

WHAT'S ON

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Oakridge Lynch; Far Oakridge; Waterlane;
Bournes Green & Tunley



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EDITOR'S NOTE

Another edition full of information about upcoming events, and pleas for support to ensure that traditional village events continue to happen. On page 5, information relating to the proposed changes to our Parliamentary constituency – comments close on 4th April.



IS 20 PLENTY IN OAKRIDGE? Are you concerned about speeding in our communities? Would you like a lower speed limit to help ensure safer roads for schoolchildren, pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and all other road users? Gloucestershire County Council are considering a county wide policy on a 20mph limit, as is the case in Cornwall and Oxfordshire.

A conversation with a villager prompted me to dig a little into the campaign to reduce the speed limit in other local villages – how do Oakridge residents feel about this?

TUESDAY 24th MAY 2022, 5pm - CLOSING DATE
for the next WHAT'S ON

USEFUL INFORMATION

- The village website – www.oakridgevillage.org - for up to date information, including Village Hall availability and Village Events Calendar
- Various Facebook pages – Oakridge Village Network and Oakridge Village Hall, Oakridge Lynch
- Gigaclear Broadband availability at the Village Hall

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THE CHURCH IN OAKRIDGE



meeting at St Bartholomew's

VICAR

Rev. S Murray 01452 770897

DEPUTY CHURCHWARDEN

Mr. John Mason 01285 760456

Mr. Peter Scott 01452 770382

Please check the village shop and Church notice board for any updates.

Greetings from the Church In Oakridge

Blessings to you and your loved ones for a Happy and Joyous Easter.

April 2022

3rd Morning Prayer 9.30 am

17th **Easter Day** Parish Communion 9.30 am

May 2022

1st Morning Prayer 9.30 am

15th Parish Communion 9.30 am

29th Rogation Walk - BYO Lunch 9.30 am

One group of parishioners will begin at Saint Bartholomews in Oakridge, another at Bisley at 9.30am. After a short service of worship the groups will set off to walk; Oakridge to France Lynch, Bisley to Bussage.

There will be a coffee and comfort break plus prayers before both groups move on at 10.30 am to arrive at Christ Church Chalford for worship at 11.45 am.

You are welcome to join the groups for all or any part of the walks. Please bring your friends and family and a packed lunch.

We will be praying for the Benefice as we walk.

Do you have some time spare to help the Church in Oakridge stay open and be a resource for all the Village and our visitors?

The village Church has a special role in an English Village community and Oakridge is no exception.

The Church in Oakridge, St Bartholomew's, has a special place in the life of the village. It is used by Oakridge School on a regular basis and at special times of the year, such as Easter, Harvest and Christmas. It is a place of quiet and contemplation for many people in the village and a welcome resting place for walkers and visitors.

The Church in Oakridge also features at important stages in all our life journeys such as when new life arrives in our families, when relationships are blessed and when we have to say goodbye to loved ones.

Our Church in Oakridge, however, can't continue to maintain its special place in our village without your help! We are looking for volunteers to clean and help maintain the Church through the year, to help with arranging flowers to welcome visitors and to take responsibility for coordinating the maintenance and security of the building.

You may only be able to commit to an hour or two per week for a month in the year. This would help enormously with the cleaning or arranging flowers. If you feel able to commit to more responsibility to ensure the continued service the Church in Oakridge provides to the village community this would be wonderful.

If you would like to explore any way you can be involved, please don't hesitate to contact one of the following...

John Mason - 01285 760465; Linda Reardon - 07794 425 915;
Peter Scott -01452 770382

Healing Retreat Day

Exploring Christian Healing Ministry

Led by the Revd John Ryeland

Saturday April 2nd 2022

10.30 am – 4.00 pm

Holy Family Centre, Prinknash

Prinknash Abbey, Cranham, Gloucester, GL48 8EX

This day is for anyone who would like to learn more about the God who loves to heal and bring transformation to our lives.

