



Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council

Your Village - Your Voice

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SUMMER AT THE SPORTSFIELD

Look out for a new kickwall, which is due to be installed in early summer, at the Parish Council's sportsfield on Cheltenham Road. This is a new addition to the other resources, available free of charge to the public, which include the skate park and bike track and outdoor gym equipment. The kickwall will be situated near the skate park and will provide a facility for goal mouth practice.

The sportsfield also offers football pitches and an all-weather pitch (astro) facility which are available for hire throughout the year. Please note, however, that the astro facility will not be accessible during July and August 2018 when works to resurface the pitch and install new floodlighting will be taking place.

For further details and to book the facilities, contact the Parish Office or email admin@bishopsclleevepc.org



Book a date in your diary

Following last year's popular **frisbee tournament**, another event will be held on the sportsfield during the weekend of **12th-13th May**. For further information please contact chrisbillingham1@btinternet.com

NO DOGS.....



allowed anywhere on the field in the interests of safety and hygiene for those who play sport.

For dog walkers there are other sites in the village at Kaye Lane and Grange Field where sports are not played.

..... NO DRONES

over the sportsfield. The recreational use of small drones, whilst popular especially for photography, can be a nuisance to the general public and dangerous, not least from the rotor blades.

Please note too, if using elsewhere, The Civil Aviation Authority has issued rules for the operation of drones:

- Always keep it in sight
- Stay below 120 metres/400 feet
- Follow manufacturers' instructions
- Keep the right distance from people and property – 150 metres/500 feet from built up or congested areas and 50 metres from individuals
- You are responsible for each flight (including legal liability)
- Stay well away from aircraft, airports and airfields.

Any drone weighing more than 250 grams must be registered and users must pass safety awareness tests.

Care must be taken to keep a reasonable distance from property on photo sorties. Do not rely on the real time view through the camera for piloting as it breaks rule number one. Breaching the CAA rules is a criminal offence!



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LOOK OUT ON OUR ROADS

STOP Pedestrian lights at Cleavelands on the A435: action at last!

PRESS: As we go to print, remedial work is finally underway to prepare the pedestrian lights for operation. The Parish Council understands that when the works are complete the signals will need to go through a 28-day fault free period, following which, if the signals are working satisfactorily, they will be commissioned and formally opened up for use by the public.



During Raceweek: National Hunt Festival 13th- 16th March

Traffic arrangements for the Cheltenham Festival will be very similar to those in recent years and will again, hopefully, cause less congestion than the village has suffered in the past. The A435 will close southbound between the traffic lights at Newlands Park and the main entrance to the racecourse from 10.00a.m. to 1.30p.m. and again from 4.30p.m. to 8.00p.m. Northbound traffic will not be stopped. The D and E services will run as normal during the morning rush hour but will run to a revised 15-minute interval timetable once the A435 closes. They will divert through Prestbury during the morning closure and via Swindon Village in the afternoon. Stagecoach expect journey times to increase by around 20 minutes. The arrangements will be advertised on the buses and available on their website.

If you see anything going wrong with traffic arrangements during the 4 days, please report it to event control on 01242 253492 or 07799 132649.



Car Park Safety:

The Tesco top car park, with its entrance/exit onto Church Road, is an increasingly busy area both for traffic and pedestrians. For everyone's safety, the signs and markings should be noted. In particular:

- ✓ drivers should observe the '**No right turn**' signs onto Church Road; those who ignore this are creating a safety hazard, interrupting the traffic flow and prejudicing the safety of pedestrians.
- ✓ cars should only be parked within the marked spaces.
- ✓ pedestrians should use the footpath which runs down the middle of the car park and avoid walking in the roadway itself.



Reporting Problems:

The Parish Council is aware that the safety and condition of roads in the village continues to be an issue of great concern for residents. Whilst some problems relate directly to increasing volumes of traffic, which is difficult to overcome, other matters such as potholes, overgrown vegetation and hazards, including traffic light failures and other road safety concerns, can be reported to the Gloucestershire County Council, for attention, by calling 08000 514514 or online www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-rights-of-way/roads/report-it/

Please note, however, that on new housing developments, the developer is responsible for highway provision and maintenance matters until the County Council formally adopts the roads which are then maintained at public expense. Formal adoption is triggered by a request from the developer and, until the process is completed, Gloucestershire County Council does not have direct responsibility; any issues, such as the condition of the road surface, provision of pedestrian crossings, street lighting and footpaths therefore need to be referred directly to the developer.

You are, of course, able to raise concerns through the Parish Council who can report, on your behalf, to the appropriate organisation.

WHAT'S ON OFFER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE....

After School Play

Children can take part in after-school sessions which are funded by the Parish Council and run locally by Play Gloucestershire on:

- **Tuesdays at Longlands Play Space 5.00p.m. – 7.00p.m.**
- **Wednesdays at Sunrise Avenue Park 4.00p.m. – 6.00p.m.**
- **Thursdays at Finlay Way Play Space 5.00p.m. – 7.00p.m.**

Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration and children can attend when they want. Children under 7 should be accompanied by a parent or carer. If you are new to Play Rangers, come along to a session to meet the team and get started.

