

Dear Friends

We set out into a New Year. I can't believe I will soon have been serving the Brockweir congregation for four years. It has been a pleasure getting to know so many people from the surrounding areas.

So, as we begin January, a helpful verse for us to dwell on is Jeremiah 29:11, which says, "I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." By now, the commentators and comedians have finished giving their forecasts for the New Year. While some of the level-headed may speak with caution, many have no qualms predicting sensation and devastating ruin.

Isn't it interesting to note that God, who knows what will happen every day of the coming year, is silent on the subject? Instead of giving us times and dates for future disasters, He provides us with far more useful information. For starters, He assures us He is in control of the world and everything in it. He invites us to trust His wisdom, then He begs us to put our fears and anxieties in His hands. He tells us once again to lean on Him for our strength, always promises us His presence, no matter what happens in the world or in our lives.

His is the kind of information you can depend on, it is reliable information we can take with us today and every day ahead. God invites us now to receive His guidance as we visualize ourselves in the coming year. Perhaps we see ourselves reading or praying more; reaching out to others more; accepting more of His spiritual gifts into our thoughts, words and actions. He has been our light in the past and He is our light today. We need to invite Him into our future and walk in His light forever.

Happy New Year. God bless.

Patsy

St Mary the Virgin St Briavels & St Mary Magdalene Hewelsfield

All are most welcome to join us for worship, which is welcoming, relaxed and open to all. Join us to find what God's love could mean for you. Both Churches are open from 9.00am until 4.00pm for those who wish to look around or find a space for quiet and reflection. More can be found on our website www.stbandhchurches.org.uk which gives up to date information. For a wedding, baptism or blessing, or to request healing or other prayer, please contact me, robert.simpson02@btinternet.com, or 01594560202, or our Reader, Mandy Vaughan - 01594 530844. I usually work Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and mornings on Wednesday, and am available anytime for urgent requests.

I trust that you had a joyful, peaceful and restful Christmas, a time of restoration and renewal, because that is at the heart of this festival. As we move into 2019, we continue in our worship to reflect on God's revelation of Himself to us, his transformation of us and how he is revealed in our lives. We begin with the Visit of the Wise Men to Jesus. We see God's coming breaking down the barriers that do so much damage to our world. This is a sign of new creation. Then we celebrate Jesus' Baptism. God, His Father, declared Jesus as His Son and empowered Him with His Spirit. When we come to Christ, we too become God's children and are empowered by that same Spirit. Next, we consider the transformation that Jesus' Spirit brings as we remember his first miracle, water turned into wine. We follow this by hearing afresh Jesus' first sermon challenging us with the transformation he comes to bring through us. At the beginning of February, this season ends as we remember Jesus being dedicated in the Temple and how his light shines through us.

JANUARY SERVICES: PREACHERS AND THEMES:

MIDWEEK: St Briavels

1st Tues	9.00am	No Service
2nd Weds	10.30am	Holy Communion
3rd Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 6th - Epiphany: Your Light Has Come. Robert

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

MIDWEEK: St Briavels

8 th Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
10 th Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 13th - Baptism of Christ Created for God's Glory. Robert

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

MIDWEEK: St Briavels

15 th Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
16 th Weds	10.30am	Holy Communion
17 th Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 20th - Epiphany 2: My Delight is in Her. David Treharne

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

MIDWEEK: St Briavels

22 nd Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
24 th Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 27th - Epiphany 3: Proclaim the Year of the Lord's Favour. Robert

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

MIDWEEK: St Briavels

29 th Tues	9.00am	Morning Prayer
30 th Weds	10.30am	Holy Communion
31 st Thurs	9.00am	Morning Prayer

SUNDAY 3rd FEB - Presentation: Sharing our Flesh & Blood. Mandy (Hewelsfield)

8.30am	St Briavels	BCP Communion
9.30am	St Briavels School Hall	Food For Thought
11am	Hewelsfield & Brockweir	Family Worship

MIDWEEK: St Briavels

5 th Tues	9.30am	Morning Prayer
7 th Weds	9.30am	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

BROCKWEIR MORAVIAN CHURCH

Church Services for January 2019

Sun	6 Jan	6.00 pm	Rev Rose Mary Dagger (<i>Epiphany</i>)
Sun	13 Jan	6:00 pm	Sr Sue Groves
Sun	20 Jan	6.00 pm	Rev Patsy Holdsworth (<i>Holy Communion</i>)
Sun	27 Jan	6.00 pm	Mandy Vaughan

Please note that our minister Rev Patsy Holdsworth will be away from 25 December to 10 January, and from 17 to 28 February. Please contact a member of committee for assistance during her absence.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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

Table Tennis - 2.15 - 4.00 pm - Tuesdays & Thursdays in the School Room. Players of all abilities always welcome - for more information contact Jean Green on 01594 530955.

Charity Lunch - at 12 noon in the Sunday School Room on 1st Thurs of the month. Thurs 3rd January – In aid of Monmouth Night Shelter. Thurs 7th February – In aid of Mission Aviation Fellowship.

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. No meetings in January and February.

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

Ecumenical Welcome



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

Minister: Rev Patsy Holdsworth, 35 Quarry Way, Emersons Green, Bristol, BS16 7BN, Tel: 0117 907 8994 email: Patsy.holdsworth@moravian.org.uk
Please note that Patsy's day off is normally on a Tuesday. Please try to only contact her in an emergency on that day.

Church Committee

Katie Groves-Bond	07814 431892	Jean Green	01594 530955
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Carol Ostler	01291 689675	Judith Ashton	01291 689572
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ST BRIAVELS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

When January rolls round, we often hope for a new start, we hope this year will be different, we make resolutions. Christians look to new life in Jesus as our fresh start. He can set us free from the mistakes and wrongs in the past.

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).

There will be no coffee morning in January or February.

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

Matt Rees, Pastor

VILLAGE NEWS COMMUNITY GRANTS

Thanks to the support of our readers, Village News continues to achieve a surplus of income over costs each year. As we have capital in the bank against future needs, we will again use surplus income to fund grants to community groups for particular projects in 2019. The exact sum available will be confirmed but will be in the region of £1,500.

If you are a local group in the communities of Brockweir, Hewelsfield or St Briavels and have an idea for a project, you can apply for a grant. An independent panel will assess all applications and make recommendations for awards to the Editorial Committee.

The closing date for applications is 14 January 2019. Awards will be made by 28 February 2019. If you would like to apply, email editors@villagemag.co.uk for further details and application guidelines.

