



Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council

Your Village Your Voice

Parish Update Spring 2016 issue 2

Please don't throw away or recycle your newsletter yet as it contains some useful information you might need...

Note from The Chair of Council
Cllr Tony Mackinnon

Traffic Arrangements For The Gold Cup

We have been consulted on the traffic plan for the Gold Cup meeting which is due to take place between the 15th to 18th March 2016. Some interesting statistics from last year: nearly a quarter of a million visitors over four days, with a capacity crowd of 68,000 on the Friday; up to 10,000 cars each day; Great Western trains brought 105,000 visitors and Stagecoach's 76 shuttle buses took 82,000 of these from the railway station. This year the A435 again will be closed southbound as this has made big improvement in traffic at the racecourse itself. They plan to limit the closure hours to 10:30-13:00 for the arrival period and 16:30 to 19:30 for departures. The Last race, incidentally, will start at 17:30, 15 minutes later than before and the site closes at 20:00. Closer to home, the closure of Voxwell Lane, which is needed because cars from the lane have priority over north-bound traffic on the spine road, will now be limited to the afternoon departure period only. The D bus service will hopefully run better than in November. It will head south via Southam in the morning period and via Hyde Lane in the evening and should be able to serve all the normal stops.

What have we been up to....We have been listening to your views and comments.

- We are reducing the precept by 10.2 percent, therefore the parish council element of your council tax will be less.
- We are looking at volunteer litter picking and working with Tewkesbury Borough Council to follow up your ideas.
- We are pleased to report that the area of public footpath linking the playing field to Sunrise Avenue, which has been causing problems to pedestrians because of the accumulation of mud, has now been resolved.
- We listened when our residents asked for help with noise from generators and encouraged action for their removal.
- The Parish Council have written to the Royal British Legion supporting the tender of the GWRS and we are now waiting to hear if they have been successful.
- We listened and now are in process of setting up Vehicle Activated Signs around the village.

We would like to thank the residents who have come along to our meetings and also have written to us with their views.



COUNCIL SURGERIES

The Council will be holding a surgery in the council offices on the first Friday of the month, so starting on Friday 1st April (1-3pm) members of the public can come along and discuss issues which they feel need attention, or perhaps you would like to come and meet some of your councillors. It is important to us that we engage with residents and we look forward to meeting you.

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What's Happening Now in Our village

Bishop's Cleeve Library

E-mail: belib@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Website: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries

Telephone: 0845 230 5420

(The Service Charge for this call is 7p/minute plus a Network Access Charge set by your telephone provider)

Library access:

There is level access with automatic doors, designated customer parking and space for people with access needs.

Library opening times

Monday	1.30pm - 7.00pm
Tuesday	Library closed
Wednesday	9:30am - 5:30pm
Thursday	9:30am - 5:30pm
Friday	9:30am - 5:30pm
Saturday	9:30am - 4.00pm
Sunday	10.00am - 2.00pm

What we offer

Book a Computer PC with internet access, Computer Buddy volunteers who will help you get to grips with computers, Free public Wi-Fi, **Open on Sundays**. Apply for a bus pass (if you don't have a computer). Baby Bounce and Rhyme, Story time Bookstart, Reading Groups, Library Club, Family and Local History resources, Homework help.

Children's Centre

Telephone: 01242 677297

The office is based in the Library and is open from 8.30 - 5.00 p.m. weekdays.

Tuesdays when the Library is closed - Children's Centre Group, 'Bumps n Babes' takes place in the Library 10.15am-11.30 am all year round. 'Stay & Play' takes place in Community Centre by referral only - 1.30pm-2.45 pm

The Children's Centre provides family support outreach through referral only, during the week. Library staff can deal with enquiries during Library opening hours and there are also leaflets and information on a range of topics available.

Transition Cleeve

Some 20 years ago the Eagle Star Company (now Zurich) planted a line of mixed fruit trees on the public land (Grangefield) behind their new offices in Bishop's Cleeve. The trees have flourished and are now of a significant size, produce a variety of fruit annually but would benefit from some expert care and attention. Transition Cleeve has been exploring the possibility of working with local councils to encourage residents to come together in caring for the trees. This will be a new opportunity to learn new skills (pruning and conservation) and build a neighbourhood partnership in the area. An expert has already identified various trees and the work needed to bring them back to ideal size. There will be an opportunity to become part of the Gloucestershire Orchard Group, an organisation set up to conserve a County heritage but also offering resources and expertise. We have already moved our now well-established annual October apple juicing day (**The Big Squeeze**) to Grangefield School and were greatly encouraged by the immediate interest across all ages. We are now hoping to organise a free on



site pruning workshop to which all will be welcome. We are anxious to build links with any one or group who would like to share in the Community Orchard enterprise and would like to hear from you. You can make contact with them by emailing:

transition.cleeve@gmail.com or ringing 01242 244785. Website: www.transitioncleeve.org.uk

In our next issue we could promote the work of your organisation in the village. Email us details newsletterteam@bishopsclleevepc.org and we will endeavour to place you in print as soon as we can. Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council plans to produce 4 newsletters a year.

The Clerks Section

The Clerk: clerk@bishopscleevepc.org

Deputy Clerk: deputy@bishopscleevepc.org

Our Clerks are always happy for you to contact them with any enquiry.