Donations to cover costs very much appreciated – contact Moira Govan to confirm attendance

E: moira.govan@gmail.com or T: 07732 910554

BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSED CHANGES

The Boundary Commission for England (BCE) has published its initial proposals for new constituency boundaries. The 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies was formally launched in January 2021. The Commission is required to ensure that the number of electors in each constituency is more equal; in doing so, the number of constituencies in England will increase from 533 to 543. The Commission is undertaking an independent review of all constituency boundaries in England and will present our final recommendations to Parliament by July 2023.

It is proposed that our parish becomes part of a new Parliamentary constituency, The Cotswolds, and is removed from the Stroud constituency to become allied with towns in the north Cotswolds such as Stow-on-the-Wold and Moreton-in-Marsh. This is something that our local parish councils have voiced opposition to.

Members of the public are encouraged to visit www.bcereviews.org.uk to view maps showing the proposed new boundaries and make comment. The secondary consultation period is open until **Monday 4th April**.

OAKRIDGE VILLAGE HALL



INTO THE DIGITAL WORLD!

The Trustees of Oakridge Village Hall are pleased to announce completion of a state of the art digital audio/visual installation. This includes:

- 6000 lumens WUXGA laser Digital Projector
- 3.5m wide motorised screen
- New up-to-date sound system
- Blu-ray player
- Chromecast
- 900 Mbps High speed broadband
- Remote/Bluetooth operation

The installation is designed to support many cultural activities such as showing/streaming films, presentations, dances, concerts and theatre. The Trustees plan to launch the facility soon with a village open day when its capability will be demonstrated.

SELF EMPLOYED CLEANER required for the Village Hall

We are looking for a flexible individual to clean the Hall on a regular self-employed basis, potentially up to 3 hours per fortnight. Flexible hours to suit, depending on the down-time of Hall usage. c.£15/hr

Please contact Jane Gregg for more details - janegregg@hotmail.com or 07748684156

Gigaclear Broadband Access – open to all users of the Hall – help us to keep the service available by signing up

Network: Oakridge Village Hall Gigaclear

Password: OVHT2021

OAKRIDGE SHOW

SAVE THE DATE.... the Show will be held this year on **Saturday September 3rd**, complete with the annual produce show, the ever popular display of classic cars, and much much more.

HOWEVER, the Show can only go ahead with the help and commitment of villagers willing to assist with setting up and taking down the tents, running stalls etc. We would love your feedback so please let us know your ideas, and come along to a meeting on Monday 11th April at 7pm in the Village Hall to kickstart the planning process to make this another fantastic village event.

WE NEED



YOU!!!

With many thanks, regards

Mark Barnett

Email: mbarnett104@gmail.com

LUNCH CLUB

Lunch Club has resumed after a break due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at a price of £8 per head. Arrive from 12 noon, to sit for 12.30. A wonderful chance to catch up with friends, or meet new. More details from Gill Wimperis 01285 760528.

OAKRIDGE HISTORY GROUP



Our first meeting of 2022 was a well-attended Do-It-Ourself session on Oakridge houses and families with John and Kay sharing lots of photos and research on the changes that have taken place particularly along the Broadway and along the top road leading to Bisley (Holloway Road).

The Lloyd George Survey of 1910 and the many photographs collected on the website from the first part of the 20th century provided lots of information on the physical state of the buildings to compare and contrast with the village as we see it now. For example, in 1910 on the Broadway there were 7 properties + 1 ruin + the Mill and Mill house, now there are 15 properties + the Mill house. On the road to Bisley there were 3 properties + 1 uninhabitable on the right going out of the village, now there are 8 on the right plus 10 more on the left. Quite a change both in amenities and also in the number of people in each household! Members of the audience participated adding their recollections and comments on all the changes.

At the March meeting Kirsty Hartsiotis gave a fascinating talk on the various arts and crafts World War One memorials in Gloucestershire including our own Oakridge War Memorial.

