3 miles from Bream to Chepstow, calling in at the churches of St Briavels and Hewelsfield and our sister churches in Tidenham and Tutshill. At this time, I haven't caught up with how successful his sponsorship has been. Together you will have helped both GHCT and our church, as half of the money sponsored is returned to the church. The remaining half enables GHCT to give grants to Gloucestershire churches for those expensive bills we all face from time to time.

THANK YOU EVERYONE for your support.

Jean Sheraton

**FOOD FEARS**

A good friend of mine advised me to begin stocking up food ahead of the 29th of March 2019. It was suggested that Brexit might cause such long delays in the supply lines at Dover that the supermarket shelves would be bare. I thought he was being alarmist, but it did make me think of how dependent we are on these remarkably tenuous supply lines, and that we don't grow enough of our own food nowadays. Where's our home farm?

I was told we import about half of our food from abroad and much of that from Europe. Buying local food, in season, and supporting local organic box schemes like the Forest Food Hub, might help us achieve a greater resilience and self-reliance – a more reliable state of relative independence - and that can't be a bad thing after all.

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

**BADS presents 'Blithe Spirit' - a farce by Noel Coward**



*When writer, Charles Condomine, invites a medium to hold a séance at his country house, he anticipates little more than some harmless fakery and a lot of good material for his new novel. Instead, he gets a ghostly visitation from his dead first wife, rather to the chagrin of his very much alive second one...*

19th Oct, 7.30pm, Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir  
20th Oct, 7.30pm, Assembly Rooms, St Briavels

Tickets £8. Profits to SARA. Available from Brockweir Village Shop / [alisoninbrockweir@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alisoninbrockweir@yahoo.co.uk) / 01291 680120. BYO alcohol

**COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY**

St Briavels Parish Council have been discussing the opportunity of a long-term lease of a strip of land at Whittington Close, and the adjacent children's play area. There is potential to use the strips of land behind the play area next to the garages for a community project of some sort. (The play area will remain and be improved.)

Many ideas have been suggested but there may be more. With this in mind, the Parish Council is coordinating a drop-in discussion session at the Pavilion for you to find out what ideas have already been offered and to voice your own thoughts, suggestions and concerns about the opportunity. Everyone is welcome between 1.30pm and 4pm on Friday 26th October.

For those that can't make the meeting, and would like to contribute at this early stage, please contact the Clerk (Ursula Deighton) at [stbriavelsclerk@outlook.com](mailto:stbriavelsclerk@outlook.com) or phone on 01594 516518. Thank you for your interest.

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

**SOFT (Sharing our Faiths Together) Meeting**

Does an internet meme, news item, Sunday sermon, or a general observation on life, leave you wanting to discuss the subject in more depth? If so, why not come along to a SOFT meeting where any subject can be talked about in a friendly, mixed faith group of people seeking to explore and understand the world around us.

We will be meeting at 7.30 p.m. in The Loft above the Village Shop on Wednesdays 3rd & 17th October. We welcome anyone to our meetings and although there is no admission fee we do request a contribution towards room rental and refreshment costs.

For more information contact: Carol Stickland - 01594 530882 or Sue Groves 01291 689804

**A466 ROAD CLOSURE**

A466 Valley Road will be closed from Bigsweir Bridge to Redbrook for 10 weeks from 26th September 2018. The bridge itself will be open for people travelling to/from St Briavels across the river into Wales and vice versa.

For enquiries: please telephone Amey Highways on 08000 514 514.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH 8TH DECEMBER - SAVE THE DATE!**

The Brockweir Events and Social Team (BEST) warmly invite all those over 60 to join friends and neighbours at The Christmas Lunch on Saturday 8th December 2018 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 for this great start to the Christmas festivities and to enjoy good food, entertainment and company.

Those who have attended previously will automatically receive an invitation. However, 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](mailto:brockweirsocial@gmail.com) or phone 01594 531160 or leave your details in the Brockweir Village Shop marked for her attention by Friday 2nd November. Looking forward to joining together.

The BEST Team

**Brockweir & Hewelsfield Local History Group**

This month the History Group will meet on Thursday October 11th when we'll be looking at the newspapers from the early 1900s and discovering what happened in Brockweir during those bridge building days.