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INFORMATION VIA TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Are you interested in walking to keep fit? Tewkesbury Health Walks have a local 'Walking for Health' Scheme. The walks are free, fun and friendly – perfect to help you get active and meet new people. If you would like to take part, all you have to do is come along to the start point of one of their walks a few minutes early, where one of the trained leaders can take your details. Then you're free to take part in as many walks as you like, as often as you like, get in touch with Neil Meynell on 01684 272092

Or email: neil.meynell@tewkisbury.gov.uk

RECYCLING

Do you know how long it takes some of the items you collect to biodegrade? *Taken from the TBC Litter Pickers Newsletter*

Paper bag	1 month	Plastic bag	20 years
Orange peel	2 years	Banana skin	2 years
Cigarette butts	12 years	Plastic bottle	450 years

CRIME STATISTICS

Residents have been reporting incidents involving anti-social behaviour and other offences, which are causing concern. We are working with the local community youth workers and the police in dealing with these issues. Our village is growing fast and we are trying to address these problems for the benefit of residents. Here is a brief outline of the current statistics relating to incidents in Jan 2016 for your information presented by our local police team. **1 Dwelling burglary; 2 Non-dwelling burglaries; 6 Criminal damage 3 Shopliftings; 3 Thefts; 1 Fraud; 2 Drug Offences; 3 Offences of violence.** There has been an increase in criminal damage and anti-social behaviour around Bishop's Cleeve and we are trying to combat this behaviour, so there will be an increased police presence. Residents please make sure that sheds and outbuildings are locked and secure. House burglaries are still low compared to other areas within Gloucestershire, but please do not be complacent.

Make sure you lock up.

Contact The Team

Cleeve St Michaels Ward

- Cllr Terence Cairns 703185
- Cllr Peter Badham 516799
- Cllr Sylvia Hughes 673788
- Cllr Andrew Reece 672119
- Cllr Alan Shakespeare 674440
- Cllr David Williams 07547454373
- Cllr Alan Robinson 674601
- Cllr Nicholas Cowle 702658

Cleeve Grange Ward

- Cllr Paul Holliday 678496
- Cllr Wendy Hopkins (Vice Chair) 697028
- Cllr Val Perry 672094
- Cllr Paul Benfield 674440

Cleeve West Ward

- Cllr Tony Mackinnon (Chair) 672534
- Cllr Christine Hewings 674440
- Cllr Olivia Kent 07725880977
- Cllr Robert Stayt 677961
- Cllr Ann Lightfoot 676682
- Cllr Peter Richmond 678271
- Cllr Christine Benfield 674440
- Vacancy

To find out how to join us please look at our website. www.bcpc.btck.co.uk

BUS SERVICES.

As many residents are already aware, some of the local services have changed and a new route has been established via the Homelands Development. Copies of timetables are available in the Parish Office, Post Office and the Library. Marchants and Stagecoach run a bus service to Tewkesbury via Stoke Orchard and Tredington, and Pulhams Coaches also operate a service from Cleeve to Cheltenham via Gotherington and Woodmancote.

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Get Involved

The Street Fair

Theme: The Queens Birthday

12 Noon to 4 pm on Sunday 12th June 2016

The date is set for this year's extravaganza that makes us proud of our village. The committee is working hard arranging the best annual community attraction in Bishop's Cleeve, but we need more help. We intend to provide a selection of bands, the fun fair, the car show, the dog show, a food market, donkey rides and others. The event started nearly 20 years ago in the Bishop's Cleeve Primary School Playing field and over the years the event has grown and evolved into the centre of our fantastic village; we want it to continue. We have welcomed over 2,000 visitors each year! **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to ensure it happens** so please contact Peter Badham on 01242 676569 or 672653



Get Involved

Clean For The Queen

Summer Picnic

Pecked Lane Playing Field

12 Noon, Saturday 25th June, 2016

Could this be a unique way for you to spend a summer's day? In good company, doing something practical to support our monarch, and at the same time give a face lift to one of our local community recreational areas? Adults can register in advance with Bishop's Cleeve Parish Council, in person or on line, as a volunteer litter picker for the day. Bring your own picnic. We will, in cooperation with Tewksbury Borough Council, provide a risk assessment, insurance, and a safety equipment pack for the day. **Hopefully we will see some of you there.**

KAYTE LANE FIELD

The Parish Council have now purchased the Kayte Lane field so that this land can make a positive contribution to our village amenities. This will ensure that valuable green space is secured for new and future generations. We are interested in maintaining this area as a community asset so that funding can be secured for projects and ongoing maintenance. If you have any ideas on how we can use this community space please contact:
councillor.hillier-richardson@tewkesbury.gov.uk

Rant or Rave ?



Have your say.....

We want to hear your views, what you like, what you don't and what you want to keep our Village a GREAT place to live.

We want to hear about what's going on in the village so that we can share this with everyone; to help those that need it and to let people know how they can get involved.

Some residents have been experiencing problems with vibrations from heavy goods traffic, are you affected?

There are a growing number of residents who use mobility scooters to help them get around the village and we would like to know from users if there are areas where dropped kerbs are causing access difficulties.

THANKS TO THOSE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED US.

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IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE. When you write or email please state that you are happy for us to share your details within the Parish Council, we will not pass on your details to outside organisations. If you give us permission then we can write back to you.

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