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THE CHURCH IN OAKRIDGE



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Greetings from the Church in Oakridge, may you feel the peace and love of God this Easter.

We would be delighted to welcome you to any of our events.

APRIL 2023

2nd	Palm Sunday - Morning Prayer Reading of St. Matthew's account of the Passion	9.30 am
6 th	Thursday Cafe Church	10 -12 noon
9th	Easter Sunday - Holy Communion	9.30 am
16 th	Holy Communion Followed by Annual Meeting (APCM)	9.30 am 10.45 am
24 th	Monday – Open the Book with the school	10.10 am
30 th	Rogation Walk starting from the church Bring a packed lunch	9.15 am

MAY 2023

4 th	Thursday Cafe Church	10 -12 noon
7th	Morning Prayer	9.30 am
15 th	Monday – Open the Book with the school	10.10 am
21 st	Holy Communion	9.30 am
28 th	Pentecost – Holy Communion	9.30 am

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

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CAFÉ CHURCH



Hello Everyone,

Firstly, I would just like to say that we as a team would like to offer our sincere condolences to Judy as Richard is now no longer amongst us and we will miss him very much.

Well, we kicked off on the 2nd March which was a very cold day, however, thank you for all those who wrapped up warm and braved the elements to come and support us. Fresh coffee and homemade cakes were had by those visiting us. All proceedings go towards the upkeep of the church. Every little helps! There was a good atmosphere with lots of chatting and laughter and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. If you haven't been to the café why not give us a try.

Our Next coffee morning are on the following dates:

6th April 2023 at 10am-12

4th May 2023 "

1st June 2023 "

GILL FARRAR'S OAKRIDGE RAINWATCH



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

January.... 121.2 mm.....about 4.8 ins.

February 13 mm.....about 0.5 ins.

March (to 12th).... 45.6 mm.....about 1.7 ins.

OAKRIDGE VILLAGE HALL



Thank you to all those who organised, catered, and attended the Pancake Lunch on 21st February, which raised £130 towards funds for the Hall. An enjoyable event for all!

We would like to remind everyone that there is a Lost Property box in the utility area at the Hall, so please do check it if you think you are missing something

after an event. Anything unclaimed after 6 months is taken to the tip for recycling.

LUNCH CLUB

Lunch Club is held at the Village Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at a price of £8 per head. All welcome, arrive from 12 noon, to sit for 12.30. A wonderful chance to catch up with friends, or meet new. If you would like to come but haven't already put your name on the list the previous month, or need to cancel your place, please leave a message for Ali Mills on 01285 760568. This must be done by the Friday before the Lunch Club at the latest, to allow for food ordering and preparation.

FROM GORDON WARD, PROSPECT HOUSE

I would like to thank all those locals who came out to help find Maureen (a while back). Maureen's dementia continues to be something of a problem and her need to go home (to Carlisle.. which is apparently near the village school... for now) can be quite pressing in the evenings. She can move determinedly and at great speed so it can be a real effort to catch up with her if she gets out of the house unaccompanied.

Help from those around us is valuable and very, very much appreciated.

With Thanks, Gordon and Maureen Ward



OAKRIDGE FILM NIGHT

Over 50 people joined us for a great evening viewing "The Lost King" on 1st March, and at the time of writing we are expecting a good audience for "West Side Story" at the end of March. Our next screening will be on 3rd May to find out more, sign up to the What's On Mailing List to receive notice of films (and other events) in advance at www.oakridgevillage.org/maillinglist. Please do reserve your seat (but pay on arrival) via www.oakridgevillage.org/boxoffice. £5 cash on the door and CASH BAR available as usual. Doors open at 6.45pm, film starts at 7.30pm.

Future film nights are planned for Wednesday 7th June; 5th and 26th July

OAKRIDGE HISTORY GROUP



There was a good audience for our first talk of 2023 given by John Loosley, who had done a great deal of research on John Dorington of Lypiatt Park. The family came from

London where John Dorington senior had been clerk to the House of Commons. John Dorington junior married well and purchased Lypiatt House and set about acquiring surrounding farms to build up a country estate. He became involved in local politics, failing to become MP for Stroud in a number of contested elections, but eventually becoming an MP for Tewkesbury. His image among some of the local people of Bisley and Oakridge was not improved by his party's execution of the enclosure of common land. Indeed, he received threatening anonymous letters on the subject.