**“Brockweir in the early 1900s – What the Papers Said”**

Please join us in the Moravian Schoolrooms at 7.30pm, 11th October

John Norman

**NOSH AND NATTER**

After some worries that the weather, which had been playing up for a few days, was going to chase us all indoors on the night of our American Supper, we gathered at Nicole's with relief to find tables set outdoors! And the evening turned out to be wonderful, with everyone bringing food and Nicole and Martin not only providing glasses and everything necessary for our meal but also a perfect setting in their beautiful garden. As a bonus we were shown around it later in the evening and on returning to our tables, as darkness fell, the decorative lights went on. What a lovely evening! Thank you Nicole and Martin.

Our meeting in September was held in another gorgeous garden, in bright sunshine. We have been so lucky this summer to have enjoyed sitting outside so many times, and with delicious cakes and lots of tea and coffee plus good company - what more could one ask? A tour of the garden completed another excellent get-together. Thank you Immy.

On Tuesday October 9th we will be at Sue Watson's home, Mill Hill House, NP16 7NW for morning coffee from 10.30-12.00. If you are interested in coming and would like to know more please contact me at [siddonspauline@aol.com](mailto:siddonspauline@aol.com) or phone 01594 530524

Pauline Siddons

**HAMPTON COURT FLOWER SHOW 2019**

I'm looking into the possibility of organising a coach trip to the RHS Hampton Court show next year, which takes place 1 - 7 July. It's only an idea at the moment and there's no commitment, as costs haven't yet been agreed. If you are interested, please let me know on 01594 530505.

Mary Perryman

**ST BRIAVELS LUNCH CLUB - THURSDAY 25th 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 22 and are always pleased to see a new face. If you are new to the village and would like to join us please phone me on 01594 530505 for more information. The three-course meal, sherry and coffee costs £5.50. There is also a raffle. We look forward to seeing you on 27 September.

Mary Perryman



## NEWS FROM THE BROCKWEIR VILLAGE SHOP

Dear All

**Are you a savvy shopper? Unlike many politicians, do you know the price of bread?**

If so, then we need you. We are looking for someone to join our shopping team and to focus on price comparisons and carry out some research as to what products our customers would like us to stock. Do you think we need more lager? Fewer tea options? More vegan foods? Do you want more price marked goods? Are our eggs too cheap? Do you want a range of frozen ready meals? Would you like us

to do deliveries? This is your shop and we want our products to reflect the items that you want and need.

As you may be aware, we charge 5p for plastic bags. I am looking for nominations for charity boxes to go on the till for tips, change and the 5ps. Recently, we have had RSPB, Playgroup, SARA, Donkey Sanctuary, if you want your favourite charity to be on the counter, please let me know.

### Twelve Services the shop offers:

- 1) Ticket sales
- 2) Posters for local goods and services
- 3) Maps to give directions for when delivery drivers are lost
- 4) Parcel drop off
- 5) Dry Cleaning
- 6) Cashback
- 7) Post - up to 10kg
- 8) First Aid Point, with a Defibrillator that we hope we will never need to use
- 9) Book swap and games and jigsaws
- 10) Free WiFi
- 11) Discounts on purchases for local events
- 12) A listening ear and a helpful hand when you need it

Alison

### UP COMING EVENTS AT THE SHOP

**Brockweir Bistros** on Oct 25th, Nov 29th & Dec 13th.

**Christmas Lunches** (I know, but I have already starting placing orders!) on 6th and 12th December.

### ART IN THE CAFÉ

**Patricia Homewood** 24th September – 3rd November 2018

Patricia Homewood is a local artist who lives in Bream. She originally studied English Language and Literature at London University, and was awarded an MA, (1975) before moving on to a Post-graduate Certificate of Education.

Thereafter, and from 1998 to 2015, she followed numerous evening courses and day workshops on life-drawing and painting at the University of Western England, and elsewhere – including, between 2000 and 2002 several modules in Drawing and Colour and Watercolour painting through the Open College of the Arts. She has exhibited her work in many local settings and galleries, and is well known in our area.