The Editorial Committee

HEWELSFIELD AND BROCKWEIR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting on Tuesday 4th Dec 2018 at Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir.

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

Finance:

Financial Statements for November 2018 were agreed.

Payments were agreed, and cheques signed as follows:

Payee	Service	Amount
Lynda Skuse	Clerk salary & expenses	£327.88
AEB Price	Strimming/Litter Picking	£80.00

2019/20 Precept & Budget:

The final figure will be decided at the January meeting. Cllr. Bowen to update the spreadsheet and circulate to councillors before the January Meeting.

Planning Applications - No applications had been received for this agenda.

Application No. P0307/18/FUL - Land at Hewelsfield, Off Mill Hill, Brockweir NP16 7NW.

It was agreed that progress of this application would continue to be closely monitored.

Possible Flood Defences - The Environment Agency have stated that individual property surveys will be conducted during the first few months of 2019, with works being carried out in April with secured funding. The Clerk will continue to monitor progress.

Request from BBC Radio Gloucestershire for information on parish events/issues - A request had been received for this information, which could be included in features on local events and issues. The Clerk was asked to respond initially with information on the Advent Windows; The Nativity Walk; Ongoing Flooding Issues; Current planning issues.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 8th January 2019. 7pm at The Loft, Village Shop

A Note From The Public Meeting Held On 4th December 2018: The Future Of The Former Oil Yard/Happa Site

Twenty-seven members of the public attended the meeting at the Mackenzie Hall, chaired by the parish council. The chairman reminded the meeting of the history of the site, detailed the work that the PC has been doing to try and move things forward, and shared the latest correspondence from the owner.

The site is currently a mess and has been left like this for a considerable period whilst two planning applications and an appeal were rejected by the FoDDC. The Parish Council has been investigating the possibility of acquiring the site for the benefit of the community. The owner has now informed us that he is intending to once again submit a planning application for the site. He has told us that it will be for a much smaller number of houses, include both public and private parking,

involve taming the stream, and generally be much more sympathetic to the wishes of the parishioners. He has also offered to gift the old mill to the community.

We have yet to understand any detail of his proposals, but the general consensus at the meeting was that this is a significant change of position, that gives us all hope. It was agreed that the parish council would seek an informal meeting with the owner to gain more insight into the proposed planning application to obtain the best possible outcome for the site in accordance with the views of parishioners.

Lynda Skuse

ST BRIAVELS PARISH COUNCIL

FAREWELL TO 2018 AND WELCOME TO 2019

As we say “goodbye” to 2018 and “welcome” to 2019, the Parish Council would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard in and around the Parish during the year to make St Briavels the fantastic community it is.

The George Christmas Tree – the elves and fairies worked their magic and the tree at the heart of the Village looked amazing, and should have put a smile on many faces during December.

Dementia Action Alliance – the Parish Council joined the Dementia Action Alliance earlier in the year and attended a training session, together with representatives from the Assembly Rooms, the Pavilion and the Almshouses, on 11th December, to learn about issues facing people with dementia and how to help them in and around the community. The plan for 2019 is to engage with community groups and arrange training sessions for anyone interested in attending,

Looking back over 2018 the Parish Council has awarded £3,810 in grants to support SARA, Age Concern, St. Briavels Primary School Garden Project, Neighbourhood Watch, repair of the Village clock and the newly formed (very successful) Cricket Club. Whittington Close opened its doors to welcome local families into their new homes. By the end of the year, 36 planning applications will have been considered. Funds have also been allocated to Highways for the B4228 road improvements to reduce speeding. Councillors have attended each Farmers’ Market, a new initiative for 2018, to be continued in 2019. The annual Get-together in May was again well attended; a fantastic opportunity to hear what’s happening in and around the Parish. The Apple Day proved to be an amazing community event and is growing year-on-year. Months of preparation culminated in the successful Remembrance Day Service and special event held at the Assembly Rooms to commemorate the Centenary of WW1.

We are looking forward to 2019 and seeing the B4228 improvements come to fruition, as well as measures to improve traffic management around the junction adjacent to the school. Plans will be costed and improvements made to the Whittington Close play area and the adjoining grassland. A contractor will be employed to repair the playing field wall, which is a major undertaking but essential

work. Grant funding is available for local developments/clubs etc.; please contact the Clerk for information regarding making an application.

Your Parish Council Needs You – on 2nd May, 2019, elections will be held. This happens every four years and details regarding key dates and how to put yourself forward will be published in a future issue of Village News so don't be shy please apply!

Next meeting – Monday, 14th January, 2019 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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ON BEING A PARISH COUNCILLOR

If you were to scroll through the minutes of the many meetings that have taken place over the past few years, you couldn't help but acknowledge that the Parish Council has done a lot. That a group of volunteers, entrusted with the responsibility to care for the parish, can not only raise a tax from parishioners (known as the precept), but can also use that money effectively to coordinate activities which benefit those who live here, is no mean feat. After all, this is the place we call home.

It's incredible that, with the help of the Clerk, a small group of thoughtful people with good intentions in mind can do so much. Indeed if the Parish Council system disappeared for some reason, it would most likely be reinvented post haste. There will always be a need for governance and coordination at the most local of levels with support of people from all walks of life who know the patch and the community, and can work together to make good decisions.

When individual councillors have put forward proposals, some of their initiatives have been supported, some not, and some have been amended as a result of intelligent debate and the need to always look for value for money – it's the public purse we are spending after all. What is needed, ideally, is for a diverse cross-section of local people to stand for election to the Parish Council next May. Such a group will be seen as representing and speaking for the various sectors of society in St. Briavels - they can better represent and speak for the young and old, working and retired, women and men, business people and creative souls, rich and poor, etc. With such experience and knowledge, wise decisions can then be made that not only meet the challenges of today but, strategically, those of tomorrow.

With 10 meetings a year, more or less, it's not much of a demand on your time. You get the satisfaction of doing something positive for the community in which you live

Being a Parish Councillor can be a most rewarding and satisfying experience.

Chris McFarling, Parish Councillor



DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF MARGARET REYNOLDS.

Seven hundred pounds has been collected in memory of Margaret. It has been divided between the Great Oaks Hospice and the Wyedean Practice.

Thank you everyone.

Carol, Tom and Jodie

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Brockweir Events & Social Team (BEST) wishes to thank everyone who came to the annual Christmas Lunch on Saturday 8th December for making it such an enjoyable day. Also the Youth Club members and leaders who, yet again, helped BEST run the event.