Our March talk on the Corinium Museum collection will be followed on **26 April by Martin Graebe talking on "Cotswold Arts and Crafts and Music"**.

The speaker on **24 May will be David Aldred talking about "Cotswold Railway Journeys 1961 -64"**.

Members and visitors will be most welcome. All talks take place in Oakridge Village Hall starting at 7.30pm

Kay Rhodes

Editor's Note: Before the Nature Notes for this edition, I would like to reflect on the huge contribution to this publication from the late Richard Mackie, who wrote this feature for some years, in addition to leading regular Dawn Chorus walks around the village, finishing with a breakfast prepared by Judy. His knowledge of nature will be much missed by the community.

NATURE NOTES FROM WATERLANE



I was watching a wood pigeon building its shoddily constructed nest in my garden recently, it was a pathetic "cowboy builders" cup so badly constructed you could see both eggs and sky from below. It's no more than functional but seems to work for them. A nest is a construction to keep

keep the clutch together and to provide a focal point for a breeding attempt. Most nestlings don't stick around in the nest as they make the whole family vulnerable to predation.



House martin



Long-tailed tit

That doesn't mean that birds don't make remarkable efforts in building their nests. House martins build their mud cups on the side of buildings or cliffs and this can take thousands of trips for materials. Long-tailed tits collect up to 2000 feathers to finish theirs, alongside lichens, moss and cobwebs. Nuthatches plaster their holes to a designer size with mud and goldcrests build remarkable hanging nests like purses. Finches are noted for their tastefully constructed nests, goldfinches often site theirs near the end of overhanging branches, so the weaving must be good. Woodpeckers of course construct their own nooks and old woodpecker holes are reused by other hole nesters including owls and tits.

Rooks nest in colonies high up in the trees and pairs of rooks use the same nest each year, repairing it for each new breeding season. Crows build strong cups consisting of four layers of sticks of the correct profile.

Alan White

OAKRIDGE GARDEN CLUB



As I write this it is snowing, and here was I, last week thinking Spring had arrived. I never feel snow is as hard on plants as a hard frost; I'm sure we will get more of that, we just have to hope the fruit blossom will be safe. I'm keeping an eye on the camelia at the Hall; it is full of buds and will be a picture when in bloom.

Last month was our AGM; we all agreed to raise the subs to £10 which will help so much in paying for good speakers. We also need one more member for the committee: we meet about 5 times a year in the afternoon with tea and cake. If anyone feels they could manage this, please do give me a ring.

Our speaker last month came from Somerset, and talked about colour in the garden throughout the year. Not an easy thing to achieve. The speaker for April will be about growing plants to encourage bees. I have been told he will also be showing us the old craft of trug making, and will bring some for sale, so come prepared if you want to treat yourself or have that special gift in mind.

We will be taking names and payment for our June outing to Stockton Bury, we can only have 20 places, it will cost £13 for the trip and tour of the gardens. Lunch, all homemade and served in the Old Barn, will be extra.

Look forward to seeing you on April 4th.

Gill Wimperis



OAKRIDGE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL



World Book Day by Iris and Daisy
Oakridge Parochial recently celebrated their love of reading with World Book Day. Children in both classes (and teachers) dressed up as their favourite book character. We interviewed children from both classes to find out what they did.

Class 1 The children of class 1 had such fun dressing up as knights for world book day as part of their topic knights and castles. A historian came dressed up as a knight and showed them many wonderful artefacts such as shields, helmets, lances and crossbows. They also thoroughly enjoyed themselves trying on helmets from different knight periods.

Class 2 For world book day class 2 came in dressed as their favourite book character and participated in many fun and engaging activities all about books. Here are some quotes from some of the children:

“very fun and inspiring!”

“So fun to see everyone dressed up as different book characters!”

“It was really cool to see what books people liked.”

Class 2 book recommendation:

Book title: Lottie Brooks

Star rating :4.5

Age recommendation: older readers

Class 1 book recommendation

Book title: The Ugly Duckling

Star rating 4

Age recommendation younger readers

NEWS FROM OAKRIDGE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Oakridge School Association (OSA) threw a fantastic ceilidh for the whole village on Saturday 11th March.

