

# Dear Friends

## **“When God gets involved in this, I’ll get involved with God.”**

The year was 1993 and the place was Cardiff. A colleague of mine was taken by a young person to the back of a local comprehensive school and shown everything you would not want young people to be up to. That young person then said to my colleague, “When God gets involved in this, I’ll get involved with God.” It was one of the most formational conversations of my life.

Some people go through traumas I just can’t imagine. Just think WW1 & 2 for starters. I may not have faced the horrors we see on the television screen, however I can personally testify to God’s involvement in the worst times of my life. Sometimes involvement comes in the form of other human beings and perhaps sometimes through a pure miracle. Sometimes, his presence and involvement is unknown and unrecognised, rather like the character that accompanies the two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24) and turns out to be the Lord Jesus.

Bishop Stephen Cottrell in his book, ‘I Thirst’, tells the story of a mother whose little girl is late home from school one day. Minutes go by and the mum gets more worried. Five minutes go by, ten go by, and the mother does not know where the little girl can be. Fifteen minutes go by, twenty go by and the mother starts to imagine terrible things that may have befallen her daughter. Thirty minutes go by and the mother is on the verge of ringing the police. Suddenly, the little girl waltzes in through the back door without a care in the world. The mother sweeps her daughter up in her arms, deeply relieved. “Where have you been?!” the mother cries, “Didn’t you realise how worried I would be?” Well, it turns out that all this while the little girl had been next door, and the woman living there had recently lost her husband. “What have you been doing worrying that poor lady next door?” the mother asks, crossly. “I haven’t been worrying her,” says the little girl, “I’ve been comforting her.” “Comforting her!” retorts the mother. “What could you possibly do to comfort her?” The little girl replies, “I climbed into her lap and cried with her.”

For me, this story gives a little insight into what God’s involvement is like. In Jesus, God truly and deeply shares our humanity, and the God revealed to us in Jesus is a God who climbs into our lap and cries with us... he’s not just words... he’s flesh touching our flesh. He shares all the amazing joys of human life. He also shares the most heart-breaking sorrows. For me (and countless others besides) God, who is love, is involved in it all, and that makes me want to be involved with God!

*Revd David Treharne*  
*Vicar of Tidenham with Beachley and Lancaut and Priest in Charge of*  
*St Briavels with Hewelsfield and Brockweir.*

## BROCKWEIR MORAVIAN CHURCH

### Church Services for September 2018

Sun	2 Sept	6.00 pm	Rev Patsy Holdsworth ( <i>Holy Communion</i> )
Sun	9 Sept	6:00 pm	Mrs Beryl Simcock
Sun	16 Sept	6.00 pm	Rev Patsy Holdsworth ( <i>Harvest Festival &amp; Lovefeast</i> )
Sun	23 Sept	6.00 pm	Mrs Pat Allen
Sun	30 Sept	6.00 pm	Rev Rose Mary Dagger

### 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 6th Sept – In aid of our Harvest Charity "Water for Kids" – a charity providing water, sanitation and hygiene education to 154 communities in 9 countries. 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		

### Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy Stall

#### Saturday 22nd Sept 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon In the Sunday School Room

Why not have a pre-Christmas clear out - Your surplus gifts may be just perfect for someone else.

All are welcome to come and join us.

Proceeds to our Church Buildings Repair Fund.

### 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

Beginning in September, we'll examine the life of Abraham, a foundational figure for Christians, Jews and Muslims; 3.8 billion people claim some connection to him! Why not join us and find out what the fuss is about.

If you want to know more, then I warmly invite you, whether Christian, seeker or sceptic, to join us at any of our services. These 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).

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Coffee Morning Tuesday September 4th, 10am to 12 noon

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Every year, we celebrate the harvest and give thanks to God for all that he provides. This year, we will have our harvest service on Sunday 30th September (not on Monday as in previous years) at the later time of 10:30 – 11:30am, followed by lunch at 12pm. We'd love to see you at either or both of these. Funds raised will be split between local and international charities.

We are a collection site for the Forest Foodbank; a box is available for you to drop off non-perishable goods when the chapel is closed. Find out more here: <http://theforest.foodbank.org.uk>

If you would like to know more about us or if we can help you then please get in touch. You can also visit our website where many of our messages are available for download: [www.stbriavelscongregational.org.uk](http://www.stbriavelscongregational.org.uk)

Matt Rees, Pastor

## **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.

September begins with the Back to School BBQ in the Moat, organised by the PTA. On the Heritage Weekend, (8th & 9th) Churches will be open for refreshments in St Briavels. Jean Sheraton and I are taking part in Ride & Stride, and on Sunday 9th we will be offering prayer for healing and wholeness. The month ends with Harvest Thanksgiving, on the 30th. A time to stop, reflect and give thanks. James, Jesus' brother, reminds us in his letter, 'Every good and perfect gift comes from the Father of the heavenly light in whom there is no shadow of changing'. Our society is very quick to criticise and complain, so this is an opportunity to give thanks, commend and be generous. We will be collecting TINS, DRIED GOODS and TOILETRIES for both the LITTLE LARDERS and for GARAS. Our Fish and Chip Harvest Supper is in Church at 7.00 pm on 1 October. The Cost is £10. Please book with Louise Greening.

At this time, let's consider our responsibility for the beautiful Church buildings that we have inherited and enjoy, which enrich our community, and to ensure that we pass them on in good condition to those who come after. There is a letter about this on the Letters page (page 7).

### **SEPTEMBER SERVICES: PREACHERS AND THEMES:**

#### **SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> -Trinity 14: Being Family 3! - Love Languages. Robert**

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

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

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

#### **SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 15: Church Growth 1 - Healing. Robert**

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

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

11 <sup>th</sup> Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
12 <sup>th</sup> Weds	10.30am	Communion
13 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer

#### **SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 16: Church Growth 2. Rev Tony Jones**

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

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

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

#### **SUNDAY 23<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 17: Church Growth 3. Rev David Treharne**

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

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

25 <sup>th</sup> Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
26 <sup>th</sup> Weds	10.30am	Communion
27 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer

#### **SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Festival: Seek First the Kingdom. Robert**

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

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

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

#### **SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> - October Trinity 19: But We Do See Jesus. Robert**

8.30am	St Briavels	BCP Communion
10.00am	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	10.30am	Communion
11 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer



### **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

As the Parish Council (PC) did not meet in August, here is a reminder of some of the areas of work in progress; mainly focused around the Council's Five Priorities.