Thank you to all the many people who contributed their time and resources (most of them year after year) into the Lunch and all the businesses who donated the Raffle Prizes, the money from which allows BEST to run the event each year. It is because of them that this great community get-together happens.

If anyone wishes to help with next year's Christmas Lunch and join the merry band of volunteers who organise it, you would be most welcome – contact brockweirsocial@gmail.com

The BEST Team

THANK YOU CRACKER ELVES

I would like to say thank you to my fellow elves who made the hats and crackers for the BEST Christmas lunch. Chief designer elf, Julie Williams, and co-elf, Susie Baynes, worked away tirelessly hand embroidering over 100 mementos for the crackers. We hope you like them. And, in these days of sustainability, you will have noticed we made the crackers strong enough so they could be used for other purposes, like a rope. So it came in handy when Peter chose to tow Carol around the room still seated on her chair! So, although difficult to pull, this added to the fun of the occasion.

Thank you to the BEST team for organising and delivering the Village Christmas Lunch, the Youth Club and everyone who donated time, a tree, raffle prizes - all of which made it a very happy community occasion. And thank you too to those who supplied cardboard rolls and to the two who helped with some gluing and sticking.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2019.

Sally Secrett

SAVING OUR PART OF THE PLANET

On 6th December 2018, the Forest of Dean District Council declared a Climate Emergency, aiming to make the council and the district carbon neutral by 2030. This is a huge awakening. The evidence coming from the world's top scientists and from the world around us, indicated clearly that if we do not quickly reduce our carbon footprints, for our children and grandchildren it will simply be a matter of survival. The vote was unanimous.

This is a huge challenge, involving us all. Society needs to help Individuals reduce their own carbon emissions by changing its laws, taxation, infrastructure, policies and plans, to make low carbon living easier and the new norm. In the process, there are financial savings to be made.

We are in a race against time: this motion being the starting gun. If the scientists are wrong (they might be making it all up if you follow the American President) and still we act now, just in case, we may end up creating a better world for nothing!

Chris McFarling chrismcfarling@phonecoop.coop

BROCKWEIR CIC NEEDS YOU!

For those of you that don't know about Brockweir CIC and what we do, we are a community interest company run solely by volunteers from the village and surrounding areas on a not for profit basis. The CIC was formed back in 2016 and has successfully facilitated the running of 3 Brockweir Soapbox Derby events and 2 Fireworks displays, along with supporting a number of other community events. Surplus funds generated by the events are distributed back to support local community groups and events.

We have a vacancy for a Director to join the team and would like to request interested parties to submit an application outlining why they would like to join and what skills and experience they can bring to the team. We meet on a monthly basis for CIC Director meetings and are heavily involved in organising a number of events for the local community, so the successful applicant will need to be able to commit to volunteering for a number of hours to support this.

Please submit applications via email: hq@brockweirsoapboxderby.co.uk
Closing Deadline: 11th January 2019

Adam Sinfield

NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

SOFT (Sharing our Faiths Together) Meeting

SOFT meetings will be held in the Loft above the Brockweir Village Shop on Wednesday 16th January and Wednesdays 6th & 20th February.

We are friendly, mixed faith group of people seeking to explore and understand the world around us. Our discussion topics range across a wide variety of subjects chosen by members in turn. Anyone is welcome to just come along and join in, or if you would like more information please contact: Carol Stickland - 01594 530882 or Sue Groves - 01291 689804

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK AND DROP-IN PARTY AT THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS

We have decided to repeat last year's event, which was enjoyed. So the Friends of St Briavels Church and the St Briavels Walking Group, led by John Hurley, will again be at home together at the Assembly Rooms, on New Year's day, Tuesday January 1st, from 12 noon to 4pm, and all are most welcome.

John will lead an optional, short, circular walk of about an hour and a half, leaving the Assembly Rooms at 12.30pm. The walk will be mainly along lanes but there will be some wet grass and some stiles (specialist walking boots not required but please bring sensible, strongish shoes.)

We will put out tables and chairs. It would be great also if you could bring some contributions of food and/or drink from Christmas, since catering will be on a strictly bring and share basis.

The Assembly Rooms team have very kindly agreed to provide tea and coffee and we are very grateful to them for allowing this event to take place. It will be a Brexit/Remainer free zone/period and a nice way to spend an hour or two after the Christmas rigours, meeting friends and neighbours in the area. In addition, though not on this occasion compulsory, hopefully a lot of people will enjoy the walk, which will be surely needed by then!

Please bring along, but do not abandon with us, dogs, children, grandchildren, grandparents etc, and other Christmas accumulations.

Friends of St Briavels Church & St Briavels Walking Group

ST BRIAVELS SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Would club members please note that there will not be a meeting of the club in January. We look forward to seeing you all in February 2019.

Wishing all club members a very merry Christmas and a very happy new year.

Sheila Brown

NOSH AND NATTER

Our Christmas meal was held at The Miners in Sling. It was a lovely atmosphere and the food was well presented and well cooked. Everyone seemed to enjoy the chance to relax and escape the busy Christmas period for a few hours! Thank you to all the staff of The Miners who cooked for us and served us and made the night such a success.

Our first meeting in January follows tradition and is being held at the Village shop on Tuesday 8th. Alison will be providing afternoon tea from 3.30-5pm. All ladies are welcome, so if you are interested in joining our social group and would like more information please contact me by phone or email.

Pauline Siddons. 01594 530524 / siddonspauline@aol.com

ST BRIAVELS LUNCH CLUB, THURSDAY 24th JANUARY 2019

We all meet at 11.45 for a glass of sherry and a three-course lunch at 12 o'clock in St Briavels Pavilion. We are a happy group of about 22 and are always pleased to see a new face. If you are new to the village and would like to join us, please contact Mary (01594 530505) for more information. The three-course meal, sherry and coffee costs £5.50. There is also a raffle. We look forward to meeting you on January 24th.

CAN ANYONE HELP?

A group of us have been running the Lunch Club in the Pavilion for many years. We really need some extra help. You would be required to give a few hours of your time (not every month) on the fourth Thursday of the month, starting at 11am and finishing at approximately 1:45pm. The food comes from Help the Aged. If you could help, please phone me (01594 530505) for more information.

Mary Perryman

TRIP TO HAMPTON COURT FLOWER SHOW

Proposed Date: Thursday July 4th

Leaving St Briavels at 8:15am

Coach ticket: approximately £13.00.

Day ticket: non-RHS members, £33.50; RHS members, £28.00
(There is a reduction if 20 or more non-RHS members attend to £28.00 per person).