Tickets sold out fast and the organisers were delighted to see so many members of the wider community joining the parents, children and teaching staff for a shindig. Music was provided by the wonderful folk band Between The Acts, with parents from the school providing delicious hot food and a fully-stocked bar. Reverend Sue and headmaster Jonathan Preston danced up a storm!



Special thanks go to Georgie Anstey, who organised the event, and to Hester Wright, Heidi Bailey, Hannah Thompson and Tim Pritchard for providing steaming pots of delicious chilli to feed the hordes. We are also grateful to Andrew Davison, for his technical assistance and general good company!

Thanks to the generosity of all those who bought tickets and donated refreshments, the school managed to raise an impressive £684, which will be used to provide essential equipment for the pupils. Following the success of this event, it's likely another dance will be held in the not-too-distant future, so if you missed out this time, keep your eyes peeled for further updates.

Claire Robinson, OSA Treasurer

Save the date: May Revels!!!

The May Revels, Oakridge School's biggest event of the year, will be held on Saturday 13th May.

As ever, there will be live music, fantastic food, a fully-stocked bar, games, a bouncy castle and stalls selling plants, books and cakes.

Please come along and join us, it's a really fun day out for all the family!

OAKRIDGE PUB INTEREST GROUP

Redoak are still arranging viewings for potential landlords. They are very keen to get someone in place before the summer. We are in regular contact with them and will let you know if there is any news'.

If you would like to stay in the know, please sign up by emailing oakridge.pubIG@gmail.com or follow the link [InterestGroup SignUp](#).

AN APPEAL TO PEOPLE'S BETTER NATURE

Many of you will be aware that there has been a problem of dog fouling in the village, which is very unpleasant for all concerned. Having returned from a pleasant walk and talk with a friend, I was horrified to find that the green at the top of Sammels Hill was completely plastered by dogs' mess.

Obviously this cannot be caused by any local resident or with anyone's knowledge, but sometimes if a dog is off the lead the owner may not be aware of what they do.

Can we agree that we ask people to keep their dogs on a lead while on footpaths, verges and green areas within the village? It does not seem to be too much to ask, and it would help to keep our lovely village safe and clean.

John Bailey

OAKRIDGE SHOW

Save the date – Saturday 2nd September – get your gardens and allotments ready to enter your prize flowers and vegetables, and harness your inner Mary Berry cake baking skills! Keep a look out for more information about the day, for requests for donations – and for help manning stalls/setting up etc. Hope to see you there.....

LADIES NIGHT

Calling all Lovely Ladies from Oakridge and Beyond.....we are a friendly bunch who like a chance for a chat and a drink with friends and neighbours. If you are new to the village and would like to meet up, then please join us. No pressure, no agenda. More the merrier! As the Butchers Arms is currently closed, we will

be hosted by a rota of members on a bring your own basis. Please look out for the emailed location, or contact me on tamzin@tamzinhutton.com.

Tamzin Hutton

OAKRIDGE WI



Business was brisk as usual at our February meeting. We cast an individual vote for one of the four put forward for the NFWI AGM in June. Mandates from the AGM play a great part of WI life to lead forward projects in the community and country. The "Keep Britain Tidy" campaign began with the WI.

We had a crafting evening, very ably lead by Celia, who had researched a project to make material flower brooches, made several prototypes for us to see and gave instructions. So we got busy and many silent moments of concentration followed. Everyone had a success, all different. Look out, they may be on one of our stalls in the future.

MARCH will it snow, won't it snow? It did, but not enough to cause a problem. We have started collecting pennies again for the Cobalt Unit. In the past, Meryl Short was the driver for this charity and we had quite a successful number of coffee mornings with stalls. Celia delivered our latest haul, and found that since 2007 Oakridge WI has donated £4,383.33.