**Speeding** through the Village, on the B4228 and the narrow lanes around the Parish, is often raised as a concern. You will have noticed a variety of signs being placed along the main road to remind drivers that they are in a 30 mph zone: 20's plenty signs through the Village to promote safer conditions for drivers and pedestrians alike and signs highlighting that the narrow lanes are used by walkers, children, cyclists, horse riders and agricultural vehicles.

**Parking** initiatives include engaging with the School (see last edition of Village News); liaising with Highways and Two Rivers regarding parking at Smithville Close; and contributing financially to Highways for better parking to be provided on the main road.

**Youth Activities** – a child safety Working Group was set up recently; we expect to hear from this Group in the Autumn, with initiatives for the PC to consider. In July a grant was awarded to the newly formed Cricket Club to purchase equipment for youth activities during the summer holidays. The Council is looking forward to receiving a progress report for this project.

**Supporting the Elderly** – the PC provided a grant to Age Concern Forest of Dean, has signed up to the Dementia Awareness Alliance and will be arranging several training sessions in the Autumn to ensure that St. Briavels becomes a Dementia-friendly Village.

**Better Engagement with the Public** – a new initiative has been to have a stand at the monthly Farmers' Market, so do pop along to see the Councillor in attendance and have a chat. If you don't have time to stop and talk, there is a book on the stand to leave comments in. The Parish Council meets monthly, except in August and December; you are most welcome to come and have a chat with the Councillors before the meeting.

**Elections, May 2019** – every four years a new Parish Council is elected. If you think you'd like to become a Councillor, then come to a few meetings to see what goes on and have a chat with the current Councillors. Details on how to apply to be a candidate for the PC election will be available in Village News nearer the time.

**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.

**Next meeting** – Monday 10th September 2018 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.

Ursula Deighton, Clerk, St. Briavels Parish Council  
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**The Parishes of St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels & St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield & Brockweir**

### TRIO THE RESPONSIBILITY IS OURS

Our two beautiful village Church buildings have for 900 years been at the heart of Community Life, providing centres for regular worship, marking births, marriages and deaths, thanksgiving for harvest, and community celebrations.

Each succeeding generation has treasured and cared for them, now it is our turn. Keeping the doors open every day costs around £400 per week for St Mary the Virgin and £316 for St Mary Magdalene. This just covers the day to day building costs plus paying the minister. Additional funds have to be raised for repairs and improvements. Most of this comes from the generous giving and fund raising by regular worshippers and good friends. To all these very generous and hardworking people - thank you so much.

These beautiful buildings benefit us all, and are enjoyed not just by locals but by many visitors as places of peace and tranquillity. They speak of a faith that has been real to many over the centuries. We would like to make them more useful, warmer and flexible, with better catering facilities, improved children's facilities as well as ongoing long-term maintenance. Could you share in caring for upkeep of these buildings? Forms and envelopes are in both Churches and if you could Gift Aid your gift that would be great. Thank you

Every blessing, Robert.

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[robert.simpson02@btinternet.com](mailto:robert.simpson02@btinternet.com), Reader: Mrs Mandy Vaughan Tel 01594 530844

### BROCKWEIR & HEWELSFIELD SUMMER FÊTE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the fête on the 21 July. We were very lucky with the weather and it was great to see so many. This was the first year and so we are sure there are loads of lessons to be learned to improve and expand it, but we were thrilled that so many people participated in a fun afternoon for all the family.

There was a great community atmosphere, with the highlight for many being the tug of war. The suggestion for next year is for a married vs singles and a Brockweir against Hewelsfield tug of war. We have also had suggestions of a space hopper race and a wheel barrow race. It was also a good chance to get revenge on some people in the village stocks, including Sean Cassidy, Rudge, John Peters, Richard Trigg, Will from the Pub, and Alison. People were very surprisingly accurate with their throwing!

Thanks must go to all the groups that took part and raised money for their own special causes including Mac Hall, the Village Shop, the Parish Council, the Youth Club, the Moravian Church, the Wildlife Trust, Hewelsfield Church and, of course, the Playing Field. Special thanks must go to Brockweir CIC, who helped with marquees and insurance, the Brockweir Inn, Sally and Nick Davies, who let

us have the field for parking, and all the volunteers in the community who helped out in one way or another.

In the evening Phil Monk and friends provided us with fabulous jazz and raised over £200 for MacMillan UK, while we sat on the field and relaxed with a glass of wine. Thank you.

Alison Macklin & Sophie Hills

### **FRIENDS OF ST BRIAVELS CHURCH HOG ROAST ON 21ST JULY - THANK YOU!**

The Friends of St Briavels Church would like to thank all who so generously supported this event on 21st July. It was a great success. The Beaujoladies music making was, as always, brilliant. Thank you to all those who came and to those who brought salads and sweets and who helped in so many other ways. We made £1,894 profit.

We have a whole number of problems to address, following the recent architect's quinquennial review, and the money will be spent on essential and urgent maintenance work at the church - probably mainly on further work to slipped tiles on the north side of the roof. We do plan to make this an annual event and the main fund raising event, focusing on the continued maintenance of the church fabric and buildings, with a view to ensuring that the church is and looks in good repair and remains a good place for all the many important family and community events, including concerts, that take place there.

Martin Pagnamenta

### **THE NON-PLASTIC DEFAULT.**

Mindful of the need to urgently reduce the amount of plastic we are throwing into the rivers, seas and oceans because it is killing wildlife, acknowledging that incinerating our plastic waste is both energy inefficient and produces toxic emissions and reflective of the need to reduce waste at source to save on the financial resources needed to deal with plastic waste, could I ask if anyone has introduced alternatives to plastic in their lifestyles and households to please let me know by email.

Such good ideas would be useful to me when speaking to councillors and government about how we can work together to reduce our toxic legacy. Many thanks

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

### **OUR WONDERFUL VILLAGE!**

Chris and I feel so strongly about the brilliant facilities we now have in our village: the atmospheric George Inn with its food, events and roaring log fire, the convenience of a really willing, capable garage owner, Darren, nothing is too much trouble for him, Mariana with her bright, unusual art, pottery, jewellery, walking sticks, and advertising artwork. Then there is scrumptious Artisan ice cream, produced in the heart of the village. Last, but by no means least, our Pantry.