If interested, please contact:
Mary Perryman (01594 530505)
or Pat Cronke (01594 530059)

BADGER CULLING UPDATE

Thanks to Mike Downey for raising the concerns of many pet owners with respect to the hazards of cage traps set in our countryside. I have checked the regulations laid down by Natural England and can confirm that, from 30th November to 31st January in any Open Season, cage trapping is not allowed and the only method of culling to be used then is 'controlled shooting' of free running badgers. I understand that this is largely because the reproduction cycle of badgers makes it likely that cubs may be being nursed underground, and a trapped mother is not acceptable!

The concerns of parishioners shared with me suggest that we are wondering how we arrived at the state of affairs where people from the monarchy, the power levels of government, the farming guardians of the countryside and peace loving parishioners have needed to give thought to the issue of cattle and wildlife being slaughtered, just because 'they might be ill'.

So, to round up my badger culling updates for this Open Season I offer a potted history of badger culling which I hope will cast some light on the subject, even if it does not fully explain it. I will be back in touch for the 2019-20 Open Season.

BADGER POLITICS - AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF HISTORY

From 1998 to 2007, the Department for Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs carried out Random Badger Culling Trials. Some 11,000 badgers were killed in an attempt to establish the extent to which the TB health of the badger population impacted upon the status of Bovine TB in cattle. Vast culling areas were identified in ten areas of England, including Gloucestershire. This experiment was a thoroughly peer reviewed study. The broad conclusion was that the further killing of badgers was not justified, as it would make no meaningful difference to reducing TB.

In 2008, the Labour government rejected any further culling of badgers for the purpose of controlling TB in cattle. However, in 2012, the coalition government thought they knew better, flying in the face of the badger's legally protected status; its scientifically proven innocence as a significant factor in the infection of cattle with Bovine TB; and against the advice of the majority of informed scientific opinion. More culling of badgers was authorised through the Pilot Badger Culls in Somerset and Gloucestershire, to investigate if the shooting of free-running badgers could be an effective, efficient and humane method of controlling badger numbers, as part of a strategy to combat tuberculosis in cattle.

The people of Britain responded in their tens, hundreds and thousands by attending town centre marches to confirm their protest. It became the largest wildlife protection campaign in Britain. At these marches, the message was clear, carried on the air by the raised voices of the speakers and those of the marching throng: 'Save our badgers! Killing badgers makes no sense, just look at the evidence.' The coalition government chose not to listen.

Keith Childs. 01291 689319 madgettsbadgers@gmail.com

BLOT ON THE LANDSCAPE?

Today an engineer from Cornwall will come and install a replacement for the now defunct Inverter, which serves our Solar Energy Unit. The breakdown has meant that for the past three weeks I have had to accept that I may no longer listen to the tinkle of government shekels – by which I mean yours, oh esteemed taxpayers! - flowing into the Moucher coffers.

No more, on sunny days, when generation exceeds outflow to National Grid, can I allow myself a cost-free hot bath of extravagant depth. Never more may Mother Moucher press the switches to set the tumble driers into a frenzy of noisy activity. Time to summon the engineer from Cornwall!

This setback has made me rethink the moral dilemma that confronted me six years ago when I opted to install an “array” of solar panels at the bottom of my nursery field. As a layman, I can easily untangle the Great Carbon Credit Squeeze debate with the simple assumption that it is surely virtuous to glean energy from the air rather than dig it out of the earth? However, Bearded BScs by the bucket load will materialise to shout “Oh no it isn't!” Close to home I have to admit the argument boils down to my gain, your pain, and I have to feel sympathy for the weekend motorist who, as he creeps down our lane, turns a languid eye on the verdant Valley only to be dazzled by the glare from my South facing sight screen. My Friend - and Neighbour - from Tweed Hall is kind enough to call our nursery field “your Industrial Estate.” Harsh, this, Speedy! I'll have you know

that here in The Hudnalls we prefer the term “Enterprise Park”!

A line from Alexander Pope sums up my attitude toward eyesores. He wrote somewhere, “'tis use alone that justifies expense”, a line that could well be applied to our own Dunkiln Wind Turbine, a monstrous construction that is now, I hope, generally thought to be “A Good Thing”. It fascinates me, wherever I am in the locality, sometimes looming over Smithville Close, sometimes crouching behind a copse, never where I expect to see it. Are the blades turning? Why aren't the blades turning? It's a wonder I don't sometimes end up in the ditch.

There are others. Those borehole wind pumps near Petty Marsh, long since embedded in our collective consciousness. And, of course, the Dutch Barns! Just imagine the furore that may have accompanied their introduction. I would support any official initiative to List a selection of them countrywide before they fade from our landscape. Will anyone ever say that about one of today's modern grain driers? Well, perhaps!

So, what about those frivolous eyesores? Should we give Christmas Bling the Bah! Humbug! treatment? Oddly, I'm inclined to say, “No, let it all hang out, Baby!” See? I haven't an intolerant bone in my body!

Just don't get me going on Wind Chimes!



PARISH GRASSLANDS PROJECT

We start the new year with news of a scheme designed to improve the management of local meadows in ways that benefit wildlife and wild flowers. The Meadows Capital Fund has been set up by our colleagues in the Dean Meadows Group and Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. The purpose of the fund is to provide a simple grant scheme distributing small one-off payments to enable the undertaking of capital works such as fencing, installing water troughs etc. The funding comes from the Foresters' Forest, the landscape partnership project whose aim is to raise awareness and participation in the built, natural and cultural heritage of the Forest of Dean, and which in turn is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Our two parishes are within the Foresters' Forest project boundary, which fulfills the first requirement for applicants. The maximum grant awarded per application is £1,000 and each applicant can apply only once per year. Applicants will be required to become members of Dean Meadows Group (annual membership fee is £10). No further financial contribution will be required, however each applicant will be required to record the amount of time spent getting the work done so that “in kind” contributions can be estimated. Where possible, successful applicants will invite Dean Meadows Group members to visit the meadow within two years of the grant award. Each applicant must complete an application form and also submit photographs taken before and after the work is carried out, plus any supporting information. For further information and to request an application form, please contact derekfost@aol.com

Meadows will also feature widely at the PGP annual general meeting at the Mackenzie Hall on Thursday March 14, when a number of local smallholders will give presentations on progress on their individual patches. Among other things we are hoping the speakers will focus on what they have learned in the course of looking after their land, and that they will not only tell us about their successes but also provide insights into where things have not gone according to plan. It is still early days but we have it in mind that our October meeting this year will be about meadow creation and restoration.