Dates for your diaries are:

27th April visit to Gloucestershire Hub including Gloucestershire Archives and Gloucestershire Family History Centre at 2.00pm. If you haven't yet booked a place, please contact John Loosley 01285 760460 or Kay Rhodes 01285 760264

25th May Pop-up Museum

Further details of these events will be available.

Kay Rhodes

OAKRIDGE RAINWATCH



As measured by my rain gauge, recent rainfall levels were as follows:

January.... 35.2 mm.....about 1.4 ins.

February.... 102.7 mm.....about 4 ins.

March (to 17th)..... 40.7 mm.....about 1.6 ins.

Gill Farrar

NATURE NOTES FROM WATERLANE



This is the time of the year when song birds start their dawn chorus confirming it's nature's way that spring is truly here. In the daily cycle, as in the seasonal cycle, light is the key factor affecting bird song, night changing to day has the same song producing effect on birds as winter changing to summer.

Singing of course, is in part about male birds trying to attract a mate and showing off. It's a talent show, each trying to convince any female within earshot that his vocal prowess proves he'd be a fit father for her young. However song is also aimed from one male to another, a loud-hailer message that proclaims "this is my patch". Some of our resident birds have been limbering up for a couple of months or so, taking the advantage of still, sunny winter days to practice. Then from mid-March, new voices begin to arrive, starting with the chiffchaff, that like the cuckoo sings its own name, and is soon joined by blackcaps and willow warblers. By mid-April, the flood gates are open as millions of migrant birds pour back in from Africa to their summer homes. By early May the chorus is at its peak.

The skylark and blackbird are the first to break into song, starting about 40 minutes before sunrise, closely followed by the song thrush, wood pigeon, robin, mistle thrush, pheasant, willow warbler and wren, usually in that order. My personal song favourites, other than the robin and blackbird, are the wren with a penetrating rapid trilling song, and the bullfinch which sounds like it is falling off a cliff.

Alan White

OAKRIDGE GARDEN CLUB



The year's events for the Garden Club got off to a great start with lovely smiling members attending February's AGM. Oakridge Garden Club has close on 60 members all benefiting from their membership with free talks by experts, visiting open gardens in the surrounding area and of course a friendly Christmas Social in December.

The formalities of the meeting were followed by an entertaining talk by the 'Chatty Gardener', Mandy Bradshaw, about her role on Press Day at the annual Chelsea Flower Show. All in all a right mixture of glitz, the unenviable desire to get 'THE' photo, interviewing Carol Klein, and celebrity spotting - plants and people.

Personally, I'm keen on supporting the local stuff, so I'd like to suggest events in the next couple of months. The Spring Malvern Show runs from 5th-8th May www.rhsmalvern.co.uk/spring-festival. A new feature to the show is

'affordable gardens' which will be created for a budget up to £1000. A world away from the cost of the gardens at Chelsea!

There will also be specialist nurseries selling unusual plants at the Coach House at Ampney Crucis, nr. Cirencester on April 22nd and May 20th. Exedra, formerly (Miserden) Nursery are at the May event. Check www.thegenerousgardener.co.uk for times and a list of participating nurseries.

I hope that new villagers will join the club as they bed in to their new homes, and may I extend a call made at the AGM inviting you to step forward to join our friendly committee.

Happy gardening to you all.

Cheryl Perrett

ROYAL CELEBRATIONS

It seems a long way off as we are only just in Spring, but early June will soon be here and it's time we thought how our village will celebrate the Jubilee.

I'm sure many may remember the lunch we had before, and what fun it was. We plan a Bring and Share Sunday lunch at the Village Hall. A large honey roast ham and coronation chicken will be provided, but we hope everyone will put their name to an item on the list that will be in the Shop nearer the time.

The details have not yet been finalised, but there will be no charge, with tea and coffee to follow. I imagine it will be bring your own drink.

So please keep Sunday 5th June free, and any ideas that people have – a fancy dress parade, races or music of some kind – please ring Gill Wimperis on 01285 760528.

LADIES NIGHT

Informal Ladies Night every first Wednesday of the month at The Butchers Arms.