After quite a change round of speaker availability, we were pleased to welcome Heather, a trustee of "Home Start". She gave a very interesting and informative talk about the beginnings and progress of a movement which was formed in 1973 by Margaret Robinson in Leicestershire. From her nursery window overlooking a busy main road, she saw a naked child carrying a carving knife regardless of traffic. Thus began research into how such a thing could happen. Home Start operates in 22 counties and here in Gloucestershire there are 180 schemes. There are trustees and paid admin staff, and each scheme is self funding. However, the bulk of care given through the schemes is done by volunteers (they always need more). Training is given and each volunteer sticks with a family in need of help. Gloucestershire has 52 home visiting volunteers supporting 317 families and 462 children. 8.9% have safeguarding concerns and 61% mental health issues. New efforts are groups which run for 6 to 8 weeks; their titles are self-explanatory - "Bump Start"; "Best Start"; "Mothers in Mind" and "Dad Matters". The first 1,000 days - 3 years - are the most important part of a child's life.

13th April subscriptions are due £46 this year. Only £22.40 is ours, the other portion is divided by National and County. More members, more money. Entertainment is titled "Swinging 60s" with Virginia and David Adsett, a long-awaited visit delayed by Covid.

11th May we will meet, for another catch up speaker

Happy Easter to everyone.

Mary Fern

PS reflective thoughts from all at the WI to Judy Mackie and family on the death of Richard, a beloved member of our community.

FRITHWOOD SURGERY HEALTH WALKS

These Health Walks are held alternate Wednesdays, starting from and ending at Frithwood Surgery. The route is mainly flat and a distance of 1.5 miles. It is designed for anyone in need of exercise, be it to help recovery from illness or to improve fitness, mental and/or physical. All are welcome and there are after-walk refreshments with a chat.

**First walk on Wednesday 5th April, 2pm
from Frithwood Surgery**

CRUISING

A world on its own! Is it real? Touching land but not stopping; viewing but not talking; taking but not giving? The sea, the oceans, the skies, the sunsets, the waves - a world opened up for old and young, for a generation to explore and appreciate. The vastness and the space.

On board, the music, the swimming, dancing, singing, the cuisine served by delightful friendly staff is enough to capture the imagination of those that can afford it and ensure that many will return for future cruises. The chance to see the world and get away from it all; escapism or spending the children's inheritance? Either way, it has an irresistible pull! A day in Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, back to the real world. Bustling traffic, tranquil squares, excited Spaniards with beautiful children. Rich history of Columbus's first voyage with the original diary of the voyage in 1495 on Santa Maria. Perhaps we are making our own voyages of discovery. But cruising attracts all sorts, not just the young and healthy, but mostly the older generation, still up for an adventure despite their age or health issues, you can't help but admire them?

The vessel itself has quite a history, built in 1991 it was owned by an Italian line, but has undergone much reconstruction with sundecks, observation rooms, swimming pools, bars and ballrooms. Uniquely it is powered by electric motors from electricity from diesel engines, which makes it more economical and environmentally-friendly. It is very well equipped and its public rooms have a traditional and luxurious character, elegant in comparison to the larger modern cruise ships.

Life is full of contrasts, no more than in Casablanca. Here the beautiful mosque, with its minaret 689 feet high, graces the sky and the grand interior highly decorated with mosaics can accommodate thousands of worshippers. But contrast this with the fishermen's shanties and the evident poverty makes one wonder?

John Bailey

OAKRIDGE PLAYERS

Oakridge Players Get Their Act Together



The yearly AGM was a great time to reflect on the events of the past year. The highlight, without a shadow of a doubt, was the 4 sell-out performances of the pantomime, *Bad Day at Black Frog Creek*. But that was not all: play readings, acting workshop, theatre visits and social evenings.

So on to 2023 and a number of upcoming events are already on the cards. However, we need your help.



- A Bit of a Do (7th and 8th July) is an evening filled with short sketches and plays, dance, comedy, music and whatever other talent happens to be in the village. Please email oakridgeplayers@gmail.com if you would like to take part. Catrin will be delighted to hear from you. Details on how to reserve tickets in the next Whats On.
- The autumn will see the play Lark Rise to Candelford take to the stage. If you would like to be part of this production, we would love to hear from you.

This edition we are lucky to have not one but two members of our community featured in the Spotlight.....



Spotlight on

Jenny Black

My husband John and I both had our childhood in East Africa. We went to prep school in North Kenya and after schooling in England met again in Kenya working on tea estates. We married and lived there for three years. However, John's sister had married a wealthy rubber estates owner in Malaya and she found it difficult to settle down. The manager offered the job to John. He accepted it and we moved to Malaya in 1969 and stayed for thirty years.