The community orchard project starts the new year with an important milestone: this month we will plant our first trees, at the St Briavels playing field. At the time of writing, we are in the process of ordering seven apple trees from Llangunville Farm Nursery, Llanrothal, Monmouth. We will be keen to muster as much help as possible to prepare the ground, plant the trees and erect tree guards. We will announce the date nearer the time, to some extent depending on the weather.

Please consult the PGP website from early January for precise details, and do come along and join us if you can.

Mike Topp

www.parishgrasslandsproject.org.uk

A MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES OF ST BRIAVELS ASSEMBLY ROOMS

The Trustees cannot allow 2018 to close without thanking all of our volunteers who work tirelessly and discreetly to help us provide a first class facility for the local community. All contributions, however large or small, are invaluable and although too many to mention, particular note must go to Rachel Bomford, Judy and Bill Whight and Ruth Harvey, who oversee the café and run the very successful Christmas Art & Craft fair. Special thanks must also go to the People's Choir for their concerts, continued support and donations, to Lesley Bartholomew for keeping our books, and to Dorothy Burley for always being there to lend a hand and miraculously appear whenever there is need of assistance!

Apart from fulfilling a range of civic functions expected of a village hall, the Assembly Rooms hosts a full array of activities to suit all ages and interests. You can see from our online diary at www.st-briavels.com the offer of various Pilates and Yoga groups, art groups, language classes, toddler groups, table tennis, choir, exhibitions, concerts and plays. 2018 also saw the introduction of a monthly Board Games event, which hopes to expand to more sessions in 2019.

SBAR's own fund raising initiatives include a very successful monthly Local Produce market (held in the Sports Pavilion), an Internet café which incorporates a CAB clinic, a McMillan and Village Agent, a mobile hairdresser, the Walking for Health group, run by John Hurley, and a knitting circle! We also run the 100 club, quiz nights, live entertainment and regular guided walks with refreshments. If you would like to know more about these and be informed of all future activities, please email info@st-briavels.com to be added to the email list, or visit www.st-briavels.com.

We look forward to resolving the ROW issues by the spring of 2019, which will enable us to recommence the exciting plans for completing the final restoration phase of our buildings, the Reading Room, which has remained temporarily blocked and inaccessible throughout 2018. The return of this pretty space to our community will expand the possibilities of future events and hires, and we will update you on progress as usual.

Once again, many thanks to all of you who continue to support and assist our trustees in running and protecting this vital community facility to serve our remote rural community for future generations to come. If you would like to donate a few hours a month to help your Assembly Rooms run these activities, or make some other kind of donation, such as professional services- or become a trustee, then we looking forward very much to hearing from you! You can contact any member as published on our noticeboard, or email trustees@st-briavels.com.

With very best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous year ahead.

St. Briavels Assembly Rooms Trustees

WYEDEAN SCHOOL ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING COURSES

SPRING TERM 2019

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:** 14 Jan. **Length:** 10 wks **Mon:** 2 - 4
Cost: £80

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:** 14 Jan. **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:** 19 Feb. **Length:** 4 hrs **Tues:** 10-2
Cost: £25

AT ST BRIAVELS PAVILION, COLEFORD ROAD

Italian for Beginners (term 2)

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:** 14 Jan. **Length:** 8 wks **Mon:** 10.30-12.30 **Cost:** £80

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:** 14 Jan **Length:** 8 wks **Mon:** 12.45-2.45 **Cost:** £80

For further information ring: 01291 625340 (Term Time) or visit the website: www.wyedeanschools.uk (Go to 'Community', 'Adult Learning', 'Courses available' and download the Spring Term 2019 brochure)

DIARY DATES FOR JANUARY

Walking for Health every Tuesday – meet at the Assembly Rooms, 2pm			
1 Tues	New Year's Day Walk & Drop-In Party	12noon-4pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
3 Thurs	Charity Soup Lunch	12noon	Moravian Church Schoolroom
3 Thurs	Walk & Talk Group	2pm	Meet at Hewelsfield Church
5 Sat	Produce Market	10am-12.30pm	St Briavels Pavilion
6 Sun	Tintern Folk Session	7.15-8.45pm	Rose & Crown, Tintern
8 Tues	Nosh & Natter: Afternoon Tea	3.30-5pm	Brockweir Village Shop
8 Tues	Hewelsfield & Brockweir PC	7pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
10 Thurs	St Briavels Walking Group	1pm	Meet at St Briavels Church
14 Mon	St Briavels PC meeting (planning applications and councillors available from 6.30pm)	7pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
16 Weds	SOFT meeting	7.30pm	The Loft, Village Shop, Brockweir
16 Weds	WI meeting: Resolutions & discussion	7.30pm	St Briavels Pavilion
17 Thurs	Walk & Talk Group	2pm	Meet at Hewelsfield Church
18 Fri	Garden Society meeting: Digging Deeper	7.30pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
20 Sun	WVM Concert: Beethoven Violin Sonatas	3pm	St Briavels Church
24 Thurs	St Briavels Lunch Club	11.45am	St Briavels Pavilion
25 Fri	Board Games Café	7 – 10pm	Assembly Rooms, St Briavels
31 Thurs	Walk & Talk Group	2pm	Meet at Hewelsfield Church

ADVANCE DATES

From 22 Dec	Mariana-Art Gallery closed for winter: re-opens March 2019		
6 Feb	SOFT meeting	7.30pm	The Loft, Village Shop, Brockweir
7 Feb	Charity Soup Lunch	12noon	Moravian Church Schoolroom
16 Feb	Brockweir Events: Thomas Ford	7.30 for 8pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
19 Feb	St Briavels Senior Citizens meeting	12.30	Orepool, Sling
20 Feb	SOFT meeting	7.30pm	The Loft, Village Shop, Brockweir
8 Mar	Brockweir Events: Witches of Pendle	7.30 for 8pm	Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
14 Mar	PGP annual general meeting		Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir
29 & 30 Mar	BADS: Peter Pan		Mackenzie Hall, Brockweir

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SENT IN PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE VILLAGE NEWS COVERS 2019

The covers have now been printed for the year ahead and look great.

Of course, with dozens of photos submitted and only 12 covers, it is inevitable that many of those submitted will not have been used.

Here is an explanation of how it works that I have taken from the Village News website.

