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Dear Friends

As you read this letter, it has been a turbulent couple of months with the horrendous flooding affecting many in Brockweir village, across Wales and Britain. We keep those affected in our thoughts and prayers and it is heartwarming to see villagers support one another at this difficult time. As I write this letter, the situation with the coronavirus is changing on a daily basis. I pray that no one in our local area gets this virus and that a vaccine and a cure can be found soon.

Our journey through Lent will soon be over and, as we celebrate Easter, reading the accounts of Jesus' crucifixion, it is obvious how much Jesus suffered. He was betrayed and deserted by His closest friends, humiliated, beaten and put to death in the most horrible way. Despite all this though, Christ's crucifixion was quickly seen by His followers as central to all they believed.

We know Christ's work on this earth was complete, that He died on the cross to take away our sins. This Easter, we must focus on the empty tomb and that Christ dying on the cross released His earthly body to be a spiritual one, so that He can be on earth and in heaven at His Father's side.

As we celebrate Easter as a Church that is together apart, we are reminded of God's enormous love for us, that He was prepared to go as far as to send his own Son to die to take away our sins and to give us everlasting life. Happy Easter.

God bless, Patsy

BROCKWEIR MORAVIAN CHURCH

COVID19 – A LETTER FROM THE PROVINCIAL BOARD

We have been monitoring government advice and the developments in the Covid-19 pandemic. We are acutely aware that this is a very difficult time, and in many ways, we are in uncharted territory. Being very mindful of our pastoral concern for one another we have decided to suspend all regular Church activities immediately, and this includes Sunday (and midweek) worship. We ask that you cancel any rentals and outside organisations from using your premises.

We imagine that this suspension will remain in place until at least Easter, but we will review this position regularly and update you.

Now more than ever it is essential to remember that even if we cannot meet together physically, that we still remain Church, committed to one another as Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

The Provincial Board, along with all of our ministers, will be working to engage and keep connected with you in your local communities and at a Provincial level. A suite of resources will be made available in the coming week to help you continue your ministry in many different ways.

Church House in London will close, initially for a period of two weeks. This will also be reviewed. However, we will still be working remotely to carry on with the essential day to day business.

We ask that you encourage good stewardship and giving, as our congregations enter into a time of financial uncertainty. This could be done in various ways such as direct debit or posting envelopes to the treasurer or a designated person. However, more than anything, we urge you to maintain and strengthen your existing relationships within your congregation, your ecumenical partners, and further afield. Intentionally reach out to all those around you who may be feeling very anxious and vulnerable.

The Moravian Church has often been challenged to reach beyond herself, to pioneer and find new ways of being a community of faith in all sorts of difficult circumstances. As we journey through the last days of Lent together, let us concentrate on the context we are now living in, with focus and renewed hope in the Resurrection.

Yours in Christ's Service, Roberta Hoey, on behalf of the Provincial Board.

Food Bank Collection – Donations for the food bank may be 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

Jean Green	01594 530955	Judith Ashton	01291 689572
Carol Ostler	01291 689675	Sue Groves	01291 689804
Sr Mary Harris	01291 689668	Philip Ashton	01291 689572

St Mary the Virgin St Briavels & St Mary Magdalene Hewelsfield

I hope that all readers are now aware that, following the Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that public worship is suspended until further notice.

This advice was issued on the 17th of March. By the time you read this, circumstances may have changed yet again.

However, our Churches will continue to be open from 9.00am until 4.00pm for those who wish to look around or find a space for personal devotion, for quiet and for 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, David (OLM) david.rees17@btinternet.com or 01594 530443 or our Reader, Mandy Vaughan - 01594 530844. I usually work Sunday, Monday afternoon, Tuesday and mornings on Wednesday and Thursday and am available anytime for urgent requests.

Please keep yourselves safe and keep a watch on your neighbours during these difficult times.

Happy Easter to you all.

Best wishes, David

ST BRIAVELS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Dear Friends

In this time of uncertainty and fear, Christians look in hope to God's sovereignty and remind themselves of the Bible's teaching that nothing can separate us from God's love to us in Jesus Christ.

We are trying to support our community, comfort the fearful and help those in need, whilst acting responsibly to prevent the spread of disease - with that in mind and in light of government advice, we will be cancelling all our services and will review the situation in one month.

I would encourage you to worship in your homes and pray for each other and our nation. This restriction will feel particularly heavy as it falls across Easter – usually we gather on Good Friday with the parish church to remember the death of Jesus on the cross. On Easter Sunday (the most joyful day in the year for Christians) we normally celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the victory of the Son of God over death itself. Whilst we will miss publicly worshipping at this time, we can celebrate these occasions and reflect privately on Jesus' triumph.

We hope to start live streaming a Sunday morning service and other devotional materials – please see our Facebook page or website to know more.

If we can help you in any way at this time, whether by collecting medication, picking up groceries, praying with you or just offering a friendly ear, do get in touch by email (stbriavelscc@gmail.com) or phone (01594 530098).

Praying for your protection,

Rev Matt Rees

St Briavels Congregational Church www.stbriavelscongregational.org.uk



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

SYLVIA SCRIVEN

Sylvia was born and grew up in Tintern, eldest of 6 children. One of her earliest jobs was working on the bread van for Jones the Baker in Tintern, delivering bread. She met Stanley at a dance at Mackenzie Hall, having walked from above Tintern, to dance all night, then walk home again with her sister. They married, 68 years ago, in St Michaels Church in Tintern.

They started married life at the Triangle, moving to Brook House when Rosalind and Elizabeth were about 3 years old. Sylvia lived a simple country life looking after cows, goats, sheep and chickens and her family. Jane completed the family 10 years after the twins.

Sylvia enjoyed baking on a Sunday morning with all 4 of her grandchildren. She led traditional Boxing Day walks with 30 to 50 of her extended family, her sisters, their children and grandchildren, for more than 55 years. She enjoyed her garden and long walks with her dear friend Mrs Chuter.