For information on Play Rangers visit www.playgloucestershire.org.uk



Youth Clubs

CMAS (Community Mentoring and Support) runs youth clubs for two age groups in Bishop's Cleeve.

Junior Youth Club is for young people aged 8-12 years old. The Youth Club is held in the:
Community Building off Tobyfield Road
Tuesday evening 6.30p.m.– 8.00p.m.

Every week there is a varied programme with a range of sports activities, arts and crafts, cooking and the opportunity to go on trips. Young people get the chance to make new friends, try new things and have fun!

Senior Youth Club is for young people aged 13 and over. The Youth Club is held at the:

Sports Pavilion on Cheltenham Road
Monday evening 6.30p.m.– 8.30p.m.

There is access to the field facilities and outdoor gym with a range of other activities on offer too, such as arts and crafts, pool and table tennis, along with support for young people who feel they need it. Young people can meet new people and get involved in projects!

Come along to find out more. For information on CMAS, visit www.communitymas.co.uk/about-us/

....AND ADULTS TOO!

Cricket Club



Woodmancote Cricket Club turns 80 this year! It is however an active and vibrant local club for both young people and adults and is keen to involve anyone interested in playing, coaching or organising the team.

For younger people, the club is open to players aged 9 upwards, offering Under 11, Under 13, Under 15 and a separate girls team. For those over 15, there are three senior teams and a women's team. The club offers an initial FREE practice session for new players, who are always welcome.

For more information, email woodmancotecricketclub@outlook.com or phone Paul Goring on 07948 094905 (junior team queries) or Mike Morris on 17792 724643 (senior team queries).



Cleeve Common Events

Cleeve Common Trust's events for children and adults this spring and summer include:



- Family Easter Trail: explore Cleeve Common and earn a treat! Good Friday, **30th March**, starting between 1.00 and 3.00p.m. (booking essential)
- Woodland Bushcraft Day: a family event in Wardens' Wood on Friday **1st June**
- Wildflower Foray: a walk on the hill to find common and rare wildflowers on Friday **29th June** 10.00a.m. to 3.00p.m.
- Summer Holiday Family Fun: on Fridays **3rd, 17th and 24th August**
There is now a free downloadable guide for self-guided family walks.

For more information and to book places, see Cleeve Common Trust website www.cleevecommon.org.uk or contact by email info@cleevecommon.org.uk or phone 07471 687877

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PARISH COUNCIL: SPRING DIARY

The Annual Parish Assembly Meeting will be held on 24th April 2018 at 7.00p.m.
in the Community Building (near the library).



The meeting will include the announcement of the winners of our Young Person's Award and a talk from the Police and Crime Commissioner (or deputy).

Upcoming Full Council Meetings Spring 2018:

Thursday 5th April
Thursday 3rd May
Thursday 7th June

Meetings start at 7.30p.m.
in the Parish Council Office.

Other committee meetings are scheduled for Thursdays throughout the year. For more details on meeting times, dates and agendas visit www.bcpc.btck.co.uk

Council Surgery

Residents are welcome to drop in to a monthly session with councillors to discuss local issues of concern.

Council surgeries are held on the **first Friday of every month 12.30p.m - 2.30p.m** in the Parish Council Office.

Upcoming sessions:

Friday 6th April
Friday 4th May
Friday 1st June

Councillors

Cleeve St Michaels Ward

Cllr Peter Badham: 516779
Cllr David Foulger: via Parish Office*
Cllr Sylvia Hughes: 673788
Cllr David Lewis: 702573
Cllr Alan Robinson: 674601

Cleeve Grange Ward

Cllr Wendy Hopkins (Chair): 697028
Cllr Val Perry: 672094
Cllr James Wyatt: via Parish Office*

Cleeve West Ward

Cllr Tony Mackinnon (Vice Chair) 672534
Cllr Olivia Kent: via Parish Office*
Cllr Peter Richmond: via Parish Office*
Cllr Karen Roberts: via Parish Office*
Cllr Robert Stayt: 677961
Cllr Andy Walker 673849
*Parish Office: 674440

Would you like to join the Council?

We currently have vacancies for councillors. Decisions are made by the Council to formulate what will happen in the future for the village and you could help ensure that residents' needs are taken into consideration. To find out how to join us please contact the Clerk at the Parish Office.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

STREET FAIR



This year's street fair will be held on **Sunday 10th June** with a RAF100 theme to celebrate the centenary of the RAF.

Winners of the Young Persons' Award will be attending to open the fair.

For further information, visit www.bishopscleevechamber.co.uk/
or email organizers@bishopscleevechamber.co.uk

CLEEVE CHORALE

The next concert is at St. Michael and All Angels Church Bishop's Cleeve on **Saturday 24th March** at 7.30p.m.
The concert will feature:

- Faure's Requiem together with his Cantique de Jean Racine
- Elgar's Give Unto the Lord
- Brahms's Geistliches Lied Op 30
- Mendelssohn's Hear My Prayer / O For the Wings of a Dove

Tickets £12 (free to accompanied under 16s) will be available from George Lewis Footwear, Woodmancote Newsagents, Gotherington Stores, The Wilson or ring 01242 674114.
Tickets can also be purchased on the door. Refreshments will be included. More information at www.cleevechorale.co.uk

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