How we choose the Photos

The twelve covers for the year are printed together a year in advance (it's cheaper that way). Towards the end of November, all the photographs that have been submitted during the year, after weeding out those that are technically unsuitable, are passed to a sub-committee who choose the twelve.

None of the committee are told the names of the contributors – the choice is purely on merit and suitability for a particular month.

We often have to make hard choices between excellent photos because they are only suitable for a particular month (we don't print photos of bluebells in December!). So please don't take it personally if yours is not used.

So please, make it a New Year resolution to start snapping local events and views for 2020's Village News. You don't need an expensive camera or special skills. There is help with taking and submitting the photos on our website, www.villagemag.co.uk.



NEWS FROM THE BROCKWEIR VILLAGE SHOP

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely time over Christmas with family and friends. Thank you to all our customers in 2018 and we look forward to welcoming you in 2019.

Who knows what the year ahead will bring - although this will be a special year for the shop as we will be celebrating being open for fifteen years!

A huge thanks to all the volunteers in the community, in whatever capacity, but especially to the volunteers and staff in the shop who make it such a special place.

Our new website is now up and running, so you can keep up with everything happening at the shop

Why not:

- Aim to shop locally once a week; or -
- Volunteer at the shop in one of the many roles, even if it's just a couple of hours a month, "every little helps", to coin a rival's phrase. You will meet new people, learn new skills and contribute to your community; or -
- Buy seasonal produce - it tastes great, supports the local economy and is often cheaper.

In January, why not go back to basics and come and see what basic lines we have at competitive prices. We mix specialist products with storeroom basics. Take for example, Beans: we have Heinz Baked Beans, Kidney Beans, French Beans, Borlotti Beans and Mixed Beans. Another Example – Soup: we have classic tins, including Tomato, Leek and Potato; speciality soups, including Lobster Bisque; or you could buy a portion of one of our freshly

www.bandhvillageshop.co.uk and on Facebook and Instagram.

In January, we traditionally think of resolutions that will improve us or that are well intentioned but unlikely to be sustained. Many of us decide it's a good time to be a bit thrifty, with the thought of credit cards or waistlines to incentivise this zeal. Unfortunately, you know what they say about good intentions! However, there are some resolutions that are easy to keep to and are well intentioned...

make soups in the café as a takeaway.

Or what about Cereal? We have Kelloggs Cornflakes and Weetabix, Organic Porridge Oats and Muesli, sold loose, and Wolfys individual porridge pots, ideal for those cold days. And you can have it in the café as well - just ask us to add the hot water for you.

So please make your resolution to at least come in and see what we have in stock - we might surprise you.

Alison

ART IN THE CAFÉ - 10th December – 21st January

Carolyn Black: 'An Artist's View of the Severn'

Continuing her exhibition, Carolyn Black's distinctive black & white charcoal drawings, watercolours and photographic prints are striking at first view, then rewarding if time is taken to study them closely. Carolyn is an artist and writer who has lived on both banks of the Severn; at Thornbury initially and now at Newnham on Severn. Inspired to make and illustrate a circular riverside journey beginning and ending at the old

Severn Bridge, her resulting images and interesting stories make you want to get out and walk the route – almost from our doorstep – and see it through fresh eyes.

New work included in this show are photographic images taken with a 360° lens of Brockweir, the Quay, riverside and bridge... the beginnings of a new body of work looking at the Wye. Catch it before it closes on the 20th January.

Susan Peterken: 21st January - 4 March

The new 2019 programme of café exhibitions opens on the 21st January with a fresh show of paintings from a well established local artist, Susan Peterken. Susan has been painting for about 45 years – now almost exclusively in soft pastel. Pastel is almost pure pigment bound together with just enough resinous substance to make a solid stick that can be held and manipulated, used to draw, shade, blend and layer on a specially prepared slightly rough surface which is usually underpainted with acrylic or gouache paint.

Facilitated by the wide and subtle range of colours available in pastel, Susan searches for colour and pattern within the landscape. A keen walker, her feeling for the land around her comes from direct experiencing of the paths and hills, as well as the visual aspects. In the past couple of years she has become obsessed with drawing trees and woodland. With her interest in pattern, she often pushes her work towards abstraction, the shapes and colours becoming of equal importance

to the subject. When working in the studio on a still life or flower painting, abstraction and pattern can take over and be all consuming.

In addition to being a painter, Susan is the author of 'Landscapes of the Wye Tour', a study of the 'Picturesque' movement of the 18th & early 19th centuries, when poets, artists and travellers flocked to the River Wye in search of the particular style of beauty. Her book covers the early years which led to the fashionable movement, initially the preserve of aristocrats, then an essential 'go-to' destination for people of culture, followed later by a decline in popularity, but subsequently one of the first destinations of mass tourism. The publication of the book (by Logaston Press) coincided with an exhibition in 2006, drawing together the work of current artists still finding reward and interest in the Wye Valley locations painted and written about by their predecessors.

Jacqui Trefgarne



BROCKWEIR EVENTS AT MACKENZIE HALL



Having had a bit of a moan last month about lack of support, I have to eat my words and say I was extremely surprised and impressed by the extent of local support for the Moscow Drug Club at the Mackenzie Hall on 23rd November.

Attendance was wonderful and clearly everyone enjoyed themselves, but not as much as the trumpeter, who must have had

a thick head the following day. They are truly a very professional outfit and were very deserving of the praise they received.

Lets hope this continues into the spring. The spring programme is below, starting with Thomas Ford on February 16th, and I hope you will maintain your enthusiasm for live music and theatre.

8pm Saturday 16th February: Thomas Ford. www.thomasfordblues.com

Howling one-man blues band, Thomas Ford, is from Plymouth. He has been playing sold out shows at some of Europe's biggest and best known blues, jazz and roots music festivals for the last 5 years or so, having established a large following in the UK. His self-penned blues songs are observant, cynical, loaded with humour, innuendo and

rooted in delta blues tradition. His virtuoso bottleneck guitar playing and raucous, rack-mounted harmonica are complemented by foot stomped percussion and vocals which are shouted, spat and snarled from an otherwise reserved mouth. "Exceptional" Paul Jones, BBC Radio 2.