When Stan retired they enjoyed holidays all over the UK and Europe by coach. Sylvia took an active part in village life, always supporting the Mackenzie Hall, always behind the scenes, usually making tea! There was WI, whist, craft fares, Nosh and Natter. She was caretaker/cleaner for the hall for decades.

She cared for many 'elderly' family and neighbours, sometimes visiting 4 times a day or more if needed. They were often younger than Sylvia! In the last few years she enjoyed St Briavels OAP club meetings and day trips and Soup Lunch at the Moravian Church.

Thank you to all who attended her funeral and donated £350.00 to the Mackenzie Hall.

Jane Scriven

RITA BUTLING. October 1942 – March 2020

Mother, journalist, teacher, CAB volunteer, accomplished singer. Friends, neighbours and family witnessed her courageous struggle with Alzheimer's disease. She is now at rest.

A celebration of her life will be held for family and friends when the virus is over.

Andrew Butling

SYLVIA KERRIDGE

In appreciation of Sylvia Kerridge who, sadly, died on 12th February 2020



Sylvia was a much-valued member of St Briavels Knitting Group and made a huge contribution to the knitted items we make for local charities. From our first meeting in March 2017, Sylvia attended regularly with her friend and neighbour Jane (rather mischievously referred to by Sylvia as 'my personal assistant'). Jane describes how, "She enjoyed the friendship and companionship that the group gave her and the feeling of being valued for her knowledge and skills". And she certainly was...

Sylvia was very much our Knitting Guru - dispensing 'purls' of wisdom about stitches and about life. She was a remarkable knitter and shared her expertise generously. At times an exacting taskmaster – that look of amused mock horror when presented with sequins badly sewn, the oversized arm of a jumper, an unintended hole or the marmalade that didn't quite set... But then, her wonderful smile and the offer of her helping hand - "Let's have a look and see what we can do".

Memories of Sylvia: Her kindness and her warmth. Stitches cast on. Eyes cast down. Sitting quietly but ears alert to the gossip and tales around the table. Responding with wry, perceptive comments or that deep, shoulder shaking laughter of hers. And her own tales of her much travelled and much lived life. Stories from 'The Argentine', Paris, London, Malaya. Cordon Bleu cookery, housekeeping at Claridges, running a Post Office in Wales to so called 'retirement' in Clearwell. And, of course, her much loved and wonderful family.

Sylvia did not tolerate waste. Every oddment of wool, however small, was gathered up and returned, transformed into her beautiful creations. And she was prolific. Armfuls of her exquisite lap blankets, children's clothes, toys, poppies and well, you name it, Sylvia knitted it... How fabulous to be so industrious and to enjoy making a difference to peoples' lives right until the last days of hers.

Sylvia, you will be much missed by us all...

St Briavels Knitters

CORONAVIRUS

The Covid-19 outbreak is a threat to the most vulnerable in our community. At the time of writing, we don't know how bad it will get, but even the best case scenario is going to need us to step up to the plate and come together. As the St Briavels parish councillor responsible for emergency planning, I would like to help with this. Within our community we will have people who are vulnerable and self-isolating for their safety. Or they might already be unwell, alone and self-isolating to keep others safe.

We can use telephone and social media networks to check up on people without knocking on doors. Of course, some people are already doing this. I am looking for ways to coordinate our existing community networks. If you wish to be involved in a village support network or are in a position where you find yourself needing assistance please do not hesitate to get in touch. I will set up a forum where we can share information.

My email address is mikepc@blogshank.com. Phone 530332. Or you can search Facebook for 'St Briavels Covid Mutual Aid'

I've printed some postcards for people who would like to share their contact details and offer help to their neighbours. You can find these cards in the Pantry, Village Shop and other locations around the parish. The cards can be filled in and dropped through your neighbours' letterboxes (with clean hands!). If you prefer, then contact me and I will email you a file that you can print at home.

This is a rapidly changing situation and strategies may need to change on a daily basis. However, the great thing about being a small community is that we can work together and look after each other.

Mike Smith

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HEWELSFIELD AND BROCKWEIR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020, The Loft, Brockweir.

Present: Cllr Fox, Cllr Harris, Cllr Brundle, Cllr Sinfield, Cllr Groves-Bond, Cllr Haythornthwaite, District Cllr McFarling

Apologies for Absence - All present.

Declaration of Interest - There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th February 2020 were confirmed. Proposed by Cllr Groves-Bond and seconded by Cllr Brundle.

Finance - Due to unforeseen circumstances, financial matters were held over to the next meeting.

Councillors' Reports - The map of grit bins/grips/drains is almost complete.

District Councillor Report - Cllr McFarling reported that the District Budget had been passed. A Biodiversity Emergency had been declared. He had circulated a briefing on the Coronavirus outbreak.

Planning Applications - No planning applications had been received.

Update on Gregory Farm Application: The Flood Officer for FODDC appears to be satisfied - report awaited. The Ecology report is still outstanding. It could possibly be another month before information becomes available. The parish council will await these reports before agreeing the next moves.

Review of The Definitive Map of Footpaths through the Parish/PROW Group - The group will split into two sections – the maintenance group which will be organised by Shaun Jones. This group will meet on 10th March at the village shop and then proceed to Footpath 19. The second group will meet regularly at The Loft on the third Tuesday in the month to look at maps and progress the final map in time for the 2026 deadline. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

THE APRIL MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS ARE UNDER REVIEW.

ST. BRIAVELS PARISH COUNCIL

CORONAVIRUS: The local Government authority coordinating the response to the Coronavirus threat are Gloucestershire County Council. See their web page here bit.ly/3d2tcRU for more information. The Parish Council are aware of the difficulty of some parishioners to react to the Coronavirus threat. Please see elsewhere in the Village News for our own local response.