At the moment, Patricia chooses to focus on making reduction linocuts and relief prints. She describes her work as figurative, and takes her designs from her own observational drawings and paintings of landscape, still life and the human figure. She also almost always includes birds. Her literary background shows in her pictorial rendition of favourite narratives and stories. She is very much interested in “ordinary life, with its poignancy and intensity”, and she likes to overlap domestic and natural environments. – eg the figure of a solitary woman hanging out washing in a buffeting wind, while birds fly overhead.

Patricia’s recent series of linocut prints draws on the legend of Hafren, as told

by Geoffrey of Monmouth, in his 12th century chronicle. The legend comes to us from the Dark Ages, a period which fascinates Patricia, and is of a young girl who is sacrificed to the selfishness, passion and politics of her elders. Despite this she has great strength and presence, and embodies calmness. She is accompanied by the birds of the air who find shelter on her ship, and she is ultimately triumphant. The story of Hafren, is firmly based around the Severn, but other work draws on a love of far Northern landscapes, artefacts and culture. In particular Patricia is fascinated by the ancient burial ships of Norway.

Patricia cites as her original source of inspiration her art teacher at school, who specialised in, and exhibited linocuts. She herself is interested to see how far the medium can be used to express the characteristics of an era, and explore its roots. Also, as she says, “Each pass through the press has the potential to produce unexpected results. That’s hard to resist”.

This promises to be a most interesting and rewarding exhibition.

Annie Charlton

## C R A F T F A I R

**Saturday 3rd November 2018, St Briavels Church, 10am - 3pm**

**- A wonderful selection of locally made craft -**

**- Soup and refreshments -**

**- Raffle -**

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

*Have a cuppa and some cakes and chat with those you may not have time to chat with at other times.*

It’s always a happy event so join us and help to make your church more comfortable at the same time. Proceeds towards the projects such as heating and completion of the pew cushions.

## DIARY DATES - weekly/regular activities

### Mondays

ZUMBA TONING WITH JO 9:15-10:15am - Mackenzie Hall Brockweir.  
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).  
ADULT TAP FOR FUN: 6.45 - 7.45 improvers+ / Intermediates; 7.45 - 8.45 Beginners. Moravian Church Hall. Call Deborah: 07801 479269.

### 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, 2 – 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 Wednesday afternoons. Meetings resume 12th September. For more information call Bob Broughton 01594 530003.  
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).  
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: French bread/patisserie.  
COMPUTER & INTERNET SKILLS: 2pm - 3.45pm Assembly Rooms  
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: 9:00-10.30am - 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.

### 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 will meet at 7 pm at the Assembly Rooms every week.



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## ST BRIAVELS WI – A REPORT

Space Invaders – no, not the little green men from Mars but those thoughtless drivers who “tailgate” – were just one of the examples of inconsiderate driving given by Andrew Cook, Associate Coordinator and Local Observer for the Gloucestershire Branch of the Institute of Advanced Motorists - Roadsmart. He took us through our paces by quizzing us on our knowledge of the current Highway Code (have YOU looked at it since you passed your test?) and tested our reactions to slides of different situations we may come across as motorists. We all drove home that evening as if Andrew was in the passenger seat scrutinising our every move! Since that talk, Highways England have started a “Don’t be a Space Invader” Campaign aimed at educating those drivers who are guilty of this manoeuvre.

Members’ night in August took on an Italian flavour, expertly organised by Tessa Charley and her team. Lasagne washed down with Prosecco and followed by ice cream met with approval by members. However, they were very surprised by the arrival of an ice cream van complete with chimes and courtesy of M & M Ice cream of Hereford, instead of being served from a tub. It was quite a sight to see an excited queue of more mature ladies eagerly waiting to sample the delights on offer. The evening was interspersed with games amid much laughter – thank you all.

We have a few visits coming up. In September, some members visited St Fagans, the National Museum of History in Wales, others are off to BBC Bristol in October, and we are going to Bristol Aerospace in November. A Group event was held at the end of September, when members heard a talk entitled, “The Knicker Lady”. ‘Secrets of the Victorians Underwear’ were shown by Mary Dutton in June. Fascinating story as to how we have today’s lingerie.

