



*Seasons Greetings*



# WHAT'S ON

in

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



*Butchers Arms*  
*Oakridge Lynch*

## THE CHURCH IN OAKRIDGE



**meeting at St Bartholomew's**

**VICAR** Rev. S Murray 01452 770897

**CHURCHWARDEN** Mr. Martin Green 01452 770322

### **DECEMBER 2019**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Parish Communion  | 9.30a.m.  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Christingle Family Service  | 9.30a.m.  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Family Communion with Breakfast at Bart's                                 | 9.30a.m.  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Morning Worship   | 9.30a.m.  |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Crib Service – particularly suitable for families                         | 4.00p.m.  |
|                  | Carol Service – Traditional Readings and Carols<br>with the Village Choir | 7.00p.m.  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas Family Communion  | 9.30a.m.  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Benefice Eucharist  | 10.00a.m. |

### **JANUARY 2020**

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| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Parish Communion                          | 9.30a.m. |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Covenant Service                          | 9.30a.m. |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Family Communion with Breakfast at Bart's | 9.30a.m. |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Morning Worship                           | 9.30a.m. |

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Is on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 3:00pm at 2 The Birches - please contact Brian (01285 760452) for details.

## **NEWS FROM ST BARTHOLOMEW'S**

This year Advent Sunday is on the 1st December. The season of Advent is our preparation for the great festival of Christmas and should be a time of restraint and fasting. The feasting and merrymaking should be after Christmas and into January but like many things we seem to have got it the wrong way round.

If Christmas is still to have some real meaning, we have our Christmas services to remind us of its importance, all taking place in a beautifully decorated church.

The Crib Service is in Christmas Eve afternoon when the children, often with their grandparents in attendance, recreate the Christmas story. It has a charming and appropriate simplicity. The Carol Service in the evening is a very special and unmissable occasion of the traditional lessons and carols and glorious singing by the choir.

The Holy Communion Service on Christmas morning when we at last are allowed to sing all the verses of "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" rounds off our celebrations.

There will be a change to our pattern of services in the New Year. The fourth Sunday of the month will be a Benefice Service, taking place in each of the parish churches in rotation. The first will be on the 26th January, details of time and place to follow.

In the meantime, all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year from Sue and her team and all at St Bartholomews.

*Bizzie White*

## **OAKRIDGE WI**

The speaker for our October meeting was once again a No Show. Has the village been removed from the map? The recent number of house sales would seem to suggest NOT. However, we formed a self-help group between us on the topic expected from the NHS speaker on "Breathing and Relaxation Techniques"; members were happy to share their experiences and a beneficial evening was

experienced. Without a speaker, of course, we are able to spend more 'social time' together, which is one of the WI's intentions.

Two members were able to attend the Federation's Cathedral Service in Gloucester to celebrate and commemorate our Centenary Year. Jerusalem had two airings and the Great West Door was opened for the final singing. A most moving event.

November was our 96<sup>th</sup> AGM. With official channels to follow, Sue R was able to inform us that we were financially sound with a warning about the cost of speakers to consider. Anne Brain, our Secretary, gave her report on the year's happenings, leaving me to thank everyone for their considerable help over our Group Hostess Year, which brings extra gatherings to arrange. Another big thank you here too.

12<sup>th</sup> December is our next meeting night, also the General Election, so we are decamping to the Church for our Wreath Making Workshop at 7.30pm.

9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 is Annual Subscription night £43. Christopher Short is our speaker on "International Commons" – evidently Minchinhampton is not the only one.

There is always a welcome and excellent refreshments.  
*Mary Fern*

## OAKRIDGE HISTORY GROUP



Leone Lockwood's talk in September on Brimscombe Port was a fascinating view into how the past history of the area is being studied and is being used to shape future plans, preserve the best of the present strengths, deal with site problems and develop constructive partnerships.