CEMETERY / GRAVEYARD: The Council have applied for, and received, planning approval for the removal of one limb from a Western Red Cedar, and removal of dead branches from a sycamore by the Church entrance. This work will be going ahead as soon as possible. In addition, we will be applying for works to many of the trees in the cemetery and graveyard to improve access to gravestones etc. A working party will look at tidying the graveyard of brambles and ivy. This is provisionally set for Saturday May 9th, although this is contingent upon circumstances at the time. Finally, we are looking at works to help protect the walls surrounding the graveyard.

MAILING LIST: The Parish Council is keen to engage with as many residents as possible. If you wish to have your name added to our mailing list, please send an email to the Clerk (stbriavelsclerk@outlook.com) with 'MAILING LIST' in the subject box and the simple message "Please add my email address to your mailing list". All information will be held strictly in accordance with General Data Protection Regulations. You will receive the agenda and minutes of every meeting as well as up to date information on matters we consider will be of general interest such as road closures.

MEETINGS: The Parish Council will closely monitor advice from the Government on the Coronavirus and may cancel or postpone meetings as necessary.

NEXT MEETING: At this stage, it is unclear when the next meeting of the Parish Council will be. Please refer to our Notice Boards at the Assembly Rooms, Coldharbour and Mork Corner for the notice of our next meeting.

Richard S Crighton, CiLCA, Locum Clerk – St Briavels Parish Council
01594 836454 stbriavelsclerk@outlook.com



THANKS

I would like to say a massive thank you to all my friends and neighbours for all the cards, flowers, practical help and support I have received following my operation. This truly is a wonderful community.

Lorraine Endersby

THANK YOU!

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped out at Quay House, Brockweir after the recent floods.

Well over 20 people turned up on the first day to help us with the clear up, and 10 or so people came on subsequent days. Teams of people, including the local Lions, turned up to help neighbouring properties. The assistance was not just physical; thank you to all the people who cooked us food and brought cakes for the workforce; to Cinderhill Farm who sent emergency sausage rolls for everyone helping; to the skip hire company that gave us a discount skip and the guy with the mobile jet wash who gave a fantastic discount when he helped clean silt out of all our drains; to those who lent equipment and helped in so many other ways; to those who offered accommodation, moral support and child care.

We feel so amazingly privileged to be part of such a caring community. This is truly the best of humanity and the spirit that we need to recognise within ourselves for the coming storms, because there will be more.

Thank you once again, Kim, Jackie & Lochryn

OPPORTUNITY FROM ADVERSITY

As I write this letter, on the Ides of March, countries across the world are going into lock-down, to reduce the spread of the corona virus - though not the UK, as yet.

Now is the time to think not only about ourselves, but of others who are more vulnerable to complications if they become infected. Now is the time to look after our neighbour, keep up with good hygiene practices and share our time and effort for the good of the community. This emergency community action is what we're good at.

If a problem is an opportunity waiting to be discovered, then we stand to learn much from this pandemic. Already we are travelling less and the significant decrease in carbon emissions couldn't be more timely.

We will learn to make do with what we have, enjoy our own company and focus on the things that really matter. The behavioural changes this pandemic requires, act as a dress rehearsal to the changes we will need to make to our way of life, to get through the environmental emergencies we all face. The opportunity to experience the truth that by protecting others we protect ourselves, will be the critical learning point that will see us through the adversities of the future.

Chris McFarling. chrismcfarling@phonecoop.coop

ST BRIAVELS ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is planned for **Sunday, 26th April 2020, at 10.45am in the Lady Chapel of St Briavels Church but may be postponed.**

At the meeting, the election of Churchwardens and Deanery Synod Representative will take place and reports of the activities and achievements of the church will be given.

Everyone is invited to attend to hear how your church is run and those on the Electoral Roll may vote in the elections. If anyone would like to be added to the Electoral Roll they may contact me on 01594 531096. We are always pleased to receive comments and support from those in the village for their church.

Jean Sheraton. Hon. Secretary to St Briavels PCC.

CHEPSTOW WALKING FESTIVAL 15TH - 19TH APRIL 2020

The Festival is back which celebrates our beautiful landscape and rich heritage through a love of walking. There are 35 guided walks to suit most abilities and all led by friendly experienced walk leaders and guides, including some specialists in their field including the Trail Officer for Offa's Dyke, Sarah Sawyer from Wye Valley AONB and the Head Countryside Warden for Monmouthshire, Mark Langley. You may want to visit a working Stud, stroke an Alpaca or a Llama, enjoy the taste of delicious products made by local producers or just immerse yourself in the countryside with like minded people. A Single ticket costs £5. or buy 2 tickets and get one walk free. There is no charge for under 16s or the Walk for Health.

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Helen Kenneally. Secretary, Chepstow Walkers are Welcome

HEWELSFIELD CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL SAT 11TH/SUN 12TH JULY.

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Marion Harrison. 01594 530264

BROCKWEIR VILLAGE SHOP - CAFÉ CLOSING FOR REFURBISHMENT

It is our intention to close the cafe for refurbishment from the 27th April and to reopen before the Bank Holiday weekend in early May.

Of course at present all planning is subject to change at short notice because of building in flexibility around virus control.

Peter Stickland

BANK HOLIDAY COFFEE MORNING - POSTPONED

In light of the new advice we have made the decision to postpone the Easter Monday Coffee Morning until Monday Bank Holiday in May (25th May). If anything changes from this we will let you know.

Thanks again for all the support you have given us since Mum died 29 years ago. We will hit our target this year but it will be delayed. So please make a note of the new date and we will see you all there.

Adele, Tessa and Family

NOSH AND NATTER

In view of the fear of the spread of Coronavirus, there was a good turnout at Celia's afternoon tea. Celia had obviously been busy cooking, as there was a selection of delicious cakes! The social side was followed by a garden tour to see all the fantastic work which had been done, including a new patio. Thank you, Celia.