We really appreciate the friendliness, care, concern and attention that everyone

who crosses the threshold feels. If it is not available, or in stock or has run out, it will be obtained for you. If feeling a little blue, a chat helps. The cheeses, pâtés, bacon, sausages, pies, milk and bread, honey and ice cream are all as locally produced as is possible and one can be fortified with a packed lunch, tea, coffee and yummy cakes. It is so interesting to meet visitors from around the world, who marvel at the medieval castle and its moat, which is such an integral part of the village.

We enjoy being part of the Moat Society and last month saw the arrival of a very sturdy table and attached seats, purchased jointly by the society and the Pantry and duly welcomed with champagne and nibbles donated by The Pantry. Already, I have seen the table used. Well done to you both for yet another amenity for the village! We hope we will all do our best to keep you open to serve our community.

Chris and Sandy Garrett.



## **BROCKWEIR SOAPBOX DERBY 2018**

**As (hopefully!) everyone is aware, the 3rd annual Soapbox Derby is due to take place on the 15th September 2018 down Mill Hill.**



*As ever, the road will be closed from the village shop down to the end of the bridge, starting at 7am and lasting until 6:30pm. We will of course endeavour to minimise disruption, and if we can, have the road open as soon as possible.*

Due to the nature of the event, and for safety of all those taking part and spectating, no vehicles will be permitted to pass the closure area during these hours (save for emergency vehicles, of course). We therefore recommend anyone affected makes alternative arrangements and of course, let us know if we can help in any way.

We would also be grateful if anyone who usually parks on the hill ensures their vehicles are moved the evening before where possible, but certainly before the road closure takes effect. So far everyone has been excellent in helping in this regard, so a thank you and please continue!

Once again, we truly thank everyone who assists in making the event such a fun and safe day, and also a big thank you to those who we know it affects but who come out to support it anyway. On a final note, there are still plenty of spaces left for those who wish to help out on the day, so if you haven't done so already, please do email us at [hq@brockweirsoapboxderby.co.uk](mailto:hq@brockweirsoapboxderby.co.uk) or put your name down on the sheets in the pub. This also means you can come to the awesome after party! Thanks all,

The Directors, Brockweir CIC

**STAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT MACKENZIE HALL - AND THANKS FOR HELP**

We are gradually making big improvements to Mackenzie Hall's stage and entertainment facilities. The first thing we did was to have a storage space built under the stage, which will house some of BADS's flats plus a new portable and de-mountable stage. Then a small working group descended on the hall at the beginning of the holidays to take down all the tat on and around the stage that had accumulated over the last umpteen years. Thanks to those volunteers – you know who you are!

We are indebted to Terry Ward of The Rock, Brockweir who has very generously worked for no payment to take down the old ceiling (and all the old insulation and cobwebs!) and put up a completely new ceiling with new heat and sound insulation. This left us ready to have the stage area finally tidied up and painted, the ceiling plastered and painted, and new lights put in. We have ordered a new curtain and blind for the back of the stage, which will be installed soon. Eventually we hope to have a new projector and giant screen, and an improved lighting and sound system - depending on funding via grants, etc.

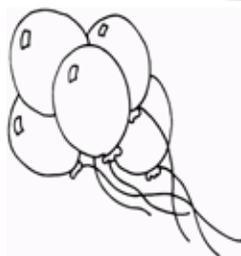
Thanks go to Pat Boden and the Book Club for their generous donation from their Boutique Evening. And thanks also to Tony Summers and the Off Centre Theatre, who made a donation following their performance in the hall. Tony is also going to raise funds for the stage project when he enters the Soap Box Derby. So please support him!

The Trustees of Mackenzie Hall are extremely appreciative of all the support given to run and improve our marvellous building.

Barbara French, on behalf of the Trustees of the Mackenzie Hall.

St. Briavels resident, Ida Cooper,  
is turning 80 years old...

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY IDA COOPER!**



Her family and friends will be celebrating her birthday on 22 September, from 2-4pm, at The Assembly Rooms.

Ida moved to St. Briavels in 2006 and wants to thank the local community for all the help and support they have given her, as well as thank those that know her, who have shown her kindness and friendship.

You are welcome to come along to the celebration.

Please RSVP to Ida on 01594 530773 or email: [Louisedovey1@gmail.com](mailto:Louisedovey1@gmail.com)

**APPLE DAY EARLY THIS YEAR!**

Apple Day is approaching on the calendar, the local apple crop is ripening at pace and we're thirsty for a new quintessential vintage. For a number of reasons we have changed the date for the annual apple juicing community day this year. The event will take place on Sunday 30th SEPTEMBER at 2pm at the Pavilion. The Pavilion had prior bookings to honour and our apple juicing expert had other commitments on the date previously advertised.

Remarkably, such flexibility in timing the apple juicing event each year will become a necessary part of our planning in future. Apparently, the drought and heatwave this year have brought the apple crop maturation early, by about 1 – 2 weeks on average. If such weather extremes become more frequent in future, we will need to monitor our apple trees more closely. Our relationship with our apples will have to reflect our relationship with a changing climate.

Please let everyone know of the change of date. Bring your apples as normal and we'll press them and bottle them with the gusto common to this traditional gathering. Please note we'd rather no commercial growers this year, as this is a community event we all volunteer for.

Any enquiries please call me on (01594) 531225 or email me at [chrismcfarling@phoncoop.coop](mailto:chrismcfarling@phoncoop.coop)

Chris McFarling

**ST BRIAVELS SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB - HARVEST AUCTION**

This year the club are holding their harvest auction on Saturday 29th September at the Pavilion, St. Briavels at 8pm. It promises to be a fun evening. Everyone is welcome. We would appreciate your support and donations of produce would be most welcome. Many thanks.

Sheila Brown

**BROCKWEIR GARDENS**

Clouds Rest – Spring Farm – The Patch

Saturday 9 September 12 noon – 5pm

Combined Entry: £7.50. Children Free

Tea, Coffee & Cakes

Plants for Sale

More information at [ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk)



## RIDE AND STRIDE

Just a reminder about Ride and Stride on 8th September. Our vicar, Robert Simpson, will be cycling from Bream to St Briavels and Hewelsfield, and then on to Chepstow. Jean Sheraton will be walking round the churches of Gloucester - there are quite a few! We would like you to sponsor our efforts so that we can raise funds for both the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust and our church here. Please sign up on the forms in the Assembly Rooms or the church. We have so much to do for your church, so the extra funds will be well used to make your church more comfortable and better maintained.

