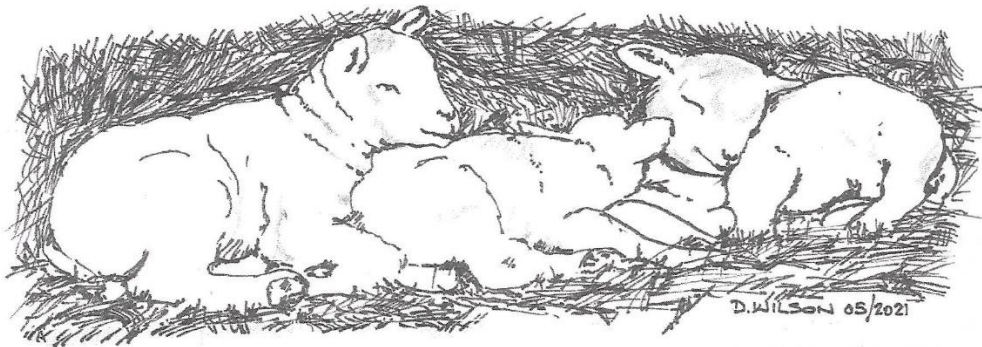


# WHAT'S ON

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LAMBS ENJOYING THE SUNSHINE

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## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

As the country moves out of lockdown, our local groups are turning their thoughts toward holding meetings once again – see their articles with 'dates for your diary' through this edition.

Following the elections held on 6<sup>th</sup> May, we have a new District Councillor, Martin Brown, to represent the Parish with Stroud District Council, and a new County Councillor, Sue Williams. Find Martin's introduction on page 14, and Sue's on page 15. I am sure we all look forward to their successful representation of Parish matters at district and council levels, and they are keen to hear from members of the community with any issues to raise.

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](http://www.oakridgevillage.org).

This edition sees the third of Sue Wise's "Spotlight on..." features, on page 11. At the request of the contributor, this will not feature in the online version of What's On. Please do contact Sue if you would be interested in being interviewed, or have suggestions for future interviewees.

And last, but very definitely not least, I give my grateful thanks to Gill Davis for her many years of dedicated service as Editor of the What's On. I hope I can always call on you for advice Gill! For anyone who missed it, Gill wrote about the history of What's On in the August/September 2020 edition – if you'd like a copy, please contact me.

**26<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021 - CLOSING DATE**  
**for the next WHAT'S ON**

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## YOUR PAGE

*If you have any comments on the current issue or concerns about any matters that have arisen in the village, just get in touch with the editor, Victoria Beard, at: [editoroakridgewatson@gmail.com](mailto:editoroakridgewatson@gmail.com)*

To fellow Oakridge Lynch friends and residents.

If you are planning an overseas vacation this year and manage to get away, good luck, I envy you! But if you are planning on a stay-cation, please allow me to introduce Appledore in north Devon. <https://lnkd.in/dcx6zyq>

Many of you will know that Sue runs two holiday homes in the village and with property refurbishments now complete, there is still availability for 2021. We didn't market them too heavily this year as we didn't know exactly when the building work would be complete!

Check out <https://lnkd.in/dpY8wG4> to get a flavour of what we offer.

You will have to contact Sue by email or phone to discuss availability and rates. We haven't gone mad on airbnb as we like to offer a personal touch and prefer to let to friends and family.

Who knows, maybe we'll see you in Appledore later in the year.

We are offering a 20% discount to key workers this year.

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*Phil and Sue Harris*

## THE CHURCH IN OAKRIDGE



**meeting at St Bartholomew's**

**VICAR** Rev. S Murray

**CHURCHWARDEN** Mr. Martin Green 01452 770322

The Vicar will be on Sabbatical for three months June – August, during this time she will be researching specific Old Testament areas of the Bible. Should you need to make contact, please email: vicar@bisleybenefice.org.uk

The church is open for communal worship on the Sundays listed below. We would be delighted to welcome you at our face to face services. Please observe Covid19 restrictions in place at the time, currently face masks and social distancing are required when attending.

Saint Bartholomew's Church will be open on Thursdays and Sundays from 10.00am until 12 noon, offering peaceful and pleasant surroundings for prayer and reflection.