This may have to be the last get together for the foreseeable future until we receive more information from the government.

I will send an email to everyone on my list to advise them about what is happening next month, and if any new member would like to join us please ring me on 01594 530524 or email siddonspauline@aol.com for further information.

Pauline Siddons

ST. BRIAVELS SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

In view of government announcements, we shall have to cancel our club get-togethers until further notice. So, at the moment, there won't be any meetings for the club at the Orepool Inn, Sling. Let us hope that the situation doesn't last too many months and we shall soon be meeting up again. Take care.

Sheila Brown

BOWLS CLUB SESSIONS CANCELLED

We have decided to close our season early. With immediate effect, there will be no more play until, we hope, Sept.9th.

Brockweir & Hewelsfield Local History Group

The meeting in April is cancelled. We will keep the situation in relation to Covid19 under review and notify readers about future meetings in May's edition of Village News

John Norman

NEWS FROM 1st ST BRIAVELS BEAVERS, CUBS AND SCOUTS

1ST ST BRIAVELS SCOUT GROUP – RESPONDING TO CORONAVIRUS

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on 16 March, and in line with guidance from the Scouts' UK Chief Commissioner, we have suspended all activities due to the coronavirus pandemic. This suspension will remain in place until further notice.

We understand that this is very disappointing for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, especially when we had so many exciting activities planned for the summer. The leaders are all disappointed too. But the safety and well-being of our young people and volunteers is always our top priority.

Everybody hopes that normal activity will resume as soon as possible. When it does, we'll be ready to spring straight back into action. While we're not meeting, our volunteers will still be working in the background, making improvements to our systems and thinking of new ways to strengthen 1st St Briavels Scout Group for the future.

Over the coming weeks, The Scout Association will be liaising with the Government and other community organisations to see how Scouts can support the UK during this crisis. Activities are also being prepared for young people to complete at home if their families are faced with self-isolation. We'll be sharing this information with young people and volunteers as soon as it's available.

This may be our last article for The Village Magazine for a few months. We'd like to thank everybody for their support, and look forward to when we can get our Group up and running again.

Keep safe and healthy.

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



It is Thursday March 5th 2020, and another miserable weather day has confined me to the greenhouse preparing it for the coming Spring. Suddenly the mood lifts when I go up to the house to find notifications on my computer that *'the government has announced their decision to phase out the badger cull and replace it with a vaccination programme for badgers'*.

Trial vaccination programmes are to take place over the next five years and this will include vaccinating cattle and badgers. I had begun to fear that I would never see this day. Celebrations and optimism are in the air..... at last science is getting a fair hearing.

Then a hint of caution.....*'It will be down to all of us to hold the government to account and make sure that the announcement is followed through and the need to protect our badgers remains while these changes take place.'*

Surely it is enough that..... *'Government finally concludes that badger culling is not the solution to lowering TB in cattle' and 'The government has concluded that the long term solution to bovine TB in cattle should not include more indiscriminate slaughter of badgers.....?'*

In making this announcement George Eustice (Environment Secretary) clings to his belief that.....

'The badger cull has led to a significant reduction in the disease' and 'The government will retain the ability to introduce new cull zones where evidence points to an ongoing role of badgers in maintaining the disease. Once the weight of disease in wildlife has been addressed we will accelerate other elements of our strategy'.

This sounds for all the world like a back door to more culling during and after the next five years a kind of 'well we said this but we meant that' situation. Can I encourage my correspondents and concerned parishioners to stay alert as rumours persist that culling in The Forest of Dean is being applied for? Will 05-03-20 be The Badgers Day?

Keith Childs madgettsbadgers@gmail.com 01291 689319

Post Script: I originally asked our editors to add some graphics to depict celebration (perhaps a flag at full mast or some bunting) but as news has emerged about the plan for phasing out the cull I concede that there is no call for celebrations. More of that in May, as it unfolds, but for readers who are keeping abreast of the situation, try www.thebadgercrowd.org – but take a deep breath before you do.



WYE VALLEY MUSIC (ST BRIAVELS MUSIC SOCIETY)

Dear Members and Friends,

In view of the current guidance about the need to minimise social contacts and avoid public gatherings, especially important for those in higher-risk age groups, we have sadly taken the decision to postpone our 18th April concert (Guitar/Violin Music from Spain and South America).

If the current projections for the spread of the epidemic prove correct, then we will clearly also have to review whether is it feasible to hold the three other remaining concerts in our spring/summer

programme. It is our intention to postpone, rather than cancel these events to which both the musicians and we have been eagerly looking forward.

For those of you who may already have booked for the next and/or subsequent concerts, you are invited to retain your bookings for the re-scheduled events – dates to be planned as soon as we know it is safe to do so. Unless we hear from you to the contrary, we will assume that you are content with this course of action; alternatively, we are happy to offer you a full refund.

Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama Showcase

On a much happier note, an encouraging number of people turned out on Sunday afternoon on 15th March for our annual St Briavels showcase of star performers from the **Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama**. We were treated to a varied and exciting concert covering 200 years of music. The programme ranged from classical masters Haydn and Mozart to 20th century Russian giants Prokofiev and Shostakovich.

National piano competition winner, **Charlotte Kwok**, amazed us once again with her prodigious talent. Her list of award winning performances continues to grow, along with repeated recitals for HRH the Prince of Wales, at Buckingham Palace in 2016 and most recently at his 70th birthday celebrations. Baritone **Michael Bushnell Smith** clearly has a great operatic career ahead of him: he has a powerful voice and gave hugely entertaining performances of an aria from The Marriage of Figaro, as well as a tender rendition of two Schubert lieder and a group of comic chansons by Poulenc.