We have some new pew cushions in place and they improve the look in the church, as well as being more comfortable to sit on. When we have the funds, we hope to add them to the remaining pews. We have an improved area for children, to keep them occupied during services. Do go and have a look. These are just some of the things we have done so far. Please help us to care for your church in the future. Many thanks.

Jean Sheraton

## TINTERN FOLK SESSION

Tintern Folk Session - first Sunday of the month from 7th October, 7.15 - 8.45pm at the Rose and Crown. Informal, friendly Celtic and Balkan tunes - bring instruments and join in.

Contact me on [freyjasears@hotmail.com](mailto:freyjasears@hotmail.com) or join the Facebook page for additional dates and details. I'm often in the pub on the third Sunday playing jigs/reels with my partner, Matt, and we're open to having others join in.

Freyja Sears

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## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AT THE BROCKWEIR INN

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Friday, 28th September  
10am – 12noon

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## FRIENDS OF ST BRIAVELS CHURCH - ANNUAL CHURCH VISITING DAY ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH

September 15th will be our sixth self-drive church visiting day. Meet at the church at 9am to agree car and petrol expense sharing arrangements. We hope to visit St Fagans Folk Museum and the two exceptional churches re-erected there (one being, extraordinarily, the only church in the UK that shows what the interior of St Briavels Church would have looked like in, say, 1520, before the Reformation); then Llandaff cathedral; and then St Augustine, Penarth, a Victorian polychrome masterpiece by Butterfield. All welcome. These events have always been interesting and fun. Please ring 01594 531151 for further information.

Martin Pagnamenta

## 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 5th & 19th September and 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

## TINTERN WINE TASTING

### Sparkling Wines on the River Bank - Part 2

Our August tasting also involved sparkling wines, again hosted by Steph. Thank you Steph, we all had a thoroughly good time. Our attendance was at its highest at 13 people. The five wines we tasted blind provided some surprises. The least liked was the Cremant de Loire, which should have been much better. The aerated Sauvignon Blanc from Marlborough N.Z. received good comments even though it was made like sparkling lemonade! The very inexpensive Prosecco was perfectly acceptable and the Champagne was satisfactory. We also tasted an Australian fizz, which was okay. After some murmurings, Steph generously produced a bottle of Cava which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The themes for the next four meetings are: September - Rosé Wines; October - Dessert Wines; November - Sherry; December - Tawny Port. For further information contact me at [alan.hillard@gmail.com](mailto:alan.hillard@gmail.com).

Alan Hillard

## ST BRIAVELS PLAYING FIELDS NEWS

A new lock has been placed on the tennis court gate. The key is available from Jill Skidmore on 01594 530035. A family membership is £30 a year or £1 per child and £1 50p per adult per hour.

## THE PAVILION NEWS

A new venture for the Pavilion - Under 5s Play Club on Fridays, 11am – 1pm, £3 per child, to include refreshments. Also tea, coffee and home made cakes on sale for adults. All welcome.

## HARVEST AUCTION

At the Pavilion on 22nd September – 8pm start

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

## ST. BRIAVELS SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

The club are organising a trip to Upton on Severn on 20th September, leaving the square St. Briavels at 9.00am. Would all club members who have not booked their seat with Sue Barnby please do so by 7th September. Phone 01594 530845. Please note the trip is on a Thursday!! Many thanks.

Sheila Brown

## ST BRIAVELS LUNCH CLUB - THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

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

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



You are invited to a  
MacMillan Coffee Morning

St Briavels Assembly Rooms, Friday,  
28th September, from 10am to 1pm

A Bring & Buy Stall is planned.



Do please come and bring your friends. We look forward to seeing you and to your help in supporting this very worthy cause.

Chris & Gillie Morgan

## ST BRIAVELS PEOPLE'S CHOIR

After our summer break, the choir starts back with regular weekly rehearsals on Sunday 9th September at 7pm in the Assembly Rooms. We will be working towards the 2019 Spring concert and also, in a month or so, a programme ready for the Christmas season.

We are a group of about 30 people, all of whom love nothing more than to sing together. Some of us can read music, many do not, but we all get a 'buzz' from singing! The main thing though is just to have commitment and enthusiasm! The music we shall be learning will be of a similar style to that of the concert we did earlier this year, so will include musical theatre, light entertainment, and folk and inspirational songs, amongst other things. All the music is taught to the choir at the rehearsals in a fun and friendly way by the two new directors and accompanist - Louise and Meurig Greening.

Even if you haven't sung since you were at school, but like the idea of 'having a go', we can't recommend it enough, both as a therapy and a 'pick-me-up' for the start of a new week. There is a small termly subscription to cover the cost of hall hire. Please phone Louise and Meurig in advance on 01594 530421, or just turn up at 7pm on Sunday 9th September. The first rehearsal will be a sing-through of some new music followed by a tea break and then, as it is a 'People's Choir', a discussion with ideas on moving forward and a vision for the future.

Louise Greening

## NOSH & NATTER

Our next meeting is for Afternoon Tea, 3.30-5pm on Wednesday, September 12th at the home of Immy Lee, The Patch, Holywell Lane, Brockweir, NP16 7PJ.

We are always pleased to see new ladies at our meetings. If you are interested in joining us once a month for a friendly social couple of hours please contact me on 01594 530524 or email [siddonspauline@aol.com](mailto:siddonspauline@aol.com)

Pauline Siddons

## HARVEST SUPPER



Fish & Chips followed by  
Quiz & Light Entertainment

Monday 1st October 7pm St. Briavels Church

£10.00 Please bring a bottle

Proceeds to GARAS

Booking and Payment to:

Meurig Greening 01594 530421

## Brockweir & Hewelsfield Local History Group

The History Group will start its 19th season on Thursday September 13th with a general meeting: a get-together to discuss the way forward and look at any newly discovered old photographs, deeds, documents etc.

We look forward to meeting any new “members”, so if you’ve got any local history questions you’d like to ask or you have interesting photographs etc you’d like to share, please bring them along and have a chat. You’ll find us welcoming and very informal.

**Please join us in the Moravian Schoolrooms on  
Thursday September 13th at 7.30 ish**

John Norman

### 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

### THIS MONTH’S RECIPE

#### NO COOK CHOCOLATE FRIDGE BARS

Makes 16 bars

- 130g blanched almonds
- 130g hazelnuts
- 40g desiccated coconut
- 300g dates, chopped
- 40g dried cherries
- 4 tblsp cocoa powder
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 85g butter
- 110g oat or buckwheat flakes



Line an 8” baking tin with baking parchment.