The monthly Coffee Club has been well received and supported, and has taken us around the Forest to various venues, sampling not only coffee and tea but often the delicious scones and cake available. Book Club is running at maximum capacity at the moment but is greatly enjoyed by its members.

The third Wednesday in the month at St Briavels Pavilion at 7.30pm is where it’s at, and prospective as well as current members are assured of a warm welcome.

Valerie Hooper

## WHATSON...

### AT ST BRIAVELS PAVILION

6th October - QUIZ NIGHT

26th October - HALLOWEEN DISCO

17th November - CHOCOLATE BINGO

18th November - CRAFT FAYRE

9th December - CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY

For more details, contact Jill: 01594 530035 or Kim: 01594 531116



## WYE VALLEY MUSIC (ST BRIAVELS MUSIC SOCIETY)

The second concert in the Society's 52nd season will be presented on Sunday 14th October at 7.30 pm in the Bridges Centre, Monmouth, when the guests will be the SOLEM STRING QUARTET.

The quartet was formed in 2011 at the University of Manchester, and takes its name from the university's motto “arduus ad solem”, meaning “striving towards the sun”. In 2014, they won the prestigious Royal Overseas League Ensemble Competition, and in January this year were quartet-in-residence at the Wye Valley Chamber Music festival. The players are **Amy Tress** and **William Newell** (violins), **Alistair Vennart** (viola), and **Stephanie Tress** (cello). The quartet is making quite a name for itself, as its awards and appointments attest.

The quartet enjoys a busy concert schedule, performing at venues both across the UK – including Wigmore Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Bridgewater Hall and Holywell Music Room – and internationally. In keeping with its name, the Solem Quartet's first project was to play the Haydn Op. 20 “Sun” Quartets. Their repertoire is now extensive, spanning the period from early Haydn to living composers, and they have recorded two CDs of 20th Century British music for Divine Arts record company.

The Solem Quartet has benefited from inspirational teaching from a number

of the world's greatest chamber musicians, and attended courses with leading quartets. Their quality is confirmed by the awards for which they have been selected: the prestigious Chamber Studio Mentorship 2014/2015, the 2016/17 Park Lane Group Artists, Tunnell Trust Artists in 2016, and the Junior Fellowship in Chamber Music at the Royal Northern College of Music. They held this position from 2015-17, giving regular coaching to chamber ensembles as well as a series of concerts.

The Solems also enjoy working with Live Music Now, giving concerts and workshops in a number of special needs schools and care homes across the UK. Since September 2016, they have been ‘Quartet in Residence’ at the University of Liverpool, and were also recently appointed ‘Ensemble in Residence’ at Aberystwyth MusicFest.

The quartet's programme at Bridges will be Beethoven's Quartet No 3 in D major Op 18 No 3, Bartok's Quartet No 4 BB95, and Schumann's Quartet No 3 in A major Op 41.

Booking on-line at [www.wvm.org.uk](http://www.wvm.org.uk) is recommended but admission at the door will also be available.

Memberships invited: our membership year runs from 1st August to 31st July; join on-line at [www.wvm.org.uk](http://www.wvm.org.uk) for £15 per person, giving a reduced entry price to concerts (12 in total) during the next year.

Enquiries can be made to our message line at 01291 330020 or by email to [info@wvm.org.uk](mailto:info@wvm.org.uk). - Keith Norman 01594 530419