8pm Friday 8th March: Witches of Pendle.* www.dawnstate.co.uk

A spellbinding new play inspired by the true story of the Pendle Witches. It's 1615 and Magistrates, Potts and Nowell, are on a mission to arm their countrymen against a plague of devilish outsiders. Until now their chief weapon has been Jennet Device, youngest of the Pendle Coven whose testimony condemned her entire family to the noose. But now Jennet has grown up; her

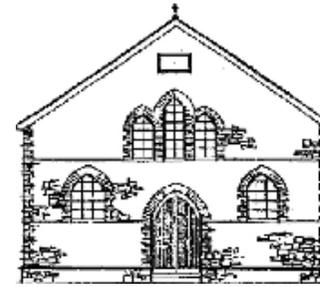
eyes are starting to open and, tonight, heads will roll. Dawn State Theatre Co combine haunting music and bold theatricality to bring the heart-breaking story of Britain's most notorious witch hunt to life in a new play by Gareth Jandrell. For audiences aged 12+. "Chilling and heart-breaking, this is the best kind of history lesson" Scotsman.

8pm Friday 5th April: Harbottle & Jonas.* www.harbottleandjonas.com

Harbottle and Jonas combine the rich traditions of folk music with original and contemporary interpretations, using a blend of closely intertwined vocal harmonies. Each song has been carefully written and researched, and is accompanied with a great story and a good deal of humour, however macabre the content may be! Their songs cover a range of social, political and

historical issues. They also sing about the family, the Devil, Malcolm and Grimsby. Their music is original and unique and performed with integrity. Each performance establishes a warm rapport, engagement and interaction with the audience "Stunning song-writing and heart-rending arrangements" Americana UK. "Damn fine" Mike Harding. BBC Radio 2.

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 Or 01291 689812. £12 on the door. Doors Open 7.30 Performance 8.00. Refreshments available. BYO alcohol. * Event supported by Air in G



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.

WINTER/SPRING 2019

THURSDAYS Jan 17, 24, 31 Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 Mar 14, 21, 28	SILVER JEWELLERY (10 classes) 1.00 - 4.00pm £230 for 10 x 3hr sessions (Silver not included)	Ann Skehel
FRIDAYS Jan 18, 25 Feb 1, 8, 15, 22 Mar 1, 8, 15, 22	PAINTING & DRAWING (10 classes) 9.30 - 12.30pm and/or 1 - 4pm £220 for 10 x 3hr sessions, am or pm	Ann Hulme
SATURDAYS Jan 19 & April 27	PLAY WITH CLAY FOR A DAY 9.30 - 4pm £50 for one-day workshop	Val Welham
SATURDAYS Winter - Jan 26 Spring - April 13	FOUR SEASONS PHOTOGRAPHY 9.30 - 12.30pm £25 per session	David Broadbent

Tel: 01594 530214 Email: info@wyearts.co.uk Web: www.wyearts.co.uk

★★★★★

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

Teas, coffees & ice cream on sale.

★★★★★

Film Night

Friday 11th January

The Children Act

Emma Thompson "...delivers one of the most nuanced and moving performances of her entire career."
Hollywood Reporter

Tintern Village Hall 7.45pm

Tickets £4.00 15s & under £2.50

★★★★★

Information:
tinternvillage.co.uk
or phone
07774 726860

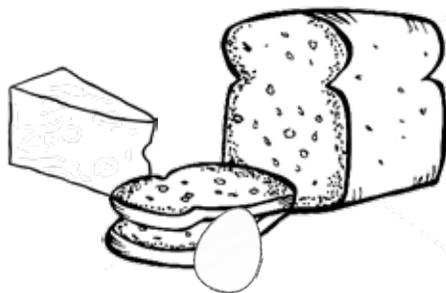
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THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

SAVOURY CHEESE BAKE

Serves 2

- 2 slices of bread
- 1oz soft butter
- 2 slices of cooked ham (chopped)
- 2 tbsp cooked peas
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ pt milk
- ½ tsp made mustard
- 2 oz grated strong cheddar
- Tomato slices to garnish



Pre-heat the oven to 190°C

Butter the bread and cut into triangles. Arrange in the base of a 1pt ovenproof dish. Top with ham and peas. Beat the egg, milk, and mustard, salt and pepper together and pour into the dish, sprinkle the cheese on top. Heat in the oven for 25 minutes or until brown. Garnish with the sliced tomato and serve with salad.

CHOCOLATE AND ORANGE MOUSSE

Serves 2

- 2oz. plain chocolate
- Knob of butter
- Zest and juice of ½ orange
- 1 egg (separated)
- 4 tbsp whipped cream



Melt chocolate in a basin over a pan of boiling water. Remove from heat; add butter, orange zest and juice and the egg yolk, mix and leave. Fold in whipped cream. Whisk the egg white until firm and fold into the chocolate mixture. Chill in a fridge until set.

Mary Perryman

Citizens Advice at St. Briavels Assembly Rooms

For free, impartial and confidential advice.
Drop-in sessions first Thursday each month
1.30 - 4 pm
For a fixed appointment please call 0300 330 9006



WYE VALLEY MUSIC (ST BRIAVELS MUSIC SOCIETY)

Last month, over one hundred and ten people crowded into St Briavels Church to enjoy our choral concert of Christmas music.

The eight-strong a capella choir, NMH, performed a range of sacred music through the ages as well as some lighter pieces. The audience was impressed and delighted by the beauty, quality

and balance of the voices, which rang gloriously around the candle-lit church. Given the size of the audience, we were fortunate that the mulled wine and mince pies held out!

Beethoven in Wales Project - Our next concert will be on Sunday 20th January at 3.00pm, also in St Briavels Church.

This will be the first in a series of three concerts, spread over the next year and a half, in which **violinist Mary Hofman and pianist partner Richard Ormrod** will be playing all of **Beethoven's ten wonderful violin sonatas**. These works represent the most important body of work for violin and piano. As with so many genres that he touched, Beethoven set the standard to which all other composers aspired for many years afterwards. For a violin and piano duo, these works are central to everything they do, and show Beethoven at his best.

For each concert, the performers will also play a specially commissioned new work by a Welsh female composer. It was important for this project to work with some of the wonderful female voices coming from Wales to give a new perspective on Beethoven. The first commissioned work will be by the established and widely performed composer, **Ruth Samuel**.

Mary Hofman and Richard Ormrod have performed duos together for five years in venues across the UK, in Europe

and the Far East. They enjoy playing both innovative and more traditional programmes. Mary pursues a varied career as an orchestral and chamber musician and teacher. She has been guest leader of the Edinburgh Quartet, performed with the Endellion Quartet and is a member of Ensemble Cymru. She teaches violin at the Junior Royal Northern College of Music and Bangor University. Richard is an acclaimed soloist who has played for the music society in past seasons. He has performed concertos on international tours with a number of major orchestras. He also plays a wide range of recital repertory in venues across the UK and abroad. Richard serves on the piano faculty of the RNCM and the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

Booking on-line at www.wvm.org.uk is recommended but admission will also be available at the door. Tickets are £15; £12 for WVM members; and £2.00 for students.