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October Kirsty Hartsiotis gave a talk about the life of John Drinkwater, poet and playwright, his connection with the Dymock poets and his time in Far Oakridge where he lived from 1919 as a neighbour of his friend William Rothenstein. Kirsty is

curator of Decorative and Fine Arts at the Wilson Art Gallery and Museum, Cheltenham and has an extensive knowledge of the Arts and Crafts movement in the Cotswolds. She talked about his first visit to Far Oakridge having walked over with friends from Amberley to meet William Rothenstein and his subsequent stay in Winston Cottage. Whilst there he wrote various poems and accounts of the characters he met, including Max Beerbohm. It was a very entertaining talk and illustrated the close relationship between the many famous artistic people in the area around Oakridge.

The last meeting of 2019 is a film show, then there are no meetings in December or January, so details of the February meeting will appear in the next What's On. If you wish to get a copy of the new History Group leaflet (£3) to give as a little Christmas extra, copies can be obtained from John Loosley or Kay Rhodes. There are a variety of topics covering the curious, unexpected, remarkable, altered or simply overlooked bits of local history, and everyone should find something of interest to read.

*Kay Rhodes*

## OAKRIDGE GARDEN CLUB



Our October meeting, the first after the summer, is always well attended and this year was no exception. Gardening friends met up, discussed the trials and tribulations caused by the weather and floated ideas

of transforming their gardens next year, all making it a lively and social occasion.

Martin brought us to order (with some difficulty in the hubbub) and we happily settled down to hear Mandy Bradshaw's talk: "The Four Seasons - Cotswold Style". She has a wide ranging knowledge and appreciation of our unique gardens (I think I am using the word 'unique' correctly here!) and supported by beautiful images it was a most enjoyable and informative talk.

Our next meeting is our Christmas Social on the 3rd December, the best, the one and only start to Oakridge's Christmas festivities. Not to be missed.

Happy Christmas and a New Year of good gardening.

*Bizzie White*

## NATURE NOTES FROM WATERLANE



I was driving up my drive in late August when I observed large numbers of swallows and house martins on the telegraph wires above my cottage. Looking more closely I noticed they were not only on the telegraph wires, but they also covered the

roof of the cottage above and the small tree beside it. They were getting ready to migrate to South Africa and by the noise of their twittering getting very excited at the prospect. With migration they follow inexplicable ley lines both ancient and ever shifting and we know that the weather is crucial, dictating much of the speed and direction of movement. With the shifting climate change there have been increasing instances of swallows remaining in Southern England due to the warmer winters.

The best way to distinguish the house and sand martins from the swallows is by the shorter tail of the martins, although the russet throat of the swallow can be distinctive. Swallows rarely alight on the ground except when gathering nesting material, they catch insects on the wing and swoop to sip water from puddles or streams. They usually return to the same locality where they bred the previous year, often the same site. On one occasion I left my front door open and saw a swallow flying up the stairs looking for a nesting site, it was a devil of a job to get it outside again.

They generally return to these shores about late April, although I have seen them as early as the beginning of March, proving that old country saying that 'one swallow doesn't make a summer' to be justified.

*Alan White*

# OAKRIDGE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL



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It has been a busy time since September for our new Executive Headteacher. Our Year 6 pupils have interviewed Mr Preston to see how he is settling in at Oakridge. This is what he said.

## **Year 6 pupils' interview with Mr Preston, our new Executive Headteacher**

Q.1 Why do you like being a head teacher?

Mr Preston said that he likes working with children and making a difference in their lives.

Q.2 Why primary schools?

He said there's a lot more variety in primary schools and every day is different.

Q.3 How long have you been a head teacher?

Mr Preston has been teaching more than 20 years and has been a Headteacher for 6 years.

Q.4 Which school have you taught at before?

He has taught mainly in London.

Q.5 How would you make the school a better place?

Work with all of the adults (governors, staff, parents) ... and children of course!