We are an amicable bunch of ladies living in and around Oakridge who like the opportunity to pop out to relax and have a drink and catch up with our neighbours! If you or anyone you know would like to join us, then please pop along. You will be made very welcome. We are aware that some may not like walking into a pub on their own, but there is always one of the group there from 7pm!

Tamzin Hutton

STAND WITH UKRAINE CROWDFUNDING APPEAL

I am Yuliya Poberezhnik, born and raised in Ukraine, it's my homeland where I spent 21 yrs of my life. I moved to UK at the age of 21 and lived in Chalford area for the past 4 yrs. I'm a Yoga & Mindfulness coach, Divine Feminine teacher.

Inspired by tremendous courage, resilience and defiance of human spirit in the face of such shocking adversity, I am called to help in a practical way and I'm hoping you can help me.

This Crowdfunding campaign Stand with Ukraine is to raise funds for Refugees camp in Poland, family & friends in Ukraine who have lost their income and their homes due to Russia's invasion, families that need flee war torn region all together.

The messages I'm receiving from friends and family in Ukraine is that they don't know where to get money from to pay for food, medication, fuel, transportation, look after vulnerable, wounded ... and I'm desperate to help them.

What's happening in Ukraine is beyond any comprehension, and my heart breaks in pieces for my country and my people.

Any donation is tremendously appreciated - I promise 100% of your donation will reach refugees camp, families and friends in Ukraine who desperately need your help who need to flee the country, refugees in Poland or support others who decided to stay and look after vulnerable, fight for their mother land and stop the aggressor.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/stand-with-ukraine-1>
www.vistara-yoga.co.uk

OAKRIDGE WI



A lovely promise of spring on the February President's table, brought along by Alison – a vase of snowdrops and catkins.

The meeting with Chris Witts about the Severn Bore was a success, with super photographs and films. Chris has also written a couple of books on the subject, plus TV interviews and local radio slots. The Severn Bore occurs as the Atlantic tide feeds into the Bristol Channel, hits the continental shelf and speeds the water as the Channel acts as a funnel. It is the largest in Europe, the world's largest being in China. No big ones for 2022. It has become more and more difficult to park and see this amazing spectacle, and spoiled by the number of people trying to ride the Bore.

By the time this is in print, Anne Brain and I will have attended the County AGM at Cheltenham Town Hall, and our Quiz team will have competed at Bisley.

March saw a small but select group of members making beautiful jewellery by folding shiny paper attached by paperclips. Quite amazing.

14th April: subscriptions will be due for 2022/23. We have been given freedom once again to determine how much we take for our Institute. After a slow period due to covid, the annual subscription of £44 has been reduced to £34. Of course, all this is not retained by us, a good chunk goes to National, County and Insurance.

Our speaker for the evening is Alysia for the Sue Ryder Hospice; our Christmas collection was donated to this wonderful charity.

12th May: is still being sorted; it's an ever changing world.....

Happy Easter wishes to you all.
Mary Fern



OAKRIDGE PLAYERS PRESENTS....

FAULTY TOWERS

That best loved TV show is coming to the Oakridge Village Hall with four performances! 31st March to 2nd April at 7.30pm with a matinee performance on Saturday 2nd at 2.30pm

Come and join us for a roaring performance as Basil Fawlty battles his way through life detesting just about everybody while Cybil calms the waves destruction he creates. A double bill of Communications Problems and Gourmet Night that includes that famous scene with Basil punishing his car with a tree branch!

Tickets available from members of Oakridge Players and Ollie's Shop – get them while you can!!

OLLIE'S SHOP

Oscar and I are super excited to bring you a sneak peek at our "Delicias de España" section. A selection of the very best products directly sourced from Spain: from staples from my mother's kitchen when I was growing up (including the best rice from Valencia - essential to make a good paella) to award winning delicacies currently being served only at Michelin star restaurants around the world: award winning Manchego cheese, crisp and bright Albariño wine, hand carved ibérico ham, premium olive oil, delicious olives from the best regions of Spain and even octopus (for the very best Pulpo a la Gallega you can have without leaving your home), just to name a few. We will be bringing more every week as well as adding new goodies so stop by to see what's in store and give your taste buds a well deserved trip to Spain, right here in Oakridge. Buen provecho!