The climate was challenging with temperatures of 90 degrees day and night - so we were in a constant sweat. However the job was interesting and John was a good manager. Whilst living there we were introduced to three new races - Chinese, Indian and Malay. They were generous with their hospitality and we enjoyed getting to know them. Our three children went to a small international school run by a Welsh head mistress and at eight years old they went on to school in England.

John and I both played sport - he coached cricket and we played tennis, squash and badminton. We retired in 1990 and came to Oakridge village where my parents were already established.

Living in a small English village has been a wonderful experience. There is enormous talent among the villagers, who cook and sew and paint and walk and have beautiful gardens. As my friend said; "Jenny, if you want anything, just ask for help ". What more can you need?

Helen Newman

Before coming to the Cotswolds, Helen and her family lived on a narrow boat, completing 2,500 miles on canals until a year or so after having two children, when they sold the boat. Helen had always wanted to live near the sea or water but her husband Tony was a Gloucestershire man so they began looking for a property in this area when a career move brought him here. When they came across the Grade II listed Jacobean farmhouse, Avenis Farm, it at least had ponds and a spring but was derelict and Tony (with his architect training) thought it was beyond saving. It had been owned at one time by the Rowles family who eventually abandoned it and left it unoccupied for 15 years. It came with 7 acres of land to which the Newmans later added another 11 acres. After finally purchasing the farmhouse, they camped in a bungalow in Eastcombe belonging to a member of the family while they did the extensive renovations. Tony worked on the renovations after his working day at Newman Hender, a local engineering firm connected to Tony's family, which produced non-ferrous cast metal items such as taps, valves and parts for submarines. The two boys grew up helping with the renovations and as adults were able to renovate their own houses. Coincidentally, when they restored the farmhouse, they found one of the original Newman Hender taps in the debris which Tony now displays on a stand on his desk.



Helen outside Avenis Farm

Tony's family had long been involved with engineering and interestingly, his great, great, great grandfather had been a master mason in Russia building homes for wealthy Russians. He returned to England having been under house arrest during the Crimean War.

Helen met Tony in Cambridge when they were both students. Helen studied at the Cambridge School of Art mainly following a general course including sculpture and then went on to study fine art at Goldsmith's College in London. She gained a scholarship for two years which could have continued with the proviso that she committed herself to teaching for a year. Not wishing to teach, she forewent the further scholarship. Ironically she ended up teaching art at Rickmansworth Grammar School in the early years of the marriage and enjoyed it.

Helen attributes her love of all things artistic to growing up with a mother who was a painter (and also attended Goldsmiths College) and a father who worked at the British museum, eventually becoming keeper of ethnography. He was responsible for the evacuation of specimens during the war. Items were taken to Northamptonshire for safe-keeping and consequently the family moved to Drayton for two years just before Helen was born. Because of her father's Oxford background and his earlier application to work with the

foreign office, he was moved from the British Museum and was sent to work for the Admiralty in Cambridge. Tony had written a thesis on navigation in the Pacific which the Admiralty was keen to access.

It was the situation of living near a farm in the Essex countryside which gave Helen her love of country living and farming. She has many wonderful tales to tell of life with her younger sister during rationing. Fresh milk was collected by ladling it from a churn on a horse-drawn cart. Food was in short supply so they grew their own vegetables and fruit, made their own wine and kept chickens. They sometimes had cuts from the neighbour's pig. Even feed for the chickens was rationed so they used wheatings (the sweepings off the mill floor) mixed with waste food to produce their own. At this time, when you killed a pig, half of the meat had to go to other people through the authorities.

Helen's philosophy on eating meat is that the animals should be reared and slaughtered as humanely and compassionately as possible and she always carried out this belief in her own dealings with livestock. She subscribes to the Compassion in World Farming movement.

This husbandry continued when the Newmans moved to this area, first renting a cottage in the Scrubbs and eventually moving to Avenis Farm. Not yet being able to drive whilst living in the Scrubbs, Helen would walk with the two small children sitting in paniers on a donkey to get shopping from Bisley.