Q.6 What do you do in your spare time?

Mr Preston likes tennis, travelling, going to the theatre, reading and Dr Who!



Oakridge School Choir  
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

12<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm  
Outside Oakridge School

Warming refreshments for sale to raise funds for  
Oakridge School.



Oakridge Parochial School, Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7NR

The **Oakridge School Choir** will also be spreading the Christmas cheer at the following venues:

4<sup>th</sup> December - Carols at The Greenshop, Bisley at 4pm

6<sup>th</sup> December – Goodwill Evening on Stroud High Street 5:30pm

17<sup>th</sup> December – St Bartholomew’s Church, Oakridge Lynch  
Christmas Carols and Nativity at 6pm



## OAKRIDGE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Oakridge School Association will be raising funds for our wonderful school with another **Bag2school** collection. Please bring plastic bags of unwanted good quality clothes, textiles and shoes to school on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January** by 9am. Thank you all for your support of our last collection in May that raised £52 for our school, while also rehoming 130kg of quality items to those in need.

Wanted: Good quality clean adult and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, scarves, ties, jewellery, lingerie, socks, soft toys and household linen, curtains, towels and bedding linen.

No: uniforms, duvets, blankets, pillows, cushions, rugs, mats, textile off-cuts or bric-a-brac.

Please only bring filled bags to school on the day as unfortunately school can't store bags beforehand due to lack of space. For more info visit [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com) or contact school.

## FROM THE GROUND



The children will be taking a break from active work at the allotment until the New Year, when they will return to continue their exciting projects.

A big thank you to everybody who has continued to support our venture. Everyone is always welcome at the allotment to see all the good things the children are doing.

*OAT (Oakridge Allotment Team)*

*07983 465414 / [info@mouseabouttown.co.uk](mailto:info@mouseabouttown.co.uk)*

## **OLLIE'S SHOP**

Christmas is coming and at Ollie's, we are already taking orders for our popular Christmas meats from the local butcher: from organic, free range turkeys and geese to gammon and ham joints and everything in between. Also from the local farm shop, vegetable trays are available to order.

Our "Santa's Grotto" is already filling up with Christmas goodies and unique gifts and treats as well as our popular hampers so you don't have to travel far to find that perfect something for the especial people in your life.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all our customers and friends for their continued support this year and to wish you all a very happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Please note that we will be closed from Christmas Day until Friday January the 3rd when we will reopen at the usual business hours.

## **OAKRIDGE VILLAGE HALL**

### **Cooker**

The Oakridge Village Hall trustees continue to upgrade facilities in the hall. Our latest addition is a brand new Falcon Continental Range to replace the defunct cooker. We are thankful to The Oakridge Show and The Luncheon Club for their donations which have assisted us to make this purchase.

The stainless steel unit has a professional pedigree having been built in the UK. It has a five ring induction hob, so please make sure that you're using cast iron or stainless steel magnetic based pans. It has two ovens, one multifunctional, the other fan assisted. The Range is A rated for energy efficiency which matches our environmental policy. A full set of user instructions are available in the Village Hall kitchen.

A fantastic piece of kit that will inspire our village chefs to continue their good work, producing amazing home cooked food.

## **National Village Halls Week**

As part of the National Village Halls Week, Oakridge Village Hall will be celebrating with an open morning on Saturday 25th January. Everyone is warmly welcome to come and have a look at the excellent facilities in the hall and meet some of the groups and organisations who use the hall. Refreshments will be available. The hall will be open from 10am to 12.30pm so come in for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.

*Paul Timms & John Loosley*

*On behalf of the Village Hall Trustees*

## **THE BUTCHERS ARMS**

*Butchers Arms*

Bev and Greg of the Butchers Arms would like to thank you all for the support shown to us over the past few weeks!

Our Christmas party menu which will be on offer from the 3rd December is available now at the bar or on our Facebook page.