Put the nuts, coconut, dates, cherries, cocoa powder, vanilla and butter into a food processor and blend until they are combined. Transfer the mixture to a bowl and stir in the oat or buckwheat flakes, mixing well.

Press the mixture into the prepared tin. Cover and refrigerate for at least an hour. Cut into bars. They will keep in the fridge for up to a week.

Mary Perryman

## WHAT'S ON AT THE ST BRIAVELS ASSEMBLY ROOMS

### NEW - BOARD GAMES CAFÉ

ST BRIAVELS ASSEMBLY ROOMS

Every last Friday of the month

STARTING 28th SEPTEMBER: 7pm – 10pm



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## NEWS FROM THE BROCKWEIR VILLAGE SHOP

### Would You Volunteer if We Paid You?

*Fun, friendship, community spirit, skill sharing, skill learning...*

...the reasons why people volunteer at the Brockweir Village Shop are many and varied, as are the roles they undertake. It's not just serving at the till and in the café where we need help. Many people are working behind the scenes, doing everything from building maintenance to designing posters. What they all have in common is a chance to meet new friends and cement old friendships with people of all ages and backgrounds. We make this even easier with a host of social events for volunteers and their partners. This month, we're organising a bumper Quiz Night (with a

bar, of course.) Next month, we have a special (free) Buffet Supper.

Below is a list of our 'Ten Most Wanted Skills'. If you could tackle one of these, or you'd like to lend a hand in some other way, please get in touch. We'd love you to be involved and you don't have to make a regular commitment, unless you want to. You get to access all our exclusive Volunteer Events. (Those buffet nights are the stuff of legend and that's a bit like 'payment' isn't it?) If you're interested in volunteering, or you know someone who might be, call Alison – without obligation - on 01291 689995 or drop into the shop for a chat. Alison

### TEN MOST WANTED (Skills At Your Village Shop & Café) SUMMER 2018

1. Feasts and Sandwiches - we need occasional help preparing food for buffets & special occasions. Are you a kitchen king or queen who's a dab hand with a canapé? Occasional
2. Collect Newspapers - our newspapers are collected each morning from Llandogo - can you help the team that does this one Saturday a month? Once a Month
3. Cable Tidy - not everything is wireless in the 21st Century and we need some of ours tidied up. Can you manage some trunking? One-Off Job
4. Posters - can you create posters that make people sit up and take notice? You don't need to be Van Gogh, just great at grabbing attention. Occasional
5. Shelf Stacking - we need someone to help stack shelves on Thursday afternoons Could you spare a couple of hours? Weekly
6. Event Preparation - Our Loft is a popular venue for meetings and events. We need someone to help prepare it before these occasions. Occasional
7. Computing - could you set up our Automated Computer Back Ups and Updates to keep us safe and current? One Off

8. Defrost Freezers - a cold job, but someone's got to do it. Could it be you? Once a Month
9. Writing - could you write a small promotional article for us in local media each month? We can provide the subject, if you can provide the words... Once a Month
10. Light Handyman - are you a Drill Wizard or a Hammer Master? Could you offer Handyman help? Occasional

### ART IN THE CAFÉ

The current exhibition, 'Open Landscape', continues until 23rd September. This reflects the work of a trio of talented local artists:

#### Rebecca Way

Rebecca lives in Chepstow, and teaches art at local leisure centre classes in Chepstow and Lydney. Her most recent work focuses on landscapes and birds as subjects, but she does, however, also paint horses and animals to commission.

Currently, she works in acrylic inks, but also uses pastels, watercolours, charcoal and pencil as media. She is fascinated by and enjoys exploring colour, texture and light.

#### Lyndon Richards

Lyndon lives on the riverside in Chepstow, but also travels regularly to Australia and Brittany, painting and exhibiting successfully in all three locations. Mainly

painting in oils, he attempts to capture the subtle essence of light and its play on landscapes, harbours and boats.

#### David Young

David, who lives in Usk, has previously exhibited at the Village Shop, in other local venues, and at the National Trust Visitor Centre in Rhossili. He paints mainly landscapes, usually featuring the South Wales area – particularly the

Gower and Pembrokeshire. Currently, his favoured medium is acrylic, but he also used watercolour, ink and pencil. In his larger paintings he attempts a freer style, tending towards the abstract.

### PATRICIA HOMEWOOD - 24th September to 3rd November

Patricia Homewood is a gifted local artist who lives in Bream. Currently, she focuses on making reduction linocuts (relief printing) based on her own paintings and drawings of the landscape, still life and the human figure – and each piece almost always includes birds. There is a figurative, narrative element to her work, which reflects an ongoing interest in everyday life, its poignancy and intensity. The domestic and the natural

world overlap harmoniously. Patricia's most recent series of linocut prints takes as its inspiration the legend of Hafren, a young girl who embodies a quiet, resilient energy in the face of harsh adversity (story as told by Geoffrey of Monmouth in the 12th century).

A more complete account of Patricia's work will appear in the next edition of this magazine, as she will be the main exhibitor in October this year.

Annie Charlton

## 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 - Re-starts in September at a new time: 9.30-11am at Mackenzie Hall. [www.wildwoodyoga.co.uk](http://www.wildwoodyoga.co.uk) or call/message Kische 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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## DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

Walking for Health every Tuesday – meet at the Assembly Rooms, 2pm			
1 Sat	Produce Market	10-12.30pm	St Briavels Pavilion
2 Sun	Back to School BBQ - All welcome	3–6.00pm	The Castle Moat
3 Mon	Tintern Wine Tasting		<a href="mailto:alan.hillard@gmail.com">alan.hillard@gmail.com</a>
4 Tues	Coffee Morning	1-12noon	Congregational Church, St Briavels
4 Tues	Brockweir & Hewelsfield PC meeting	7pm	The Loft, Brockweir Village Shop
5 Weds	SOFT meeting	7.30pm	The Loft, Brockweir Village Shop
6 Thurs	Charity Soup Lunch	12noon	Moravian Church Schoolroom
6 Thurs	St Briavels Walking Group	1pm	Meet at St Briavels Ch.
6 Thurs	CAB Drop-in sessions start	1.30-4pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
6 Thurs	Basic Computer & Internet Skills. Classes begin.	2- 3.45pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
8 Sat	Moat Society Working Party - All welcome	10am to 12noon	Castle Moat.
8/9 Sat/Sun	Heritage Open Weekend (churches open with refreshments all weekend)		St Briavels Castle
8 Sat	Ride & Stride fundraising activities		
9 Sun	Brockweir Gardens open for NGS	12 noon-5pm	Clouds Rest/Spring Farm/ The Patch
9 Sun	St Briavels People's Choir rehearsals resume	7pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
10 Mon	St Briavels PC meeting (planning applications and councillors available from 6.30pm)	7pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
12 Weds	Nosh & Natter – Afternoon Tea	3.30-5pm	The Patch, Brockweir
13 Thurs	Walk & Talk Group	2pm	Meet at Hewelsfield Church
13 Thurs	History Group: general meeting & get together	7.30pm	Moravian Schoolroom, Brockweir
15 Sat	3rd Annual Soapbox Derby	8am (tbc)	Mill Hill, Brockweir