**ZOOM worship – has been discontinued**

### **JUNE 2021**

6 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am	Morning Prayer
20 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am	Holy Communion
27 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am	Holy Communion

### **JULY 2021**

4 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am	Morning Prayer
18 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am	Holy Communion

## OAKRIDGE VILLAGE HALL



As always, we are careful to observe government guidelines regarding reopening of our facilities, continuing to observe the 2m distancing rule and hand sanitisation. Ballyhoo continues to offer regular afternoon classes for their dance pupils, and the Hall is now beginning to open up to other fitness groups, including Yoga and Tai Chi.

As can be seen from their entries below, several of the village groups are now planning a return to holding their meetings in the Hall, beginning in June.

Booking enquiries: email [johnloosley40@gmail.com](mailto:johnloosley40@gmail.com).

## OAKRIDGE HISTORY GROUP



The Oakridge History Group meetings will be starting up again on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm in the village hall. We will be spacing out the chairs to conform to any social distancing required at that time. The talk will be on the History of Tetbury by Jane Haines. Jane is the chair of History of Tetbury Society (HOTS) and is an authority on the fascinating history of the town. It promises to be an interesting and enjoyable illustrated talk.

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June Jane Haines will be leading a walk around Tetbury. We will be meeting at the Chipping Car Park in Tetbury at 6pm and the cost is £2.00 each, collected on the day. As we will need to know numbers, please book with Kay Rhodes 01285 760264 or John Loosley 01285 760460.

We will recommence our 2021/22 season of talks on 22<sup>nd</sup> September when we hope to have a varied and interesting programme which will be published in What's On.

We continue to receive queries through the Oakridge Archives website <https://oakridgearchives.omeka.net>. The latest was a query regarding the site of several graves of the Phelps family in the Oakridge Methodist graveyard. An earlier query was regarding the Lewis family from a descendant in Canada which we managed to link to the James Lewis, the last hayward of the common who died in 1885 and whose photo is on the website.

*John Loosley*

## OAKRIDGE GARDEN CLUB



This is my first attempt at writing for What's On. Very sadly our regular reporter, Bizzie White, has moved to Cricklade; we do wish her much happiness and hope to see her often. So I have taken up the pen - she's a hard act to follow.

As I write, we are still getting cold days with frosts each morning. At least we have had rain after such a dry April. It has not been an easy Spring.

Your committee held a rather chilly and socially distanced meeting in early April to discuss how best to open up again after such a long closure. We felt a garden visit, not too far away, using our own cars and each paying for ourselves was best. So we have chosen Boughton House near Moreton in Marsh on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. You will get notice of this, or maybe you have already. We hope for a nice day and will enjoy meeting up again with lots of club members. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the lovely fresh young leaves and all the growth in our gardens. Let's hope for warm sun to speed the growing.

*Gill Wimperis*

## NATURE NOTES FROM WATERLANE



I have had some resident pheasants in my garden over winter and early spring, and it gave me a fascinating insight into their habits and social life. The adult male pheasant has a red face and glossy green head with a long pointed tail, the female is smaller and is well camouflaged with mottled buff to blackish plumage. They are usually seen on the ground during the day roaming the woodland edge and agricultural land but prefer to roost at night in the trees.

The pheasant's natural home is in Asia, from the Caucasus eastwards to China. They were introduced here in the early middle ages and by the 16th century they were common. Late in the following century birds from China were introduced and these were distinguished by the white neck -rings on the male.

I scattered some bird seed on the ground for them when food was scarce and I was rewarded with a happy mewling noise in return while they were pecking at the seed. The other noise I got was a loud crow by the male when disturbed, especially in the early hours of the morning. Mating starts early in the year with the male following several females around the fields. He banks his wing to show his interest and is persistent in his pursuit, copulation seemed to take place when the female was ready and not before.

I had two male pheasants having a confrontation on the lawn one morning, they were facing each other, crouching very low, bobbing and weaving like a couple of professional boxers. Occasionally they would rise up to try and get an advantage, they have spurs on the backs of their legs with which they hack at each other using vicious downward blows. This went on for some time before a female stepped in to stop the quarrel. It didn't stop the males they just went around the corner of the cottage and carried on their fighting.

*Alan White*

## OAKRIDGE WI



Oakridge WI is still functioning via the committee, which has been able to meet monthly – outside – fair weather and foul.

County has had many Zoom classes, talks and meetings available to members so inclined. The postponed National 2020 AGM will now happen as a hybrid – visual event on 8<sup>th</sup> June.