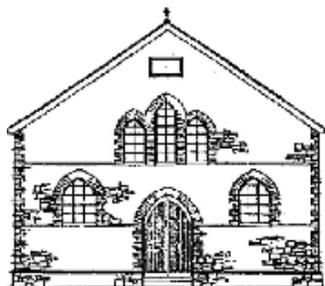
## DIARY DATES FOR OCTOBER

Walking for Health every Tuesday – meet at the Assembly Rooms, 2pm			
1 Mon	Harvest Supper	7pm	St. Briavels Church
1 Mon	Mariana-Art Gallery Autumn/ Winter opening hours: Thurs/Fri/Sat/Mon	10.30-4.30	St Briavels
2 Tues	Coffee Morning	10am -12noon	Congregational Church, St Briavels
3 Weds	SOFT meeting	7.30pm	The Loft, Brockweir Village Shop
4 Thurs	Charity Soup Lunch	12noon	Moravian Church Schoolroom
4 Thurs	St Briavels Walking Group	1pm	Meet at St Briavels Church
6 Sat	Produce Market	10am- 12.30pm	St Briavels Pavilion
6 Sat	Quiz Night		St Briavels Pavilion
7 Sun	Tintern Folk Sessions start	7.15 - 8.45pm	Rose and Crown, Tintern
8 Mon	Brockweir & Hewelsfield PC meeting	7pm	The Loft, Brockweir Village Shop,
8 Mon	St Briavels PC meeting (planning applications and councillors available from 6.30pm)	7pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
9 Tues	Nosh & Natter: Morning Coffee	10.30am- noon	Mill Hill House, Brockweir
11 Thurs	History Group: 'Brockweir in the Early 1900s'	7.30pm	Moravian Schoolroom, Brockweir
11 Thurs	Walk & Talk Group	2pm	Meet at Hewelsfield Church
13 Sat	Moat Society Working Party - All welcome	10am to 12noon	Castle Moat.
13 Sat	PGP meeting: 'Our Trees'	2.30 pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
14 Sun	WVM – Solem String Quartet	7.30pm	Bridges Centre, Monmouth
16 Tues	St Briavels Senior Citizens meeting	12.30pm	Orepool, Sling
17 Weds	SOFT meeting	7.30pm	The Loft, Brockweir Village Shop
17 Weds	St Briavels WI meeting: Harvest Supper	7.30pm	St Briavels Pavilion

19 Fri	Garden Society meeting: 'Organic Fruit Growing'	7.30pm	St Briavels Pavilion
19 Fri	'Blithe Spirit'	7.30pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
20 Sat	'Blithe Spirit'	7.30pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
20 Sat	Brockweir Events: Jimmy Aldridge & Sid Goldsmith	7.30 for 8pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
20 Sat	Halloween Banquet		St Briavels Castle
23 Tues	Halloween Banquet		St Briavels Castle
25 Thurs	St Briavels Lunch Club	11.45am	St Briavels Pavilion
25 Thurs	Walk & Talk Group	2pm	Meet at Hewelsfield Church
25 Thurs	Brockweir Bistro		Brockweir Village Shop
26 Fri	Community Opportunity - Drop-in discussion	1.30-4pm	St Briavels Pavilion
26 Fri	Halloween Disco		St Briavels Pavilion
26 Fri	Board Games Café	7 – 10pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
27 Sat	Cocktails & Canapés	7pm	Poolfield Court House.
29 Mon	Halloween Banquet		St Briavels Castle

## ADVANCE DATES

1 Nov	Halloween Banquet		St Briavels Castle
2 Nov	Brockweir Events: Instant Wit	7.30 for 8pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
3 Nov	Craft Fair	10am – 3pm	St Briavels Church
3 Nov	Village Bonfire	7.00pm-8.30pm	Merricks Lane, Brockweir.
11 Nov	Remembrance Sunday – Armistice Day Centenary Celebration		
17 Nov	Christmas Market	10am-4pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
17 Nov	Chocolate Bingo		St Briavels Pavilion
18 Nov	Craft Fayre		St Briavels Pavilion
23 Nov	Brockweir Events: Moscow Drug Club	7.30 for 8pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
24/25 Nov	St Briavels Art & Craft Market	11am-4pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
29 Nov	Brockweir Bistro		Brockweir Village Shop
9 Dec	Children's Christmas Party		St Briavels Pavilion
8 Dec	Seniors' Christmas Lunch	12noon	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
6 & 12 Dec	Christmas Lunches		Village Shop, Brockweir