Laura Rojo

OAKRIDGE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL



It has been a super busy term at Oakridge and we still have two weeks to go!

Recently, the children were invited to take part in a tree planting event in Chalford, a project which was conceived by one of our parents Gill Skeffington two years ago to raise awareness of our village school and do some wildlife habitat creation at the same time.

Gill has persevered through the pandemic to keep the project going, and with parents' help, has worked hard to facilitate the practicalities. We are also grateful to Annie Kleiner of Coppice Hill who responded to our appeal for suitable land to undertake the project, a pocket of scrub linking two areas of woodland close to the Dimmel's Dale Wildlife Reserve. It was a truly rewarding experience for our children to be involved. Over 100 British native broadleaved trees have been planted this year, by four school groups - Oakridge planted 32 trees. The children are welcome to visit the site and the trees with their families or the school, watch them grow and enjoy the wild space. We are grateful to all who have been involved in this exciting project.

Last week (w/c 14th March) we celebrated STEM with a particular focus on science and DT (design technology). Class 1 children learnt about light and Class 2 forces - linked to our topic. In Class 2 our book 'The man who walked between the towers' is an inspiring book about the true experience of Philippe Petit who walked between the two towers of the World Trade Centre in New York in 1974. It provided ample opportunities to explore. In science the children carried out an investigation to find out whose parachute could land the safest and slowest for Philippe the main character in the book. They were also challenged to build the tallest tower using a certain amount of marshmallows and 12 sticks of spaghetti!

In DT both classes focused on mechanisms and mechanical systems; class 1 using levers to create owls for a shadow puppet show and really complex linkages to create a moving picture for the children's author Charlotte Guillan's book "The skies above my eyes." The results were incredible! On the other hand, Class 2 designed and made cranes for Philippe to lift him to the top of One World Trade Centre tower. Pulleys were used as the mechanism and some children even used motors!

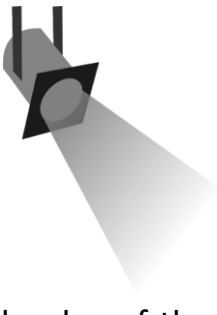
Finally, our week ended with a visit to We the Curious science museum in Bristol. We had a wonderful day. The weather was gorgeous and, as well as experiencing all that is on offer at the museum (engaging hands-on activities, a light show and a planetarium show), it was the first proper trip we have experienced in the last couple of years. I wonder where we will go next?!

May Revels 2022

After a two-year break, Oakridge School is delighted to announce that the May Revels will be back on Saturday 14th May from noon until 4.00pm!

The Revels are a fantastic day out for all ages, with people coming from far and wide to browse the stalls and exhibits, enjoy the entertainment and soak up the atmosphere. There will be plenty of delicious food and drink, games galore and the children will be demonstrating a range of dances from around the British Isles.

All funds raised go to the school, so please save the date in your diary and come along, we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!



Spotlight on Louisa Crisp

We came to live at Hillhouse Farm in 1964 when I was 8 years old. My parents, Captain and Mrs L.E. D Walthall, came to see the farm all the way from Scotland where we were living at the time. Mum fell in love with it straight away but Dad wasn't so sure. Anyway, on

the day of the auction he set off in good time, planning to see the property once more before he bought it. However he ran short of time and only just made it to the auction. The farm was being sold in six lots and dad could only afford two of them. The other four lots were sold to individual buyers and thus the estate known as Hillhouse was broken up.

After the auction Dad came to look over his purchase and was shocked at the decaying state of what he had bought. He always said if he had seen it as he had planned before the auction he would not have bid for it. Fate had obviously stepped in. A few weeks later a man approached Dad and asked if he would sell the farm to him. He had been prevented from going to the auction by a car accident. Mum was overjoyed at what she considered to be divine intervention.....