Mike Haines

If you have enjoyed any of our concerts, then do think about becoming a member: this will enable you to take advantage of reduced prices, as well as providing welcome support for the Society. Membership is £15 per person for the year and you can join on-line via the website.

Enquiries can also be made to our message line at 01921 330020 and by email to info@wvm.org.uk

DIGGING DEEPER

After our Christmas break, we begin the new year on 18 January, at Mackenzie Hall, when gardener, writer and broadcaster, Paul Williams, will take a lively and entertaining look at plant and garden science in his talk, Digging Deeper. Paul's talk will be, "a bit of soft science, looking at what goes on inside plants, how they protect themselves from pests and diseases, how soils behave, why plants are variegated and a lot of other 'stuff", he says, "not as heavy as it might sound."

It's a good time of year to think about such things, before the sowing and planting season begins in earnest.

Friday 18 January at Mackenzie Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome. Visitors £5

PLANTS MAKE HISTORY!

Our last meeting of the year began with our AGM, followed by mulled wine and mince pies - first of the season for most of us. Then we settled down to listen to author, Bill Laws, talk about plants that changed the course of history, the subject of his book, 'Fifty Plants that Changed the Course of History.' In a lively survey of plants as diverse as the English Oak, the poppy, hemp, tobacco, sugar cane, cotton and corn, Bill showed us how their cultivation impacted on societies across the world, weaving together economic, political and agricultural history. For example, the opium poppy has been utilised in medicine as the drug morphine, but has caused immense harm in another form, as heroin. It was also the cause of two wars between China and the British Empire over the opium trade in the nineteenth century. It was a fascinating look at some of the most influential plants known to mankind.



Christine Haines

IN MY GARDEN

During the darkest weeks of the year, daylight hours are precious and sun filled ones spent outdoors even more so. The shiny reflective surfaces of evergreen leaves, ignored all summer as background to finer things, now come into their own and the spreading trail of ivy leaves beneath a coral orange twigged dogwood in my garden is a clichéd combination if ever there was one, but indispensable.

There is beauty still in the garden, in its structure and fine detail, but for nature, winter is the season of decay, of rotting leaves and collapsing stems, and the key to our gardens' success. It's the decomposition of vegetation

that creates the soil in which all our plants live, and in winter fallen leaves are nature's snugly duvet, under which the soil's organisms are busy at work. January may appear to be down-time in the garden, but it's essential to the new life which comes with spring.

To our ordered minds, the shapely silhouettes of individual trees, crisp trimmed hedges and waving bleached blonde grass heads give us the structure we crave, but our mix of plant types, with their dense wind proof structure, tightly packed leaves and hollow stems, provide shelter for wildlife. For nature, our gardens are emulating natural habitats to provide home and forage: mini woodlands; hedge bottoms; open grassland; water margins; and countless nooks and crannies in which to find safety. Although light is in short supply now, our gardens are still very much alive, and in their own way just as beautiful.

Cheryl Cummings

WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH

A year ago, writing as now, in the second week of December, I gazed out at what turned out to be just the first snow of the winter. This year, relatively mild but rather wet weather seems to have returned, despite gloomy predictions of arctic conditions. We needed the rain - or rather the soil did. Another benefit of a wet autumn in your garden is that wet leaves decompose more quickly. Hopefully, you have let them stay on your borders as a protective mulch, while clearing them from paths and grass to make leaf mould. Whatever the weather, the shortest day has passed and it's certainly time to plan and prepare for the growing season, even if opportunities to get outside are limited. One of our speakers once told me that, according to a head gardener she had worked for, the gardening year begins on 12 January. I duly ventured into my garden on that date and was unconvinced – true in the more favoured South East, perhaps?

- Get ready for seed sowing - check and clean your propagator, pots and seed trays
- Prune dormant trees and shrubs
- Plant bareroot shrubs and roses, if the soil is not waterlogged or frozen
- Prune open ground pear and apple trees
- Keep your pond clear of leaves, topped up and get any repairs done before the spring
- Recycle your Christmas tree – if you have a shredder, you could offer to do your neighbours' trees too and produce a satisfying mound of mulch

Find detailed advice, full reports and more on our website
www.wyegarden.com

Christine Haines



We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas by the time you read this edition, filled with happy memories. From all the team at the Castle we wish you a very Happy and Prosperous

New Year. What will 2019 bring us? Another Beast from the East? (I have very fond memories of a weekend stranded in the Castle last March.) Another glorious Summer that never seems to end? Brexit ...? One thing is certain, another year brings a couple of events to look forward to and to pop into your diaries:



Shakespeare at the Castle - 2019 sees the return of the Sevenoaks Shakespeare Society. This year they are touring with A Midsummer Night's Dream and will be performing on the evening of Saturday 13th July and the afternoon of Sunday 14th July.

Heritage Open Weekend - In 2019 the Heritage Open Days event is taking place over 10 consecutive days from Friday 13th September. Our current plan is to open our gates on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September, allowing you to explore the Castle and enjoy a range of activities and crafts. More details to come in future editions. There are usually a range of locations offering talks, walks and tours in and around the Forest and Wye Valley, and we are excited to be part of the event once again.

Recruitment - We will be starting the recruitment of our new team in January. There are a number of team member roles available of varying lengths of contract, which mostly start from mid-March. These include split shifts (early starts/evenings) and weekends, including school holidays. Roles include housekeeping and catering and activities. Please email a covering letter and CV through to stbriavelsmanager@yha.org.uk or drop in a covering letter and CV to Reception.

For those still puzzling over the riddle in the December edition*, the answer was a stapler!

For this month, in honour of our July weekend, here is a riddle written by the Bard himself (clue: it is from Hamlet) 'What is he that builds stronger than either the mason, the shipwright, or the carpenter?'

Linda Harrison, Manager

* With pointed fangs it sits in wait, With piercing force it doles out fate, Over bloodless victims proclaiming its might, Eternally joining in a single bite.

MINDFULNESS COURSE IN BROCKWEIR - improve your mental health & emotional well-being. 8 week course, starting 14 January, 10-11.45am at The Loft, Brockweir & Hewelsfield Community Shop. To book, contact Diana on 07952 548040 or visit <https://mindfulnessforestandwye.co.uk>

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