Two stylish piano trios, one with clarinet and cello (**The Glamorgan Trio**) and once for cello and violin (**The Concordia Trio**) concluded each half with major works for their respective combinations. These young post-graduate musicians are already launched on successful careers with impressive experience as soloists and chamber and orchestral players. We wish them every success and hope to have some of them back to play for us again in the future.

WVM Music in Schools

Over the same weekend, we were delighted to learn that we had been successful in our application to The Lark Trust for further funding to extend our educational programme of music workshops and performances by professional musicians in schools. So far, in the last 18 months, this has enabled us to organise events in nine local primary schools enjoyed by over one thousand children. Watch this space for more news!

Mike Haines



PARISH GRASSLANDS PROJECT

www.parishgrasslandsproject.co.uk

The launch of the Parish Grasslands Project's climate change initiative was reported here last month, and now we have settled on a name for the new operation: Parish Grasslands Climate

Action. It now has a presence on the PGP website, as well as its own section in the Village News.

In the meantime, the PGP has been making plans for the year ahead.

Unfortunately, the coronavirus restrictions have made all our timings uncertain, to say the least. The first casualty was our annual general meeting, which we have had to postpone. We had arranged for three speakers to talk about different aspects of climate change; we hope they will return when we are able to carry on with the AGM. Gemma Bode was due to give an overview of the science of climate change, Matt Dunwell was going to address the role of agriculture in global warming and examine how changes in land management can help to cool the planet, and David Rees planned to discuss aspects of the human element in the crisis, including how catastrophe can be averted or reversed through action by individuals as well as public policy.

Here are our plans for later in the year – watch the Village News or the PGP website nearer the time for the latest situation. At some point in July, near midsummer, in Jean Green's flowery field, we hope to hold the annual Flower Hunt for the Early Years and reception class from St Briavels School. This is a very popular event for the children, and a great hands-on introduction to the world of wild flowers, butterflies and bugs. This year, there is also a plan for children from the Forest of Dean Children's Opportunity Centre in Coleford to visit for the first time.



At our autumn meeting last October one of the speakers was Bruce Langridge, who told us about the extensive meadows that have been restored at the National Botanic Garden of Wales, near Carmarthen.

His talk was truly inspirational, so much so that we

are planning a day trip on Sunday July 5. Bruce has agreed to show us round the meadows, known for their spectacular flower displays in high summer. There would also be an opportunity to visit the National Botanic Garden itself. It is a centre of botanical research and conservation as well as a visitor centre, and boasts the world's largest single-span glasshouse, 60 metres wide and 100 long. If there is sufficient interest we would hire a coach. We will know later whether this outing will be possible, but writing this in the middle of a wet and windy March while facing the threat of self-isolation, the thought of spending a summer's day in a glorious meadow in the company of a group of like-minded souls is immensely cheering.

Mike Topp

PARISH GRASSLANDS CLIMATE ACTION

The Parish Grasslands Project's climate change initiative has been getting down to business since the excitement of our launch at the Bake Off in February. Our ambition is to explore how two rural parishes can address the issue of climate change. The initiative now has a name, Parish Grasslands Climate Action, and we are delighted to have our own section in the Village News. We have divided our activities into five hubs to cover each of the areas we want to work on. The hubs have been holding meetings and making plans. Unfortunately, coronavirus has meant that most plans have had to be postponed. However, we can report on the first meeting, last month, of the Food hub.

The Food hub is interested in food solutions that increase our resilience, reduce carbon emissions, enhance nutrition and give us a chance to get together to celebrate food and to have fun. For the first meeting, in the Village Shop Loft, the theme was fermenting, and about 25 people brought a selection of fermented foods to taste and discuss. Traditional cultures throughout the ages have preserved foods through fermentation, which enhances the nutritional value of food. Amongst those gathered were sourdough bakers, kimchi makers, yoghurt and kefir enthusiasts, cider makers and vinegar herbalists. The table was groaning with home made offerings and the collection of microbial ferments. We tasted hot kimchi, hazelnut mayonnaise and even pickled wild garlic flowers!

We focussed on three types of fermentation. **Lactic:** yoghurts, kimchis, kefirs, krauts and sourdough bread; **acetic:** vinegars, pickles and an oxymel (you had to be there!); **alcoholic:** cider, beers and wines. We also looked at sprouting seeds, different techniques and tools, and dehydrating fruit and veg. There were several take homes (apart from the kefir grains and sour dough starters that people swapped).

The first was that there is a fantastic level of knowledge within our two parishes, and enthusiasm for coming together and sharing ideas and experience. In these strange times microbes are getting a bad press! The reality is that we need a balance of microbes in our diet to keep healthy.

Coronavirus has meant that many of our plans have had to be put on hold. But watch the Village News for updates. **Land Use hub:** Wildlife Corridor Initiative – It is hoped to continue with the Spring Wildlife Walk, April 5, 2-4pm. Those who have signed up will be emailed if it is cancelled, or email wcivillages@gmail.com for an update. A planned talk by George Peterken on diseases in native trees and the impacts these are having on our woodlands and field trees has been postponed. **Transport hub:** We will now hold our electric bike test-rides at a later date. **Energy hub:** Open house weekends are on hold. A workshop on retro-fitting home insulation is at the planning stage. **Stuff hub:** After our March session was cancelled, we plan to hold a virtual meeting with a social media conference call.



The Climate Action Team

DIARY DATES – weekly/regular activities

Due to covid19 related restrictions, most regular activities are cancelled. The Mackenzie Hall, Pavillion Rooms, and St Briavels School are all closed.

However, although the Courtyard Cafe is closed, **SAM, THE HAIRDRESSER**, will be available by appointment only, between 1.30 and 4.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Phone 07813 008580

WALKING FOR HEALTH will continue with an informal health walk, meeting at 2pm at the Assembly Rooms every Tuesday. 01594 530890

ST BRIAVELS WALKING GROUP will continue Thursday 2nd April, 1pm, St Briavels Church. Phone 07813 008580

No face to face appointments, following government advice.