The house and farmland was very run down, having been lived in solely by an old lady called Miss Bruce for a good many years. Miss Bruce was a pioneer of her time and had developed 'quick return compost' which in her lifetime spread all over the world. In those days Hillhouse Farm was often referred to as "Compost castle". She was also a founder of the soil association, together with Lady Balfour. Miss Bruce had let much of the farm fall apart, scarily so as I remember a ceiling fell down on my bed during our first week in residence. Luckily I was at school!

We had no spare money for extras and lived for many years with bare floor boards, pink plaster walls, a leaking roof, a dodgy windmill which tried to supply our water and a host of other difficulties. But we were so happy, we all loved it and my Grandpa bought me a pony on which I explored the surrounding countryside. We all helped dad in the holidays whether we were bringing in heavy stones from the fields, driving the tractor in and out with barley grains stacked high in the trailer or making hay. In those days we made hay by hand with pitch forks and muscle. (Gosh I sound so old!)

Miss Bruce had three gardeners in her heyday. Her head gardener, Mr Lesley Pearman, threatened to leave her at one stage so she bribed him to stay by offering to build him a house on the land now known as Spring Bank. The Pearmans lived in their tiny house for many happy years and their daughter Pauline still lives locally today. Mrs Queenie Pearman worked as a daily for both Miss Bruce and mum and was a huge part of my growing up. She loved to tell local stories and one was her days of delivering the post on foot to the whole of Tunley, Waterlane and Oakridge, during the war years. Quite a remarkable woman!

Our dog walks in the 1960's took us into most houses in Tunley at one time or another. Most of the properties were of a simple 'two up and two down' size, many of which were derelict. I remember loving to climb along the old rafters in what then existed of Tunley Cottage, and pretending to drive on the old red tractor that had been conveniently left for us to play on in the garden! This was one of many old tractors that were delightfully scattered about the area, including a blue one in the gardens at Trillis where the derelict house was also fun to climb before Mick Beard got his hands on it. Old Phyllis Finch from Kings Farm was a local stalwart. Her family have been around Tunley for a very long time and have even lived at Hillhouse Farm at the end of the 19th century. Kings Farm is now owned by Phyllis's niece, Diane Barnett, who is the fourth generation of her family to live there. Amongst other interesting stories she has to tell, she told me a bomb was dropped on her garden pond (narrowly missing the house) during the war which changed the course of the stream that runs beside her house.

One of the lovely things about Hillhouse Farm is that it remains unspoilt. Whilst properties around us have been enlarged and modernised, ours is still the old traditional Cotswold stone farm with its small fields, surrounded by hedgerows and stone walls. We have been greatly aided in this by our dear friend Lionel Robbins who has loyally come and helped both me and my mother keep it in shape for several decades. Our walls would not be so beautifully restored without him. The old farm house retains its larder, old wash room, game house and many other old features including a very fine unique staircase. (I believe there is only one other staircase like it in the country - somewhere in Waterlane.)

How I came to be so lucky as to be able to inherit the farm on my mother's death is a story in itself. Some pieces of universally gifted financial magic intervened and suddenly I found to my extreme joy that I would be able to live here until I die if I wish. This luck caused me to open the old farm house for others to share and enjoy during the summer months, in order that they may too partake of the magic and enjoy the tranquillity, peace and beauty to the full. Many thousands of people from all over the world have found their way here over the years. I hope I have many more happy years here in this beautiful part of the Cotswolds gifting to others as I have been gifted.

If you would like to be featured, please contact Sue Wise on 01285 762800

BISLEY-with-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL

Please see the Parish Council website for Ward information and minutes of Council meetings www.bisley-with-lypiatt.gov.uk

Next PC meetings: 7.30 pm Wednesday 6th April and Wednesday 4th May 2022

Any issues in the Oakridge Ward of our Parish please contact

CLlr Tony Martin – tony.martin@bisley-with-lypiatt.gov.uk

CLlr Roger Budgeon - roger@greenshopgroup.co.uk

CLlr Dennis Robbins - d.robbins1945@btinternet.com

New Parish Clerk: The new Parish Clerk will be Arlene Deane, taking over from Debbie Meredith who has decided to retire. The contact details are as follows:

E: admin@bisley-with-lypiatt.gov.uk

T: 01452 771089

Office Address: The Old Bell House, High Street, Bisley.