In Avenis Farm, a vegetable garden was established and Tamworth pigs and pedigree Cotswold sheep were added to the smallholding at various times. Donkeys and ponies for the boys came later. Helen became proficient in dressing poultry as well as lambing and preparing sheepskins for tanning. There were two Jersey cows and a small dairy in a barn where cheese was made. Some of this went to Helen's friend Patricia Pye who made excellent cheesecakes. In true neighbourly fashion, the milking and other chores were shared with folk nearby and they were repaid in kind with milk, cream and cheese.

When her boys started school, Helen was able to begin again to make craft items, particular large jewellery made from metals. Starting in 1969, the output grew and Helen employed other artists to help, such as Mary Noble from Oakridge (who became a very good jeweller in her own right), Gill Catt from Water Lane, Jackie Lacey and a cartographer neighbour Audrey Clayton. Helen designed the pieces and taught her assistants the craftsmanship. A renovated cottage on the farm was used as a workshop. Eventually Helen joined the



Helen in 1971 wearing one of her brass necklaces

Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen, later becoming a life member. In this role, she had to exhibit regularly and help with exhibitions. She put a lot of time into making metals into beautiful artefacts and these went on sale or return to galleries in many places such as Cheltenham, Liverpool, London and Houston, Texas.

Helen's renown led her to make commissioned pieces for celebrities. The Bishop of Tewkesbury had lost his gold bishop's ring for which she designed and made a replacement, being advised by church silver maker Philip Lowry. Through the WI she was asked to produce gifts for the wedding of Charles and Diana - a paper knife and a box for stamps in gold and silver. Pieces were also commissioned for well-known figures such as Jan Leeming and Una Stubbs. Her work producing iconic belts in copper and brass became part of a permanent exhibition in London in 1971. Quite an achievement for a fine arts graduate turned metalworker who had to learn the mechanics of jewellery making.

These prestigious activities brought publicity and TV coverage which became rather obtrusive for the family. In spite of her fame, it was difficult to make a good living from her craft as Helen had little time with her household commitments and the small holding. Helen's home was open to anyone who needed support and she gave her time freely to others, including fostering a young boy who stayed for 14 years. Sometimes, having talents in too many areas makes it hard to concentrate on one thing.

Having spent time listening to the fascinating tales about Helen's life, I could relate so much more if space allowed. I will just finish with a funny story about the time she borrowed a wild boar to mate with her two Tamworth pigs, rescued from the film industry. She found a strong virile boar at the Tunnel House pub and brought him to stay with her sows. After a few days he became listless and looked poorly so she consulted with a vet. He pronounced that the only thing wrong with the boar was his withdrawal symptoms from not having the dregs of the beer every night from the pub. A few days of aspirin therapy and he was fine again!

Although her fingers are no longer flexible enough to do much work on her crafts, Helen continues to paint in watercolour and oils and enjoys spending time with her family, including her six grandchildren. Much of her work is displayed in the amazing historic farmhouse which is her home.

*If you would like to shine in the Spotlight, please contact
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OAKRIDGE CELEBRATES TOGETHER – THE CORONATION WEEKEND

On Saturday 6th May King Charles III will be crowned in Westminster Abbey. And as you can imagine Oakridge Lynch will be celebrating the coronation in style that weekend.

The Village Hall's great audio-visual facilities will be used to screen the BBC coverage of the events. On Saturday 6th May the village hall will be open from 9.30am so that we can enjoy the build-up and watch the guests arrive. There will be tea and coffee served along with biscuits. The coronation itself will start at 11am and we imagine it will be over by around 1pm. (We are waiting for the exact timings when What's On went to press.) Following the formal part of the day, we would like to invite everyone to a 'Bring and Share buffet lunch' from 1pm till 3pm - a pay bar will be available.

On the evening of Sunday 7th May we will be screening the concert being held in Windsor Castle. There will be complementary snacks and a pay bar and the opportunity to dance the evening away!

Please look out for the interactive spreadsheet on the village website with requests for dishes to make a buffet fit for a king. If you're not the sort of person who uses the website, just let one of us listed below, and we will let you know what we are looking for.

We're hoping this will be an opportunity for the village to get together to celebrate the coronation and also to celebrate our wonderful community. EVERYONE IS WELCOME including visiting family and friends!