Call 01594 823927 or visit the website citizensadvice.org.uk



BROCKWEIR AND HEWELSFIELD VILLAGE SHOP ASSOCIATION AGM and New Committee Members

We anticipate that the planned BHVSA Annual General Meeting on Sat 25th April will have to be rescheduled or take a different form in line with Covid 19 guidance. We will be contacting all BHVSA members about alternative arrangements as soon as we can.

In the meantime we do need NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS, as current members retire. Please do give this some serious thought! No particular skills or experience needed, rather enthusiasm, ideas and a willingness to take part.

If you are interested yourself, or know of someone who might like to contribute to the management and development of the shop and cafe, please do get in touch, (josie_jenkin@yahoo.com). Meetings currently take place on the 4th Wednesday of each month in the cafe at 6.30pm. Nomination forms are available in the BHVSA committee drawer behind the counter in the shop. Please complete and return them by 16th April 2020. We look forward to hearing from you!

BHVSA Committee

DIARY DATES FOR APRIL (Confirmed Events)

2 Thurs	St Briavels Walking Group	1pm	Meet at St Briavels Ch.
5 Sun	Spring Wildlife Walk	2-4pm	Starts The Loft, Brockweir Village Shop
9 Thurs	Walk & Talk Group	2pm	Meet at Hewelsfield Ch.
11 Sat	St Briavels Moat Society Working Party - all welcome	10am to 12pm	Castle Moat
15 -19 Wed-Sun	Chepstow Walking Festival		
18 Sat	Churchyard Tidy-Up Day	10am-12.30pm	Hewelsfield Church
23 Thurs	Walk & Talk Group	2pm	Meet at Hewelsfield Church
27 Mon	Café closed for refurbishment		Brockweir Village Shop

ADVANCE DATES (subject to confirmation in the May edition)

16 May	Churchyard Tidy-Up Day	10am-12.30pm	Hewelsfield Church
6 June	Garden Society Eco Project Launch	11.30am	The Moat, St Briavels Castle
6 June	Carbon Buddy Project - talk by Colin Hastings	3pm	St Briavels Assembly Rooms.
13 June	St Briavels Carnival		Playing Fields, St Briavels
20 June	PGP: Midsummer Festival		
11/12 July	Hewelsfield Church Flower Festival		

News from The Pantry

By the time this issue of the Magazine has been published, who knows what the Covid 19 situation may be, but we in The Pantry are determined to offer as great a continuity in our service as possible.

We want to reassure our customers that we will continue to stock our usual range of products, supplier stock level permitting. Our products will not increase in price unless our suppliers are forced to increase theirs to us.

In the event that customers have to self-isolate, we are planning to offer a home delivery service for goods ordered by telephone: 01594 530740, or email: stbriavelspantry@hotmail.com, and are looking into setting up a phone card payment system and upgrading our website www.stbriavelspantry.co.uk to offer an online ordering and payment facility.

We'd like to offer our best wishes to all our customers in this difficult time, and let's hope that by the summer we will be through the worst. - John and Diana

So here we have it! We're clearly in for the long haul with this pesky pandemic, so can we get one thing straight? Please can we all agree to call it Covid19, and not that ridiculous other thing? Every time I attempt the other name I end up saying Coronation Chicken. Can't think why.

And there's one other thing, while I'm being pedantic. I wish it to be known that, being elderly with underlying health problems, I have officially joined the ranks of the VULNERABLE, and not, as most newscasters have it, the VUNNRABLE. Whichever way you pronounce us, we seem to have been singled out as the new "Non-Persons" of the State during the Emergency, permitted to garden, watch TV and, grudgingly, to buy food, but barred absolutely from anything so subversive as a visit to a pub or race meeting.

The odd thing about this crisis and the savage repression of frolicking Seniors is that it lands me back in familiar, and rather agreeable territory, the late 1950s, when "lecky" had only just reached The Common, and mains water was still a mirage. We were spending part of our year in a converted stables on the Hudnalls, and my Mother was often alone there for a matter of months, her daily/monthly routine consisting of reading, writing, gardening and dog walking. This routine was punctuated once a week by the arrival of genial Mr Brown in his battered Bedford, loaded with groceries. His assistant would gloomily hand over the assorted packages with the enthusiastic recommendation: "This mild New Zealand Cheddar is a bit like talking to yourself if you ask me." Which

Ma had not, though she never forgot it when making future purchases.

One unexpected visit sticks in the memory. A banging on the stable door revealed an engineer from the Electricity Board. Apparently, during our absence, a succession of increasingly peevish demands for payment had gone AWOL, and he had arrived to cut off our supply.

"Alas! And alack!" wailed Ma. "What is to be done?"

"Well, you can always deny me access to the property."

"Stay right there!" thundered Ma. "Now, would you like a cup of tea?"

And so it was that a long summer afternoon passed in a dream as he told her his entire life story, beginning with the days when, at our local school, he and his chums, armed with sticks, had walked home joyously decapitating Foxgloves, which they called "Snompers". (Edna Healey mentions these in her autobiography.)

So, gentle reader, we appear to have landed in "Interesting times" (Chinese Curse), but when I think of Mr Brown's Bedford and those maddening Ocado pantechnicons, I'm tempted to say "Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose!" (French clever me).

One thing puzzles me. Why, when a nation descends into pandemonium, is everyone astonished to find that the first commodity to vanish from the supermarket shelves is you guessed it!