April is our subscription month. Committee has been able to set the amount for 2021/2022 due to the lack of meetings in 2020, at £25.



Now is your chance ladies, come and “suss” us out. Eleven meetings and a monthly magazine. Each WI is unique and shaped by its’ members, so “Try the WI” and be inspired.

We will kickstart into action at the Village Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm – “Show and Tell” for members, “What did you do in the lockdown?”. So looking forward to some face to face time.

Our 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on 8<sup>th</sup> July at the Village Hall will be a celebration with something special.

*Mary Fern*

*01285 760261 for further information*

## WINE CLUB



Would you agree sometimes the nicest things happen when you're not looking for them?  
and ...

Are you currently thumbing through this copy of 'What's On' looking to see what catches your eye?

Ha ha ... Gotcha!  
*(that worked then)*

I want to bring to the attention of all newcomers into the area the existence of OAKRIDGE LYNCH WINE CLUB. Founded in May 2011 we are 10 years old this month and looking forward (that's putting it mildly) to celebrating this wonderful achievement as soon as possible.

Although we have not been able to meet since February 2020 in our USUAL way (once a month in the old skittle alley at our local pub, The Butchers Arms), we did manage to meet in a particularly UNUSUAL way last August in the garden of one of our regular members, when 30 people were allowed. It was a massive success!

Life has been very discombobulating with all the lockdowns, changing of restrictions and never quite knowing what foot to put first or if your left hand knows anything at all about what your right hand should be doing ... you know, all that kind of thing.

However, as a result of our Wine Club 'What's On' articles over the months, people have peeped over the parapet and expressed their interest and curiosity about our Wine Club. That has been just lovely and heartwarming.

When the next opportunity arises for us to all meet safely, I hope you will be able to join us and decide for yourselves if you like what you see... and drink! The meetings are friendly and relaxed and you would be made most welcome. That is a promise!

So to anyone whose eye has been caught by this article, my message is simple... whether you are a connoisseur or you '*know what you like but don't know why you like it*', please get in touch with Jill on 07816955362.

Bottoms Up!



## OAKRIDGE RAINWATCH



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

March..... 43.6 mm.....about 1.7 ins.

April..... 24.5 mm.....about 0.9 ins.

May (to 18<sup>th</sup>)..... 104.1 mm.....about 4 ins.

*Gill Farrar*

## OLLIE'S SHOP

As some of you know (and have tried and loved them), we now stock the award winning Madhus' Rasoi cook-in sauces for authentic Indian cuisine in just 20 minutes.

The gold medal sauces are made right here in Stroud using only the freshest locally sourced ingredients by Madhu herself who also runs a successful catering business with authentic Indian cuisine at its heart.

Today we are delighted to announce that we will be able to bring her delicious dishes straight to your table on Curry Night Friday by offering takeaway to collect from the shop every last Friday of the month, starting Friday June 25th. Below is a copy of the first menu on offer and if you are interested, just let us know by Wednesday 23rd and pick up from the shop on Friday afternoon from 2pm. Should you have any dietary requirements, please let us know when placing your order as Madhu can adjust the menu accordingly (vegan, gluten free...)

The four course menu is £29 and feeds two people. So if you fancy a curry night with the best Indian food currently available right here in Stroud, please get in touch.

*Oscar and Laura*



*Authentic Indian cuisine*

*Weddings | Private Functions | Corporate Events*

**Curry Night**  
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021**  
**Menu for 2 people**  
**£29**

**Masala Chicken**

*Fresh locally sourced chicken cooked in an aromatic tomato sauce.*

**Aubergines & Potatoes Saak**

*Aubergines with Stancombe Beech farm potatoes cooked in a delicious fenugreek masala.*

**Tadka Dhal**

*Dhal with a temper! Or rather 'tempered' with curry leaves and whole spices*

**Jeera Rice**

*Light and fluffy basmati rice cooked with roasted cumin*

**Naans**

**Vegetarian option**

*White kidney beans cooked with our very own spinach & lemon sauce.*

To place your order, visit us or call us at 01285 760239 or email us at [olliesatoakridge@gmail.com](mailto:olliesatoakridge@gmail.com) by Wednesday June 23rd.

Thank you.