## 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.

### OCTOBER

**THUR 4, 11, 18 SILVER JEWELLERY (10 classes) 1.00-4.00pm Ann Skehel**

A few places still available in the Art & Silver 10 week classes

**FRI 5, 12, 19 PAINTING & DRAWING - (10 classes) Ann Hulme**  
9.30 - 12.30 and/or 1.00 - 4.00pm

**SAT 20 SCULPTURE WORKSHOP – CLAY 9.30 - 4.00 Val Welham**  
£50.00 for the day's workshop

**SAT 27 FOUR SEASONS PHOTOGRAPHY 9.30 – 12.30 David Broadbent**  
Third of 4 Seasonal workshops. £25 per session

### NOVEMBER

**THUR 1, 8, 15, 22 SILVER JEWELLERY (10 classes) 1.00 - 4.00pm Ann Skehel**

**FRI 2, 9, 16, 23 PAINTING & DRAWING (10 classes) Ann Hulme**  
9.30 - 12.30 and/or 1.00 - 4.00pm

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

★★★★★	<b>Film Night</b>	★★★★★
Bring your own wine, drinks & snacks.	<b>Friday 12th October</b> <b>The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society</b>	Information: Andrew Reid <a href="mailto:andrew.reid@huntermillerreid.co.uk">andrew.reid@huntermillerreid.co.uk</a> or phone 07774 726860
Teas, coffees & ice cream on sale.	The irresistible romantic mystery. <b>Tintern Village Hall 7.45pm</b>	
★★★★★	Tickets £4.00 15s & under £2.50	★★★★★



## PARISH GRASSLANDS PROJECT

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

**Trees are one of the main features of the landscape that surrounds us, and something that surely has an impact on all of our lives.**

That is why we have chosen the topic for the Parish Grasslands Project meeting this month.

The meeting is entitled **Our Trees**, and will take place at the **Mackenzie Hall at 2.30pm on Saturday October 13.**

Our aim is to provide expert information and discussion about trees of all types, broad-leaf, coniferous, fruit-bearing; naturally-propagated, garden, plantation etc etc. This will all be focused from the point of view of someone planning to plant trees, but in a manner that we hope will interest everyone, from the specialist to those with merely a passing interest in the subject.

Our two expert speakers will be local woodmen John Josephi (well-known to Village News readers for his popular Moucher column in this splendid publication) and Gwion Trefgarne. Each has a lifetime of working experience in the world of trees. Three presentations are planned for the day, one covering

species, problems and issues, another on mature size, choice of species, insurance and legal responsibilities, and a third on the arrival of new tree species in Britain. After each presentation we will have a panel of experts to discuss issues raised and to field questions from the floor.

During the interval there will be a display of tree-planting and tree-climbing equipment and, weather permitting, the meeting will close with a demonstration of tree-climbing. As usual, during the interval we will be providing tea, coffee and a staggering array of cake.

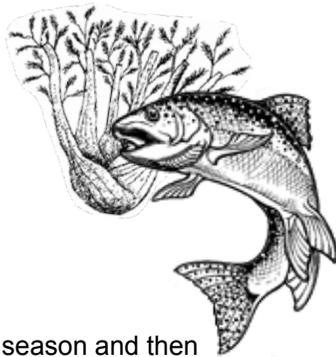
All are welcome to attend and entry is free, although we invite a small contribution towards the refreshments. It will also be possible to join or renew membership of the PGP at the meeting, for the modest sum of £5 per household per year. Finally, a reminder of time and place: the meeting is at the Mackenzie Hall at 2.30pm on Saturday October 13.

Mike Topp

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### RAINBOW TROUT WITH BRAISED FENNEL

- 2 medium fennel bulbs, thinly sliced, fronds reserved
- 2 banana shallots or 2 onions
- 3 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 250ml fish stock
- 4 skin-on rainbow trout fillets
- 100g frozen peas
- 100g broad beans
- grated zest of a lemon
- 2 tbsps Crème Fraiche



Heat the oven to 180C

Put the fennel and shallots into a roasting tin, season and then pour on the fish stock. Cover with foil and cook for 15 minutes, stirring well halfway through. Don't let the fennel burn. Remove the foil and return the roasting tin to the oven. Continue cooking until most of the liquid has been absorbed.

Season both sides of the trout fillets and score the skin. Place the fish skin side up and char the skin lightly with a blow torch.

Remove the roasting tin from the oven. Add the peas and beans and lay the trout fillets on top of the vegetables. Bake for 5 minutes, until the trout is cooked.

Mix the crème fraiche through the fennel fronds and season as necessary.