15 Sat	Friends of St Briavels Church – annual church visiting day	9am	St Briavels Church
15 Sat	Piano Recital - Natalia Williams-Wandoch.	7.30pm	St Briavels Church
19 Weds	St Briavels WI meeting: Looking Good!	7.30pm	St Briavels Pavilion
19 Weds	SOFT meeting	7.30pm	The Loft, Brockweir Village Shop
20 Thurs	St Briavels Senior Citizens - trip to Upton on Severn	9am	The Square, St Briavels
21 Fri	Garden Society meeting: Practical Propagation	7.30pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
22 Sat	Celebration of Ida Cooper's birthday	2-4pm,	Assembly Rooms. St Briavels
22 Sat	Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy stall	10am. – 12noon	Sunday School Room, Moravian Church
22 Sat	Harvest Auction	8pm start	St Briavels Pavilion
27 Thurs	St Briavels Lunch Club	11.45am	St Briavels Pavilion
27 Thurs	Walk & Talk Group	2pm	Meet at Hewelsfield Ch.
27 Thurs	Brockweir Bistro		Brockweir Village Shop
28 Fri	MacMillan Coffee Morning	10am - 12noon	Brockweir Inn
28 Fri	MacMillan Coffee Morning	10am – 1pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
28 Fri	Board Games Café	7 – 10pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
29 Sat	St Briavels Senior Citizens Club - Harvest Auction	8pm	St Briavels Pavilion
29 Sat	Black Pearls – playing live	7.30pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
30 Sun	Guided Walk & Cream Tea	2.30pm	Assembly Rooms. St. Briavels
30 Sun	Apple Juicing Event (& view Community Orchard site)	2pm	St Briavels Pavilion

### ADVANCE DATES

1 Oct	Harvest Supper	7pm	St. Briavels Church
3 Oct	SOFT meeting	7.30pm	The Loft, Brockweir Village Shop

7 Oct	Tintern Folk Sessions start	7.15 - 8.45pm	Rose and Crown. Tintern
13 Oct	PGP meeting: Our Trees	2.30 pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
17 Oct	SOFT meeting	7.30pm	The Loft, Brockweir Village Shop
20 Oct	Brockweir Events: Jimmy Aldridge & Sid Goldsmith	7.30 for 8pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
25 Oct	Brockweir Bistro		Brockweir Village Shop
2 Nov	Brockweir Events: Instant Wit	7.30 for 8pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
3 Nov	Village Bonfire	7.00pm till 8.30pm	Merricks Lane, Brockweir.
11 Nov	Remembrance Sunday – Armistice Day Centenary Celebration		
23 Nov	Brockweir Events: Moscow Drug Club	7.30 for 8pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
29 Nov	Brockweir Bistro		Brockweir Village Shop
6&12 Dec	Christmas Lunches		Village Shop, Brockweir



## Tintern Film Nights

Big-screen movies close to home

<b>Friday 14th September</b> <b>Lady Bird</b> <i>"It's a clever, affecting film, a total pleasure to watch." <small>AME</small></i>	<b>Friday 12th October</b> <b>The Guernsey Literary &amp; Potato Peel Pie Society</b> <i>"...this irresistible romantic mystery." <small>Telegraph</small></i>
<b>Friday 9th November</b> <b>Journey's End</b> <i>"...powerful, passionate and superbly acted." <small>Guardian</small></i>	<b>Friday 14th December</b> <b>The Happy Prince</b> <i>Rupert Everett's last days of Oscar Wilde. "A ravishingly sad film."</i>

All shows start at 7.45pm Tickets £4.00 at the door, Tintern Village Hall

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**Film Night**

**Friday 14th September**

**Lady Bird**

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**Tintern Village Hall 7.45pm**

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or phone  
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## WYEDEAN SCHOOL ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING COURSES

**AUTUMN TERM 2018**

**AT THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, EAST STREET**

### Painting and Drawing

Suitable for beginners to advanced. Starting with some basic drawing, you will move on to develop your Watercolour and Acrylic painting techniques. Bring your own materials (advice at first session). **Start:** 17 Sep. **Length:** 9 wks **Mon:** 2 - 4 **Cost:** £70

### French for Absolute Beginners

This course is suitable for complete beginners. Learn the basics such as greetings, introductions and key holiday vocabulary. **Start:** 24 Sep. **Length:** 8 wks **Mon:** 11.45am - 1.15 **Cost:** £68

### Brush Up Your Basic French

This course is suitable for those who wish to learn French and consider themselves as 'rusty' beginners. The main aim is to increase confidence in conversation situations and to extend length of conversation. **Start:** 24 Sep. **Length:** 9 wks **Mon:** 10-11.30 **Cost:** £75

### Painting and Drawing Day Workshop

Suitable for all levels. You know what it's like - just as you get going, it's almost time to stop! This is a chance to get to grips with the subject. Flowers are recommended; or if the weather permits we may work outdoors. Bring lunch and your own materials. Drinks are available. **Start:** 23 Oct. **Length:** 4 hrs **Tues:** 10-2 **Cost:** £25

**AT ST BRIAVELS PAVILION, COLEFORD ROAD**

### Italian for Beginners

This course is suitable for students who have never studied the language before or for those who studied Italian years ago and need to refresh their knowledge of the language. It will cover topics such as restaurants, directions and verbs, using fun/games/role play in a relaxed atmosphere, together with an insight into the Italian culture and - why not? - also a bit of slang. **Start:** 24 Sep. **Length:** 8 wks **Mon:** 10.30-12.30 **Cost:** £77