UPDATE FOR MARCH 2020

February's speakers were from Jamie's Farm at Monmouth, which provides inner city children with the opportunity to experience rural/farming life. It was a very interesting talk and the staff members who attended were enthusiastic speakers. Their passion and commitment to the Young People they worked with was obvious. Members were enthralled with their talk and the positive achievements of the project. They explained that, as well as providing young people with new opportunities, they try to provide a family atmosphere, modelling positive relationships, which many of the young people have not experienced. The Farm is looking for volunteers to help in the garden, kitchen and with the stock. They also have a vacancy for paid employment at the weekends to help with the stock. They have an open day on Saturday 18th July, which hopefully will be well supported. If you are interested in any of these opportunities or require further details they are available on the website jamiesfarm.org.uk. The only disappointing aspect of the talk was that they did not bring the Farm Collie!

We held our 2nd Craft group on the 27th February, attended by 13 people, including two who were not WI members. The theme was learning to crochet and many of us either learnt the basics or more complex stitches.

We have had a busy social calendar. The lunch on the 4th March at the Woodman's at Parkend was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. On the evening of the 11th March we had a Skittles match against Chase WI and broke the previous pattern by actually beating Chase by a healthy 15 points.

In line with government advice we have cancelled all events and meetings in April

If meetings were taking place as normal, we would have continued to contribute to the Food Bank, which there will be even more need for during this crisis. We would ask that everyone takes any opportunity they have to contribute to the Food Bank.

Sue Smith



NEWS FROM THE CASTLE

YHA St Briavels send our best wishes to all the local community. We will support and help as we can.

If the gate is open then please come and use the grounds for some fresh air, and you are welcome to use the toilets whilst out and about in the village.

The Shakespeare event is cancelled for 2020.

Linda Harrison, Manager

NO PLANT SALE ON 26 APRIL

The Garden Society Committee has made the decision to cancel our Annual Plant Sale on 26 April.

If you have plants that you have put aside for the plant sale, or have recently sown seeds for it, Thank You For Your Support. Please keep growing the plants, as we hope to either hold the sale at a later date or find other opportunities to sell them.

We will keep planned future meetings under review.

Meanwhile, feel blessed that we live in such a beautiful place in which to keep our social distance - and enjoy your garden!

CONFESSIONS OF A PLANTAHOLIC

Razvan Chisu brightened up an evening of atrocious weather on 28th February with his talk on "Confessions of a Plantaholic". He admitted to numerous personal failings while we sat there looking guilty as we recognised the symptoms in ourselves. So, what makes a Plantaholic?

- Inability to resist buying more plants, even those you've forgotten you already have? ✓
- Findings seeds in your pockets when you do the washing? ✓
- Taking more pictures of plants than of your family? ✓
- Ordering many more seeds than you need, and sowing them all? ✓
- Car parked on the street because the garage is full of plant pots? ✓
- Lying to your partner about how much you've spent on plants? ✓
- Spending £1500 on a single bulb of a rare snowdrop? *Not sure I'd go that far!*

Razvan's addiction began as a child in his native Transylvania where he was inspired by fields covered in wildflowers. His passion remains plant hunting, particularly in Greece and Spain, where vast areas of wildflowers still remain. His wonderful photographs of these trips showed swathes of silene, crocus, tiny tulips etc. growing naturally and undisturbed. He has an eclectic taste in plants and can't get enough of them as the pictures of his own, crammed garden showed.



Succulents are a particular passion, while he can't live without the many varieties of honesty. He loves all plants that bloom in the Spring, including snowdrops and cyclamen. Arum pictum "Princess Warburg" is another favourite plant - even though it makes a horrible stink in his car, while Pinellia cordata "Yamazaki" looks like a snake with a very long tongue. The photo of Arisanum vulgare looked rather rude.

Apart from helping to stage exhibits at the Tatton, Chatsworth and Chelsea Flower Shows, Razvan works as a garden designer.

His photographs of colourful, natural gardens he has developed were inspirational.

Sue Davis

IN MY GARDEN

I've been watching a programme about people desperate to look ten years younger and it's apparent that a fear of appearing older than our age feeds a hugely profitable industry of cosmetics and surgery.

It's made me realise that, when it comes to our gardens, we seem to want just the opposite. We're willing to invest in large mature shrubs and trees, ready grown lengths of instant hedging and strips of wild flower meadow turf, packed with a wide range of native flowers and grasses. The high prices we're prepared to pay for immediate maturity buys several years of growing time, speeding up the ageing process. We love to visit other people's old and historic gardens. We appreciate and admire the effects of ageing when it comes to plants: the gnarled trunks and lichen crusted branches of ancient woodland and the summer colours of a species rich traditional hay meadow.

In my own garden, I look forward to seeing the old varieties of primula back in flower at this time of year. They must have been here for decades, each small plant having multiplied slowly over time to spread and flower beneath the apple trees - a mix of colours I wouldn't have chosen myself, but they're an echo of past gardening taste and such successful survivors of changing fashions. I just love them.

Perhaps I should also appreciate the effects of time on my face and learn to love the lines and wrinkles too!

Cheryl Cummings

WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH

Writing in mid-March last year, I rejoiced at the welcome rain and contrasted it with the same time in 2018, when we'd just had snow!

Despite the delay to getting on in the garden that the February rains brought, and the continuing dampness and mud, plants in my garden are looking happier than they were a year ago and the lengthening days are waking them up fast. The soil, though wet, is warm. So, conditions for growing are good overall. Lots of seeds for vegetables and annuals can be sown in April, inside and out. Make sure your seedlings indoors are in good, all round light, preferably not on a windowsill. Keep them moist but don't over water and prick out and grow them on promptly to make the most of the growing season. Nights can be cold, and even frosty, all through April. Later sown plants catch up and often overtake those sown earlier; so keep calm and keep an eye on the forecast before you sow outdoors.