## MEMORIES OF OAKRIDGE PAST

It has been a pleasure to hear reminiscences from some of the older members of the village in recent months. Although articles so far have tended to focus on schooldays in particular, or from those 'born and bred' in the village, that should not preclude contributions from anyone who has observations on village life, no matter how long they have been resident.

If you would like to make a contribution, please get in contact with Victoria Beard, email: [editoroakridgewhatson@gmail.com](mailto:editoroakridgewhatson@gmail.com).

## OAKRIDGE SHOW

It's looking very much like some form of Village Show will go ahead on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September – so save the date! By the next edition of What's On, we hope to know more about how the continued easing of lockdown will affect such events, and will be in a position to give a more definite programme for the day.

We would love your feedback so please let us know your ideas.

*With many thanks, regards*

*Mark Barnett*

*Email: [mbarnett104@gmail.com](mailto:mbarnett104@gmail.com)*

## 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](http://www.bisley-with-lypiatt.gov.uk)

Next PC meetings: 7.30 pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### **TELECOMS MAST IN FAR OAKRIDGE**

No, this hasn't gone away! EE are continuing to search for a site for their Telecoms Mast to supply the Government with ESN (Emergency Services Network) on a short section of road from Tunley to the Daneway Inn. So a mast will be going up somewhere.

THEY ARE STILL CONSIDERING FAR OAKRIDGE AS A LOCATION – if you want to be kept in touch with developments please let us have your email address (send to [Tony.Martin@Bisley-with-Lypiatt.gov.uk](mailto:Tony.Martin@Bisley-with-Lypiatt.gov.uk) )

They are looking at another location in the woods along the lane between Sapperton and Frampton Mansell (not in our Parish), but we do not know where they are with any planning application. We are liaising with Sapperton PC to try to keep in touch.

BACKGROUND - EE submitted a pre-application planning notice for the erection of a 20m telecoms mast on the edge of Far Oakridge (on the way towards Tunley) to SDC planning in August 2020. Their pretext was that they have a contract with the UK government to provide full Emergency Services Network (ESN) across the whole area. This was withdrawn in September 2020 after coordinated opposition by a number of local residents who had formed an informal opposition group believing that the proposal from EE not only provided the ESN but was also a commercial telecoms mast.

Since then, EE have continued with background operations to increase their likelihood of achieving success with their preferred site. A small opposition group of local residents has continued a low-level fight against the manoeuvrings of EE and are now looking to gather wider support of the local community to help oppose the Mast being located in or around Far Oakridge.

THE FUTURE - Whilst EE continue to pursue the mast location on the edge of Far Oakridge, we are aware they are looking at a number of alternative locations within the area, but we do not know the exact locations. However, they have recently unveiled an additional new location situated on the lane between Sapperton and Frampton Mansell and within the woodland area (we believe this to be on the Bathurst Estate). This proposed additional location is situated outside our Parish (and indeed outside SDC area – in Cotswold District Council area). We have yet to fully evaluate this new site but it would initially seem that it is not near any housing and would seem to have a lower overall impact.

When we have any contact from EE or they submit a pre-planning application, we are planning to set up a meeting to which the whole community would be invited in order to update everyone and discuss the way forward – especially in the light of the new proposal from EE. We will be seeking engagement with EE to gather a greater understanding of their plans and to hopefully be able to encourage and support a solution which is acceptable to the whole community.

### **NAILS DELIBERATELY DEPOSITED ON LOCAL FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEPATHS**

We have had worrying reports that someone has deposited nails on paths and bridleways around our Parish, presumably to deter off-road motorbikes and 4x4 cars from using them. This can not only puncture the tyres of off-road cars and motorbikes, but could seriously injure people (they could easily go through wellington boots), horses and dogs – and possibly any other wildlife using the paths eg deer, badgers, foxes etc

**The Police and GCC Highways have been informed and will be taking action against both the illegal nail depositors AND the illegal off road motor vehicles.**

If you find any nails deposited could you please report it to GCC Highways [Harriett.Osburn@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Harriett.Osburn@gloucestershire.gov.uk) preferably using WHAT 3 WORDS APP <https://what3words.com/how-to-use-the-what3words-app/> which you can download onto your mobile (this app can give a locational position within a 3m box so GCC would be able to send a crew to the exact location pick up the nails).