### Italian – Intermediate

This course is suitable for students who have studied Italian for 2/3 years or who have a qualification at AS level. The course will consolidate grammar structures whilst introducing new grammar rules. Conversation will be at the centre of the course, together with other activities. Italian magazines and newspapers, real life listening, movies and recipes will be used during the course. **Start:** 24 Sep **Length:** 8 wks **Mon:** 12.45-2.45 **Cost:** £77

*For further information: Download the Autumn Term ACL Brochure + enrolment form (from 25 June) [www.wyedeanschool.glos.sch.uk](http://www.wyedeanschool.glos.sch.uk) (Go to 'Community', then 'Adult Learning' then 'Courses available') Or, contact the School Office on 01291 625340 (answerphone during School Hols. Please leave a message/contact number). Post off your enrolment form and payment, with your email address or SAE (if you wish for a receipt) during the holidays to: Wyedean School & Sixth Form Centre, Beachley Road, Sedbury, Chepstow, Glos NP16 7AA*

## **ACTION4OURCARE: UPDATE AUGUST 2018**

Action4OurCare has had confirmation that the Statement of Values and Principles (SVP) (which will replace the unlawful Cross Border Protocol signed in April 2013) has been formally approved by all the Welsh Local Health Boards and Clinical Commissioning Groups on each side of the border between England and Wales. We have now officially been given a copy of the Statement of Values and Principles by Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group and we are satisfied that it reflects the discussions that we have had with NHS England over the last two years to date. NHS England have also signed off the SVP at Board level and it now just needs to be signed by Ministers of Health in Wales and England once the Parliamentary recess ends in early September 2018.

Work is now ongoing and nearly finished by NHS England to change the national website information for Cross Border Patients. There will be a link to a list of which GP surgeries are participants of the Referral Assessment Service (RAS), and a link to a cross border patient leaflet that sets out English resident cross border patients' rights under the NHS Constitution. There will be a "Frequently Asked Questions" page on the website, which also includes what to do if your GP is not participating in the RAS and you want to access NHS England services nonetheless, as well as what to do if you need to complain in Wales and in England, depending on where you elect to have surgery. Again we have tried to represent the cross border patients' voice in this work.

Once the SVP is signed off by ministers, there will be an evaluation of how it is working after the first year of its implementation and Action4OurCare will be monitoring what the evaluation is measuring and its conclusions. Action4OurCare Committee are meeting at the end of August 2018 to deal with how we ensure that patients in Gloucestershire are aware of all these developments. Many patients won't notice any changes if their GP surgery is already in the RAS but we do want patients to be aware of the website and the demise of the unlawful cross border protocol. We also need to tie up a number of loose ends and to correspond with all the various authorities concerned in this process.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact us on 01594 53008. We will have further information next month.

Pam Plummer chair, on behalf of Action4OurCare



## **WYE VALLEY MUSIC (ST BRIAVELS MUSIC SOCIETY)**

**Let The Season Begin! Piano recital at St Briavels.**

The Society's 52nd season begins with a piano recital by **Natalia Williams-Wandoch** on Saturday 15th September at 7.30pm.

Natalia started performing at the age of 8 in Poland, played as a soloist with an orchestra for the first time at 11, gave her first full-length recital at 14, and performed the complete Op.10 Études by Chopin in the composer's house whilst still a student. She was enthusiastically received by the audience and critics in the 2005 International Chopin Competition in Warsaw. She studied at music-specialising schools, before going on to complete her Master of Music degree with first class honours. Numerous prizes include winning every piano competition she entered at the Royal Academy of Music in London, where she was a student of Vanessa Latache. She is currently studying with Thalia Myers in London.

Natalia performs around the country as a soloist and with chamber groups. She has developed a wide and versatile repertoire with strong emphasis on Romantic, Impressionist

and contemporary music. She has performed as a soloist in piano concertos by Chopin, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov (Rhapsody on a theme by Paganini), Bartok, Liszt (Totentanz), Mozart, Beethoven (Choral Fantasia) and Bach. Her chamber music collaborations have included Schoenberg's Pierrot Lunaire and piano quintets by Brahms, Schumann, Shostakovich and Dvořak, as well as many other performances with instrumentalists and singers. Natalia is looking forward to the release later this year of her first solo CD for Usk Recordings, of music by Arnold Bax.

Natalia's programme at St Briavels will include Bach's Partita No 1, music by Arnold Bax ('Nympholept') from her recent CD, Debussy's Suite Bergamasque and L'Isle Joyeuse, Chopin's Etudes from Op 25, his Waltz in A-flat Op 42 and his Polonaise in A-flat Op 53. This will be an evening of delightful music.

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 reduced entry 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



**Friend or Foe?**

"I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not sure," is a phrase I like because it sums up my attitude towards birds of prey in general and Buzzards in particular. I became hooked on all those birds the day I saw my first buzzard, but, when Myxomatosis hit the country a few years later, taking the raptors' staple diet of rabbit off the menu, the country went into a state of virtual hawk-free lockdown lasting for decades, and I scoured the skies largely in vain.



Slowly, the rabbit made a disease resistant comeback, and suddenly, with the passing of legislation against naughty agricultural chemicals, we began to see a lot of "old friends" returning – Buzzards, Sparrowhawks and the "special forces" Goshawk with its awesome firepower. "Rah!" cried the environmentalists, but the gamekeepers, poultry owners and even humble bird table attendants like me have our doubts. Put bluntly, we are not happy bunnies. The bunnies aren't that chuffed either!

Now, here's my dilemma. Six weeks ago, I ventured over the border to rustle up a bunch of Silkie pullets, mothers in waiting to next season's brown egg layers. A week later, shutting up at night, I noticed one pullet missing. The next day two disappeared without trace and, hearing a commotion, I ran out to see a Buzzard turning for a third strafing run. Self help being the watchword of many of us who live in the country, my thoughts turned to

my trusty fowling piece in the gun cabinet. But hang on! The Wildlife and Countryside Act of ...? sets alarm bells ringing in my fuddled brain. Penalties grimmer than the medieval punishments meted out to poachers in Royal Forests hover before my eyes. These days I hesitate when tempted to pull a face at a badger.