Mary Perryman

## COCKTAILS AND CANAPÉS

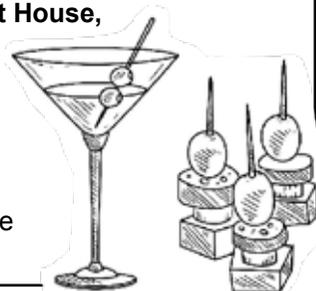
### A FUNdraiser for St Mary Magdalene Church

Saturday October 27th, 7pm at Poolfield Court House,  
home of Peter and Carol Stickland.

Tickets £10.

*Ticket includes as many Canapés as you can manage and your first cocktail, subsequent cocktails available for a donation.*

Tickets available from the Village Shop from the beginning of October.



Saturday 20 October - Jimmy Aldridge & Sid Goldsmith [www.jimmyandsidduo.com](http://www.jimmyandsidduo.com)

Jimmy Aldridge & Sid Goldsmith are one of the finest duos to have emerged on to the British folk and acoustic scene in recent years. Their combination of outstanding vocal work, sensitive instrumentation and a powerful social conscience has brought them widespread critical acclaim. The songs themselves are always given centre stage, but they are brought to life with stunning musical

arrangements and vocals. There is an integrity that shines through their performances and a common thread of political struggle, resistance, and justice. *"To be a great folk singer, you have to be a great storyteller, as Jimmy Aldridge and Sid Goldsmith are clearly aware. The duo are both fine singers and multi-instrumentalists."* Guardian.

Friday 2 November - Instant Wit\* [www.instantwit.co.uk](http://www.instantwit.co.uk)

Welcome to a quick-fire comedy improvisation show, packed full of sketches, gags, songs, surreal situations and general silliness. Be prepared to receive flying packets of Instant Whip! Completely improvised and directed by the audience, the show is highly addictive, interactive, engaging and fun. Participate as much or as little as you like: shout out during the show or write down suggestions in the interval

to win prizes. This well-developed and successful format has an established and loyal following. For audiences aged 12+. *"These are conspicuously skilful performers - everyone is exhilarated-on stage and off!"* Guardian. *"This superlative comedy troupe continues to amaze packed houses with extraordinary skills... Instant Wit are a joy to behold, a dream topping of an evening!"* Venue Magazine Bristol.

Friday 23 November - Moscow Drug Club\* [www.moscowdrugclub.com](http://www.moscowdrugclub.com)

Moscow Drug Club is a curious place, where certain elements of 1930s Berlin Cabaret, Hot Club de France, Nuevo Tango and Gypsy Campfire meet. Have a few to drink and stagger arm in arm into the darkness of some eastern European cobbled street on a mission to find a bar where Django Reinhardt and Tom Waits are having a jam with the local Tziganes. Combining their

original material with songs by the likes of Jacques Brel, Leonard Cohen Tom Waits and Berthold Brecht, Moscow Drug Club provide an intoxicating and intimate musical experience. You are cordially invited to share a wry smile with us as you enter the darkly comic world of Moscow Drug Club...this way please and mind the stairs!

Advance tickets are £10 and will be available from the Brockweir & Hewelsfield Village Shop about 4 weeks before each event or from Adrian Birch [brockweirevent@gmail.com](mailto:brockweirevent@gmail.com) Or 01291 689812. £12 on the door. Doors Open 7.30 Performance 8.00. Refreshments available. BYO alcohol. \* Event supported by Air in G

### **ORGANIC FRUIT GROWING – FOR THE BUSY/LAZY GARDENER**

At our October meeting, we welcome Pauline Pears to talk about growing fruit organically. In the late 1970s, Pauline joined an embryonic group interested in growing plants without chemicals, which later became Garden Organic, where she worked for 38 years, editing 'The Organic Way' for 28 of them. She is the author of many books on organic approaches to gardening.

Growing fruit isn't as difficult as it may first seem and needn't actually take much time (apart from picking and eating, of course). For a relatively small outlay of time and money, you can grow loads of healthy fruit, cheaper and fresher than anything you can buy. In this talk, Pauline will introduce the basic, easy care, range of fruit that she grows. Practical organic growing advice that can be applied to all types of fruit is included - and there is a quiz too.