Any issues in the Oakridge Ward of our Parish please contact  
Cllr Tony Martin - [tony.martin@bisley-with-lypiatt.gov.uk](mailto:tony.martin@bisley-with-lypiatt.gov.uk)  
Cllr Roger Budgeon - [roger@greenshopgroup.co.uk](mailto:roger@greenshopgroup.co.uk)  
Cllr Dennis Robbins - [d.robbins1945@btinternet.com](mailto:d.robbins1945@btinternet.com)

## **DISTRICT NEWS**

### **NEW DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

I am very pleased to be your new District Councillor, and I look forward to representing all residents of the Ward. I have been on the Parish Council since 2018, and I plan to continue on it as well as the District Council. I hope this will enable me to better represent local interests at the District level. I will be on two Stroud District Council committees: Environment (responsible for waste and recycling, environmental health, canals, and carbon management) and Development Control (planning). My priorities include helping the area and its residents respond to the challenges of climate change; protecting our beautiful environment; supporting the more vulnerable and those in need; making our roads safer for all; and supporting local businesses.

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 former teacher, a cyclist and bell-ringer, 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, as well as a community speedwatch group in Bisley, and remain active in both.

I look forward to getting to know more residents of Oakridge, as well as Bisley and Eastcombe and all the hamlets in the parish, and learning from you what I can do to help the area. Thank you to everyone for your support. Please don't hesitate to contact me:

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01452 770878  
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## COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

Dear Residents,

I am writing to introduce myself as the newly elected County Councillor for the Bisley with Lypiatt and Painswick Division. I consider it to be a huge honour and privilege to serve the community for the next four years and will be working hard on your behalf. I would, of course, like to thank all who voted for me and have given me this opportunity to serve as a Councillor.

I would also like to congratulate Martin Brown for being elected as our District Councillor. Martin and I will be working closely together and in fact have already met with our Local Highways Manager to discuss concerns. Your needs as a community will be individually focused, but each ward level priorities are to forge a transparent line of communication between yourselves and Shire Hall.

I have started my induction training sessions at the County Council and our first full council was on Wednesday 19th May. I have been nominated to serve on the additional following committees:

- Environmental Scrutiny
- Audit and Governance
- Commons rights of way
- Planning Traffic regulation order

I will keep you updated on County issues which affect us although aware that this is bi-monthly publication so would advise residents to contact me directly if they wish to discuss a particular area of concern.

### **Highways**

Once again, there has been an increased spend on Highways. In addition to this each County Councillor has a local highways "pot" of £30,000 this year to spend on local priorities and small minor works. I will be asking the Parish councillors to forward a schedule of Highways and Minor Works "wish list" so that I can cross-reference this with GCC Highways and lobby on your behalf for schemes to be programmed in.

### **School Vouchers**

I can report that this school half term at the end of May, Gloucestershire County Council is again providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our holiday Free School Meals scheme. These vouchers are provided by

Gloucestershire County Council as part of our commitment that 'no child goes hungry'.

Any parents who have previously signed up to the scheme and have received vouchers before will not need to reapply - they will automatically receive the vouchers. There is also a link to sign-up on the GCC website.

### **Pharmacies to take lead on community rapid COVID-19 testing**

Further pharmacies are joining the list of those offering COVID testing to make it even easier for people without symptoms to get their free twice-weekly test. As well as pharmacies offering rapid testing, people can still collect tests from PCR testing centres in Gloucester, Cheltenham and Stroud or order kits online for home delivery.

The NHS Site Finder map <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/> includes the locations of all participating pharmacies, our four community testing sites and Community Collect points across the county.

To find out more about testing for people with no symptoms in the county visit: [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/testing](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/testing)

I would very much like to discuss any concerns you may have, so do please contact me:

My mobile is 07766318854.