I have a recurring nightmare. I am arraigned at Gloucester Assize before a jury of 12 good men and true (all RSPB) presided over by "Hanging" Judge Packham. CCTV footage reveals me hurling a lifeless Buzzard over Bigsweir Bridge. I see Chris Packham don his black cap. I know my fate! Either I will have my trigger finger severed at the second joint, or it will be Transportation for Life to Milton Keynes or (worse) the Cotswolds. Hey Ho! Plan B. it has to be. I spend a morning rigging up a new hen run complete with strawberry netting - Anderson shelter against aerial bombardment. What a fag.

Postscript: Literally days later my hook beaked chum is back. This time he is on the lawn, dragging what looks like a very large suitcase. He flaps but can't get airborne. He's got a huge rat that he has nailed under our bird table. Two days later he's with us again. Gliding low over the grass like a Sparrowhawk he scoops up another rat, a small one this time, and bears it off in triumph.

If you can't beat 'em ..... seems to be the moral.

*Editors note: Moucher is on holiday in Scotland at the moment. "Moucher's hair's in the Heilands"*



**MACKENZIE HALL TO THE ALBERT HALL!**

I don't know if anyone viewed the Folk Proms from the Albert Hall on TV in mid August, but two of the performers, Alaw and Sam Lee, played at the Mackenzie Hall last year. World class performers at your village hall. And now this year's offerings:

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 drinks 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*

**PRACTICAL PROPAGATION**

We enjoyed our annual American Supper in August. We were very well fed and also entertained by member and guitarist, Roy Cansdale. The evening raised £81 in donations to support the work of Sue Ryder, an organisation close to Roy's heart.

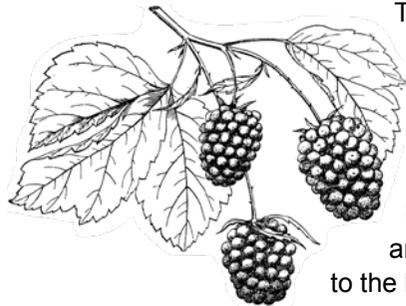
Our monthly meetings resume on 21 September at Mackenzie Hall, when Victoria Logue will demonstrate Practical Propagation - Seeds, Cuttings and Beyond, a very relevant topic for early autumn. She came to horticulture after 25 years as an accountant, trained at Pershore and worked for Bob Brown at Cotswold Garden Flowers. She now runs a tiny nursery, high up in the Cotswolds, selling interesting and unusual hardy herbaceous plants, some of which she will bring for sale.

All welcome – visitors £5

Christine Haines

**IN MY GARDEN**

September is the month for blackberries, my garden's reward to me for fastidiously cutting back all those unfeasibly long bramble shoots that seem to grow overnight throughout the summer. Last year's pruned branches are now bearing big fat juicy berries, unexpectedly so after such dry weather. In fact, this year they ripened early too and so it's been blackberries with my porridge every breakfast since July and of a quality and size to rival any of those carefully and expensively plastic wrapped ones from Waitrose.



Those from my hedge come naked and are of course free, unless you count the cost in scratched arms and legs. They're as fresh as it's possible to get, having been picked, run under the tap and eaten within minutes. For me, blackberries are the perfect fruity food, foraged in my dressing gown and slippers. No air miles are involved, just a few steps across the grass to the back door and completely organically grown.

Actually, there is very little 'growing' involved, apart from my occasional fight back at the brambles to keep some semblance of a hedge and stop them colonising half the garden.

They're brilliant for wildlife too; my bees made full use of their flowers earlier in the year and, from the cheeping sounds coming from the depths, I'm sure a pair of sparrows raised a family hidden in the tangle of branches. Growing in almost any location, it's hard to imagine a more versatile and productive plant. It's so sad that most gardeners consider it to be a weed. But I don't. Lucky me!

Cheryl Cummings

**WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH**

As last year, August has not been the usual quiet month at all! The very welcome rain refreshed and greened the garden but still left some plants looking rather tired and 'gone over' – more like September than August. I usually aim to leave the seed heads on most perennials until later in the year. They look good, I like to encourage self-seeding and they are an important habitat for wildlife. However, I found myself doing a lot more cutting down than usual, as plants flopped over each other in a way that was no longer charmingly informal but just a jumble (or in some cases, a jungle!) Tender plants, kept well watered, regularly deadheaded and with sufficient light and some shelter, will keep on going. If we enjoy a prolonged autumn once again, they could be flowering until late October.

Although the days are shortening, they are still long enough to get lots done in the garden. Start your planning for next year: order new perennials, shrubs and trees soon, so you are ready to get them in the ground early, while the soil is still warm. Autumn is by far the best time for reorganising your borders, dividing and transplanting

- Get your bulb order in soon but don't plant tulips until late October
- Cover your pond with netting before leaves start to fall
- If you are growing leafy winter crops, protect them from bird damage
- Later in the month, clean and tidy your greenhouse, ready to move plants in for the winter

Christine Haines

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

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SUNDAY 30th SEPTEMBER

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Enquiries / Booking: John 01594 530890 / [walk@st-briavels.com](mailto:walk@st-briavels.com)





## News From The Castle

**Heritage Open Weekend - We once again are throwing open the gates over the weekend of September 8th and 9th to participate in the annual Heritage Open Weekend event.**

These events allow you to visit places not always open to the public, to discover hidden secrets, and learn more about the buildings and landscape of this beautiful and richly varied part of the country.

Our event runs on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th September from 11:00 to 16:00. We will have regular, free tours of the Castle, providing a detailed insight into the history of the building and the amazing features you will encounter as you walk around. You are welcome to come and explore the inside and outside of the building at your leisure. There will be free craft and activity sessions and 'Have a Go' archery sessions (a small fee applies to the archery, but it all goes to the YHA Breaks 4 Kids Charity). We have a small tea room on site selling lunch savouries, cakes, ice creams and drinks. If you haven't been through the gates, then this is a fantastic weekend to discover the magic of St Briavels Castle.

A number of other historic buildings and places of interest in the Forest of Dean and wider Wye Valley are taking part. You can pop across the road and visit St Mary's Church, or travel further afield, as a number of other churches are open; the Dean Heritage Centre have behind the scenes tours, and there are local walks and bike rides. The event also runs the following weekend (15th/ 16th). It is well worth checking out further details at [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk), Pop in your postcode to see what is nearby.

**Investment** - We have had some delays with our external improvement plans but hope to complete the update to our archery range and add a screen for the bins to the car park in the coming Autumn months. We hope you will see the benefits shortly.

Linda Harrison, Manager

## Citizens Advice at St. Briavels Assembly Rooms

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