*Friday 19 October - 7.30pm at the Pavilion, St Briavels. All welcome. Visitors £5*

### **IN MY GARDEN**

Every summer begins with my firm intention to visit a few private gardens open to the public. Summers come and go and the good intentions remain just that - but this year I was determined to see at least a couple, even if the visits were reduced to a quick whizz round with my camera.



In one garden I found a challenge to a very long held prejudice when a beautiful burgundy flower grabbed my attention and I recognised a Dahlia. It's a species I've never liked nor given house room to in my own garden, my excuse being that my soil is much too dry, but what a fabulous flower! My mistake was to dismiss a whole species particularly at this end of the year when their bold forms complement the glowing colours of autumn so well.

In complete contrast, the other garden was much more to my usual taste, created within a clearing in a wonderful woodland setting, with a stream running through and wildlife friendly plants everywhere. The highlight - and the reason I had chosen to go - was the swimming pond and I wasn't disappointed. Dragonflies zoomed over it and the marginal plants keeping the water sparkling clean were all natives, working together beautifully. A perfect, tranquil space in complete harmony with its surroundings.

Pictures give us the general idea but only by being in them can we appreciate and respond to the essence of gardens. Visiting gardens provides a brilliant opportunity to understand and experience other people's tastes and, most importantly, question our own.

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

Another cool start to September. However, your soil is still warm and rich in precious nutrients at this time of year. Perfect for planting, dividing and re-planting. As you put your borders to bed for the winter, avoid later rains leaching nutrients away by mulching soil where you are not replanting, or by sowing green manure. If you can't find the time to do either of these, weeds are a good enough ground cover – certainly better than leaving bare soil.

Don't overdo your preparations for winter by being too tidy. Aim for a balance between neatness and leaving plenty for wildlife to enjoy.

- Get bulbs in the ground as soon as time and weather permit – except for tulips, which you should leave until late in the month. Plant deeply to make it harder for squirrels and badgers to dig them up!
- 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!).
- Keep your greenhouse well ventilated to reduce humidity (and the spread of disease) even if it's cool and cloudy.
- Plant (cheaper) bare rooted, roses, trees and shrubs towards the end of the month.

Christine Haines

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



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Hand Crafted and Individually Designed Gifts  
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Get all your Christmas Gifts the easy way -  
at the **Mackenzie Hall Christmas Market**



## News From The Castle

**It was fantastic to welcome so many of you through the gates for the recent annual Heritage Open Days scheme (just over 700!).**

This year the scheme was extended to include a second weekend, giving everyone even more time to explore and learn about the Heritage of this wonderful part of the country, so hopefully you have enjoyed it too. We will no doubt be taking part again next year so do not worry if you missed out on a chance to explore this time. Your fabulous generosity helped us to raise just under £550 for the YHA Breaks Programme. For further details about this scheme that helps fund trips for young people (whether travelling with a school, independently or with a family) please visit [www.yha.org.uk/support-programmes](http://www.yha.org.uk/support-programmes)

As I write, the weather has definitely turned autumnal, which is the perfect time to talk about Halloween! We have the return of our Halloween Banquets on 20th, 23rd and 29th October and 1st November. Non-residents are very welcome so dust off your witches' or zombie pirate costumes and come and sample the delights of witches' noses, severed fingers and eyeball jelly! We are also planning a few ghost tours over the school holiday period, so let us know if you are interested in joining us, via email [stbriavels@yha.org.uk](mailto:stbriavels@yha.org.uk), on 01594 530272, or follow our Facebook page to keep up to date on all our events.

Our recent investment programme has hit a few more delays to the external works, but we now have approval to complete the archery range renovation by the end of October. However, other projects (such as the bin screen) are sadly further delayed - but we are continuing to work towards completion over the coming winter.

Linda Harrison, Manager

## Citizens Advice at St. Briavels Assembly Rooms

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1.30 - 4 pm  
For a fixed appointment please call 0300 330 9006



## NATURE NOTES: THE GREAT OUTDOORS

**"Moucher's hairt's STILL in the Hielands" - so no column from him this month.**

When he returns will he regale us with tales of Scottish wildness and heather or Scotch whiskey and haggis we wonder?



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