Email is [susan.williams@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:susan.williams@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021:

S.21/0534/HHOLD and S.21/0535/LBC Erection of extension and other works, Watercombe House, Waterlane	Awaiting Decision
S.21/0491/HHOLD Single storey extension to side of house and conversion of garage, Far Oakridge House, Far Oakridge	Permitted
S.21/0392/HHOLD Removal of conservatory and construction of new extension, Bridleway, Oakridge Lynch	Permitted
S.21/0320/CPE Continued provision of livery and horse training Frithwood House, Far Oakridge	Permitted
S.21/0300/HHOLD Attach flue for new biomass heating boiler Cotswold Cottage, Oakridge Lynch	Permitted
S.21/0296/HHOLD Replace existing garage and loose box with new Whitespring, Oakridge Lynch	Refused
S.21/0623/HHOLD Installation wheelchair ramps, extension to patio Iles Green, Far Oakridge	Permitted
S.21/0689/HHOLD Single storey extension Glendale, Far Oakridge	Permitted
S.21/0953/HHOLD Construction of extension, garage conversion Hillview, Waterlane	Awaiting Decision
S.21/0758/HHOLD Renovation and extension works Frith House, Tunley	Awaiting Decision
S.21/0714/OUT Erection of bungalow Waterlane Fields, Waterlane	Refused
S.21/1212/FUL Conversion of barn to staff accommodation Frith House, Tunley	Awaiting Decision
S.21/1258/HHOLD and S.21/1259/LBC Construction of glasshouse and kitchen extensions Watercombe House, Waterlane	Awaiting Decision



S.21/1131/HHOLD Conversion roof space, new dormer window Tralee, Oakridge Lynch	Awaiting Decision
S.21/1106/LBC Various works to create holiday let and office space Kings Farm, Tunley	Awaiting Decision

## CITIZENS ADVICE



### *Can you save money on your energy bills?*

On 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, the energy regulator Ofcom raised the price cap on standard and default energy tariffs. For the average household, bills are set to rise by £96 a year. The new cap isn't the maximum users will pay, the cap sets a limit on the rates you pay for gas and electricity, so the more you use, the more you pay.

This is now a good time to see if you can save money by switching. In the last 5 months, Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswolds Districts have helped 175 households with energy issues. This includes saving money by switching, helping clients switch to green energy suppliers, helping clients understand their energy bills and usage and finding grants and financial support for clients. Our website [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) has lots of information to help you with your energy supply.

However, we understand that not everyone uses the internet and that some people have issues that need specialist advice. If you would like help with your energy bills, please get in touch. Your gas, electricity and water bills do not have to be worrying issues.

Our service is confidential, impartial and independent.  
Call **0808 109 2056, 0808 800 0510 or 0808 800 0511** (Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm) to speak to one of our friendly advisers.

If you don't need our help but would like to support our work with those in the community who need our advice, please see our website [www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk) for details on how to donate.

## COURGETTE LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE

For all the bakers in the community, a transformation of the humble lemon drizzle cake, one of the nation's favourite bakes, into a gorgeous courgette-filled cake. Yep, courgette gives a bake lovely moisture - and you're sure to love this.

Perfect for using up a glut of courgettes during the summer season.

**Prep: 15 mins**

**Cooking time: 1 hour**

**10 servings**

**Easy**

### **Ingredients:**

150 ml vegetable oil

200 g caster sugar

3 medium eggs

3 Finely grated zest of 2 lemons and juice of 1 lemon

1 large courgette, around 200g, coarsely grated

250 g self-raising flour

1/2 tsp. bicarbonate of soda

### **FOR THE DRIZZLE**

Finely grated zest and juice of 1 lemon

75 g granulated sugar

### **Method:**

1. Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan) mark 4. Grease and line a 900g loaf tin. In a large bowl, beat together the oil, caster sugar, and eggs with a wooden spoon until smooth.
2. Stir in the lemon zest and juice and the grated courgette. Sift in the flour and bicarbonate of soda and fold in gently until no floury patches remain. Tip into the prepared tin and bake for 55min-1hr until risen, golden and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean
3. Remove from the oven and gently pierce all over with a toothpick or skewer.
4. Make the drizzle by stirring half the lemon zest with the remaining drizzle ingredients together in a small bowl. Spoon this over the top of the hot cake and allow to cool completely in the tin.
5. Sprinkle over the remaining zest. Remove cake from tin and serve in slices.

(Recipe taken from [www.Good Housekeeping.com](http://www.Good Housekeeping.com))

<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b>
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Finally, we are able to highlight planned events coming up in the next few months.....

**JUNE**

10 <sup>th</sup> June	WI, Village Hall	7.30 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Garden Club visit to Boughton House	
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	History Group, Village Hall	7.30 pm
28 <sup>th</sup> June	History Group, Walk around Tetbury	6.00 pm

**JULY**

8 <sup>th</sup> July	WI 98 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations, Village Hall	7.30 pm
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