There may be some interruption to service whilst we move offices, however we will be working together for a month.

DISTRICT NEWS

I have been District Councillor for Bisley, Eastcombe and Oakridge since last May, and I do my best to represent all residents of the Ward. I am on two Stroud District Council committees: Environment (responsible for waste and recycling, environmental health, canals, and carbon management, among other things) and Development Control (i.e. planning). I'm on a 'Task and Finish' group of the Environment Committee, working with parish councils around the district to help create and improve cycling and walking routes.

I am also on the Parish Council, and I hope serving on both councils enables me to better represent local interests at the district level. My priorities include helping the area and its residents respond to the challenges of climate change; protecting our beautiful environment and aiding nature recovery; supporting the more vulnerable and those in need; making our roads safer for all; and supporting local businesses. I will work with my council colleagues to help alleviate the energy and cost of living crises for local people, to the extent we can.

I lived in New York for many years, where I worked as a teacher, including teaching chess in primary schools and English to immigrants. I and my wife Leigh have lived in Bisley for five years, but we have known the area well since my parents came to live here 30 years ago. I am a cyclist and a bell-ringer (at All Saints, Bisley), and a keen gardener, growing much of my household's fruit and vegetables – with plenty of the excellent local compost from Bisley

Community Composting Scheme. I helped start the local climate action group BisCAN last year, as well as a community speedwatch group in Bisley, and remain active in both.

Please don't hesitate to tell me anything you think I should be taking up at the District Council.

Cllr Martin Brown, 01452 770878

cllr.martin.brown@stroud.gov.uk

COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

Please contact our local County Councillor, Sue Williams, with any issues that you feel require input at County level.

Susan.williams@gloucestershire.gov.uk

07766318854

LOCAL PLANNING NEWS

Information relating to local planning issues, as outlined on the Stroud District Council website: <https://publicaccess.stroud.gov.uk/online-applications>. See the Parish Council website for local input. Here is a summary of local planning news in the period 25th January – 24th March 2022:

S.21/2517/FUL Conversion of barn to staff accommodation Frith House, Tunley (resubmission S.21/1212/FUL)	Withdrawn
S.22/0073/LBC and S.22/0072/HHOLD Repairs and renovation Little Cottage, The Broadway, Oakridge Lynch	Permitted
S.21/3053/HHOLD Alterations to existing barn Tunley Barn House, Tunley	Permitted
S.22/0128/HHOLD Extension and replacement garage Whitespring, Oakridge Lynch	Permitted
S.22/0467/HHOLD Removal of garage, construction of artist studio 3 The Broadway, Oakridge Lynch	Awaiting Decision
S.22/0335/HHOLD Alterations to outbuildings, resubmission S.17/1409/HHOLD) Weir Farm, Oakridge Lynch	Awaiting Decision
S.22/0210/FUL Refurbishment of sewage treatment works The Crescent, Oakridge Lynch	Awaiting Decision



STROUD AND COTSWOLD CITIZENS ADVICE.... “WE ARE STILL HERE”

As we all try to recover from the effects of the Pandemic, here are 5 important points about your local Citizens Advice:

- We are a local Charity, totally independent of government, providing free confidential impartial advice to everyone in Stroud District areas, including Dursley, Stonehouse, Nailsworth, Wotton-Under-Edge and Berkeley. The same service is available to everyone in Cotswold District, including Cirencester, Tetbury and Moreton-in-Marsh. The delivery of our Service relies on the dedication of our fully trained volunteers supported by a small team of paid staff. We have been providing a Service in Stroud since 1958, when we were known as the CAB.
- Your local Citizens Advice office continued to operate a limited service during the Pandemic with volunteer members of staff working from home. Now that restrictions are being eased, we are working very hard to manage face to face interviews again, which are vital to many people. We are also making every effort to reopen our outreach and community hub services.
- Our main areas of enquiry at this time are: Employment, Energy issues, Welfare Benefits and Debt issues. Since December 2021 we have given information and support to 705 members of our local community. We are extremely grateful for our core funding from The District, Town and Parish Councils, but we still need to raise an additional £25,000 every year to maintain the Service.
- Citizens Advice in Stroud has a very active PR and Fundraising Committee who continue to organise fundraising events to help finance such essentials as training and improved technology, as well as improved premises. We are extremely grateful for all donations, especially from our donors who provide us with annual standing orders, one off donations and legacies. This source of funding is vital to the continuation of our Service.
- **WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN HELP US - EVERY PENNY COUNTS!**

Regular standing orders or one-off donations...Remembering us in your Will...Becoming a volunteer...Supporting our events.

Our next planned event is an Evening Concert of Classical Music featuring the internationally acclaimed pianist Clare Hammond on Saturday, 21st May 2022 at Holy Trinity Church Stroud.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP US, OR NEED ADVICE, PLEASE CONTACT US ON:-

freephone: 0808 800 510 or on our website at: citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk where you can find further information on Donating and Volunteering and Advice.

YOGA IN OAKRIDGE LYNCH

My name is Yuliya Andrews - Poberezhnik.

I'm originally from Ukraine where my entire family still is. I moved to UK at the age of 21 (I'm 40 now) and lived in Chalford area for the past 4 yrs.

I've been teaching Yoga & Mindfulness class at Oakridge Lynch village hall on Thursdays 9:30-10:30am for the past 3yrs. I know that in the past few years there was a big migration of people in and out of the village so I thought it was a time to introduce myself again.

I would like to invite you to join my local Yoga class in the area. The Village hall is very spacious, light and easy to warm up. There's an already formed core community of students that are very friendly and welcoming people.

My class is suitable for Beginners as well as more seasoned practitioners.

For this class you will need a yoga mat, comfortable clothes, a blanket, yoga blocks if available. During the hour long session we will explore different breathing techniques, learn basics of alignment, target area or various areas of our body through intelligently sequenced flows to achieve individual maximum flexibility and mobility, release the tension, build strength and stamina whilst finding our inner peace and balance at the same time. We will finish the class with deep relaxation and meditation.

To book your class follow the link below



<https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=21309767&appointmentType=29476622>

Alternatively visit my website

www.vistara-yoga.co.uk



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 2022

Fri 1 st – Sat 2 nd	• Fawlty Towers, Village Hall	7.30pm
Mon 4 th	• Boundary Commission comments close	
Weds 6 th	• Ladies Night, Butchers Arms • Parish Council meeting, Bisley	7.00pm 7.30pm
Thurs 7 th	• St Bartholomew's Coffee Corner	10.30am – midday
Thurs 14 th	• WI meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
Sun 17 th	• Easter Day Parish Communion, St Bartholomew's	9.30am
Weds 20 th	• Lunch Club • History Group visit	12 noon 2.00pm

MAY 2022

Weds 4 th	• Ladies Night, Butchers Arms • Parish Council meeting, Bisley	7.00pm 7.30pm
Thurs 5 th	• St Bartholomew's Coffee Corner	10.30am - midday
Thurs 12 th	• WI meeting, Village Hall	7.30pm
Sat 14 th	• May Revels, School	12 noon – 4.00pm
Sun 15 th	• Parish Communion, St Bartholomew's	9.30am
Weds 18 th	• Lunch Club • History Group	12 noon 7.30pm
TUES 24th	• CLOSING DATE JUN/JUL WHAT'S ON, 5pm	
Sun 29 th	• Rogation Walk, St Bartholomew's	9.30am

If you would like to save paper, why not sign up to receive the What's On direct to your email inbox, via the village website – www.oakridgevillage.org.