- Water newly planted trees, shrubs and perennials regularly. They can get dry, even if it goes on raining!
- Tidy your climbing and rambling roses and tie them firmly into a framework or on to strong wires. Mulch with well-rotted manure or compost
- Feed shrubs with a mulch of well-rotted compost or manure as they start into growth
- As you weed, mulch bare soil around plants to discourage new weeds from seeding

Christine Haines

Find detailed advice, our annual programme and more on our website: www.wyegarden.com



NEWS FROM THE BROCKWEIR VILLAGE SHOP

Our product range continues to increase:

some rather nice chocolates from The Chocolate Box in Lydney, lots more eco-friendly products, including bamboo toothbrushes

and refills for Faith in Nature hair care range, and several more new supplies of greeting cards.

Some new volunteers are becoming familiar faces, and the weather is improving with longer daylight hours as spring is here.

The Café Working Group has now produced detailed plans for the long-awaited kitchen revamp, and the café is scheduled to close from 27th April for the work, reopening in time for the Bank Holiday.

That is our news before we look at external events.

Last year, we were concerned about the impact of road closures. This year

is no different with, both top road and valley roads being resurfaced, but the playground is also out of action as well, and several in the community are dealing with the effects of flooding. Then Covid-19 is set to create major and long-lasting disruption to all our lives.

We will have to reshape the offering of the Village Shop to meet new needs. By the time this is published, this news will be history, but we know many of our community will soon be self-isolating. Two of our team already are to protect their health. With effect from 17th March the café is on reduced menu. We hope to have a delivery service running for those in self-isolation. There has already been a fantastic response from the community, and the range of skills is vast. The challenge for us is to ensure we find a good way to look after the physical and emotional health of our community.

Peter Stickland

ART IN THE CAFÉ

MARIANA ROBINSON - Exhibition of Original Watercolours and Atelier Interactive Acrylics on Canvas: Mon 16 March - Sun 26 April 2020

Mariana has been a professional artist for more than 25 years, specialising in watercolour and acrylic techniques. Up until August of 2019 she ran the Mariana-Art Gallery in St Briavels but has recently semi-retired. She is known locally as "the colourful artist", since there is nothing wishy-washy about her painting style.

Her Cross-Grid style of contemporary travel subjects is both popular and inspiring. She is particularly well-known for her flower paintings, which get to the heart of the subject, painted with such vibrancy that one can almost smell the blooms. This exhibition covers the accomplished breadth of styles used by Mariana, with paintings in a range of sizes too.

Keeping fingers crossed that the important social hub of the Café will remain open

until further 'Virus notice', can we encourage you to drop by on Mothers' Day (22 March) or over the Easter season and take a look at these beautiful paintings, whilst indulging in a coffee/tea or locally made cakes?. All the original works can be purchased through the shop. There will also be greetings card packs (4 cards with envelopes) from some of her other original paintings on sale as well.

Please tell your friends and make a date to visit the exhibition which is open throughout normal shop hours 8.30am-6.00pm, even though the café closes earlier.

Should the Café have to close due to elimination of close contact, the exhibition can still be viewed during all shop opening hours.

Following the close of this exhibition we will be having a short break whilst the café is being refurbished. New exhibition programme restarts in May - hopefully!

Jacqui Trefgarne



BROCKWEIR EVENTS AT MACKENZIE HALL



TEARS OF LAUGHTER 28TH FEBRUARY - REVIEW

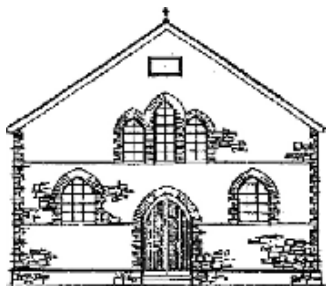
A good-sized audience attended this event on 28th February and were entertained by the wit and musical brilliance of Simon Mayor and the clear strong voice of Hilary James. Simon Mayor is not just a virtuoso player of the mandolin but a very competent guitarist and fiddle player and Hilary James also performed on guitar, banjo and mando bass - an exotic giant-sized mandolin which almost dwarfed her. The performance unusually started with a video extolling the virtues of the Peak District, accompanied by Simon's poetry and mandolin-playing, and by Hilary's colourful paintings. They are truly versatile artists and this event was a magnificent showcase for their talents. A great night.

CORONAVIRUS

In the light of the government's announcement on 17th March, the two remaining events in the spring season - Gadarene and Magnificent Men have now been cancelled. It is hoped that we will be able to offer an autumn programme but much depends on what happens over the next few months.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding and I look forward to seeing everyone in October.

Adrian Birch



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 2020

Thursdays April 16,23,30 May 7,21,28 June 4,11,18,25	SILVER JEWELLERY (10 classes) £230 for 10 x 3hr sessions 1 – 4 pm (Silver is not included)	Ann Skehel
Fridays April 17, 24 May 11,15, 22, 29 June 5, 12, 19, 26	PAINTING AND DRAWING (10 classes) £220 for 10 x 3hr sessions, am or pm. 9.30am - 12.30pm and/or 1pm - 4pm.	Ann Hulme
Sunday June 14	WEAVING WITH WASTE £50 for 1 day workshop. 9.30am - 4pm	Sarah Cooke
Sat –Thurs inc July 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23	PAINTING AND DRAWING (10 classes) £220 for 10 x 3hr sessions, am or pm. 9.30am - 12.30pm and/or 1pm - 4pm.	Ann Hulme
Saturday July 25	CLAY DAY £50 for 1 day workshop. 9.30am - 4pm	Val Welham

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

BROCKWEIR WILDLIFE WALK

A free wildlife walk to explore Brockweir in the Spring

Sunday 5th of April 2020, 2pm-4pm. Starting at The Loft,
Brockweir Village Shop

- Expert wild flower identification
- Hands on experience of erecting bird boxes
- Take part in your local community wildlife project

Booking Details: The Wildlife Walk is free but please book to ensure you have a space/handout materials for the walk - wcivillages@gmail.com

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