Anyone wanting to help out please contact:

Jane Curzon 07764611667
Penny Newton 07887946523
Paul Timms 07949785374

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 5th April and Wednesday 3rd May 2023.

Any issues in the Oakridge Ward of our Parish please contact

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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 21st January – 19th March 2023:

S.22/0857/FUL Extend existing parking arrangements for 2 years Frith House, Tunley	Permitted
S.23/0007/HHOLD Single storey side extension, Glendale, Far Oakridge	Application Withdrawn
S.23/0408/HHOLD New dormers/fenestration alterations 5 The Crescent, Oakridge Lynch	Awaiting Decision
S.23/0351/FUL Installation of solar panels on farm building Fourways Farm, Waterlane	Awaiting Decision
S.23/0332/HHOLD External staircase to garage and other works 1 The Taut, Oakridge Lynch	Awaiting Decision
S.23/0292/HHOLD Alternations to provide first floor extension accommodation Longridge, Oakridge Lynch	Awaiting Decision

S.23/0167/HHOLD Residential annexe and new porch to existing dwelling The Round, Bournes Green	Awaiting Decision
S.23/0505/HHOLD 2-storey extension, conservatory and replacement garage Whitespring, Oakridge Lynch	Awaiting Decision

DISTRICT NEWS

As always, please contact me if I can help in any way: Martin Brown, Green Party District Councillor, 01452 770878, cllr.martin.brown@stroud.gov.uk

COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

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BisCAN
Bisley Climate Action Network
BISLEY , EASTCOMBE & OAKRIDGE



BisCAN is a community of groups and individuals in the Parish of Bisley-with-Lypiatt, which aims to mitigate the impact of climate change by reducing our local carbon footprint, and to aid nature recovery in our Parish. We hope to encourage the residents of our communities to lead lives that are healthy and happy while putting nature first. We are open to all residents of the Parish.

If you'd like to find out more about what we do, please get in touch:
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USEFUL INFORMATION

- The village website – www.oakridgevillage.org - for up-to-date information, including Village Hall availability and Village Events Calendar
-  pages – Oakridge Village Network and Oakridge Village Hall, Oakridge Lynch
- Village network WhatsApp group
- Village Hall bookings – johnloosley40@gmail.com
- Ollie's Shop – 01285 760239 Mon-Fri 9-5 Sat 9-1 Sun 9-12
- Oakridge Parochial School – 01285 760269
- Sign up to receive news of events, films and the What's On direct to your email inbox, via the village website – www.oakridgevillage.org/maillinglist
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 2023

Tues 4 th	• Garden Club, Village Hall	7.30 pm
Weds 5 th	• Health Walk, Frithwood Surgery	2.00 pm
	• Parish Council, Bisley	7.30 pm
Thurs 6 th	• Café Church, St Bartholomew's	10 am - 12 noon
Weds 12 th	• Ladies Night	7.30 pm
Thurs 13 th	• WI, Village Hall	7.00 pm
Weds 19 th	• Lunch Club, Village Hall	Noon - 2.00 pm
	• Health Walk, Frithwood Surgery	2.00 pm
Weds 26 th	• History Group, Village Hall	7.30 pm

MAY 2023

Weds 3 rd	• Health Walk, Frithwood Surgery	2.00 pm
	• Film Night, Village Hall	6.45 pm
	• Parish Council, Bisley	7.30 pm
Thurs 4 th	• Café Church, St Bartholomew's	10 am - 12 noon
Sat 6 th	• Coronation Day, Village Hall	From 9.30 am
Sun 7 th	• Coronation Concert, Village Hall	From 7.00 pm
Weds 10 th	• Ladies Night	7.30 pm
Thurs 11 th	• WI, Village Hall	7.00 pm
Sat 13 th	• May Revels, Oakridge School	
Weds 17 th	• Lunch Club, Village Hall	Noon - 2.00 pm
	• Health Walk, Frithwood Surgery	2.00 pm
Weds 24 th	• History Group, Village Hall	7.30 pm
Weds 31 st	• Health Walk, Frithwood Surgery	2.00 pm

Friday 19th May, 5pm - CLOSING DATE
for the June / July WHAT'S ON

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