Please join us on Christmas Eve for a complimentary buffet starting at 7.00 pm and also Christmas Day for mince pies and mulled wine from midday to 3.00 pm (tickets only, available from the bar)

See the New Year in with us with a free curry evening starting at 8.00pm.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year,  
*Bev and Greg*

## **BISLEY-with-LYPIATT TWINNING ASSOCIATION**



For more information contact Muriel Brooks - 01452 770346.

Twelfth Night feast with readings and songs in Eastcombe Village Hall on the evening of Saturday 4 January 2020

Visit here by Plessala twinning group over the VE Day weekend 8-11 May 2020

## **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).

Your Parish Council (PC) pushes ahead with the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) consultations, with a hope that it will engage all residents to think about how we want our village and community to be over the next 10 years (and beyond) – we welcome all comments and ideas at any time that residents may have which will inform the structure of this plan, and there are further public meetings planned for consultation and comments – it is YOUR plan! (Please note that the latest Stroud District Council Draft Local Plan is out for public consultation from 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – 6<sup>th</sup> Jan – please go to SDC website for information and to make any comments on it).

Having declared a Climate Emergency, the PC voted to send a letter to the Cotswold AONB asking to review its position on renewable energy development within the AONB. We all want the AONB to truly reflect the special place that it is, but recognise that the way we generate energy is an important contributor to the adverse effects of climate change and want to be a positive contributor to this.

The Tree Planting Scheme of the PC will see a further 5 apple trees planted along the verges of the “lower” road from Far Oakridge to Oakridge to Oakridge Lynch – watch this space for more news of further tree planting.

We don't usually mention planning applications, but this month an application to demolish the existing house and erect a new replacement dwelling at Trillis (in Far Oakridge) has been the subject of much comment. Your PC voted to object to the proposal (principally on scale, materials and historical interest but with other planning technicalities). Public comments are officially closed but SDC planning department may still consider public comments of support or objection.

The grant made for new kissing gates (replacing stiles) to facilitate use of footpaths by some of us less able is being spent, with the first gates appearing in Strawberry Bank (part of Wysis Way). I hope that, like me in my impish ways, you will be able to partake of the suggested eponymous behaviour with loved ones as well as enjoying the walk!

Finally, Mike Bell is stepping down from his role as Chairman of the PC (and eventually as ward parish councillor) as he will be moving out of the area. I am sure we would all like to thank Mike for his valued contribution to the PC leaving it in fine functioning fettle and wish him the best for his future!

Happy Christmas!

*Tony Martin*

Ward Councillors - Tony Martin ([brx44@ymail.com](mailto:brx44@ymail.com)), Mike Bell, Roger Budgeon, Dennis Robbins

Clerk - Debbie Meredith 01452 771089 [admin@bisley-with-lypiatt.gov.uk](mailto:admin@bisley-with-lypiatt.gov.uk)

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BISLEY-EASTCOMBE-OAKRIDGE 2030 UPDATE<br/>(THE NDP)</b></p> |
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Thanks to everyone who turned up and contributed to the Public meetings held during September. We have gained lots of really useful information regarding your views on the topics covered (Housing, Mobility, Landscape, Wildlife, Energy & Economy).

The Steering Group is now engaged on analysing this information and drawing out the common themes in each area. Once this

exercise is completed, we will attempt to expand these common themes such that further public consultation may take place with a view to formulating your requirements into draft policies, for further discussion. We will be asking people who have volunteered to help with this process to get involved within the next few weeks. We shall also be seeking advice from GRCC (Gloucestershire Rural Community Council) to ensure that we are progressing effectively and keeping within the NDP Guidelines.

Hopefully within the next few weeks we will be able to publish the results of the work conducted to date, as well as being able to offer the facility to allow the public to comment and add their views on any relevant topic. In the meantime if you have any comments or would like to get involved in this exciting project then please contact either the Parish Clerk or any member of the Steering Group. Details are on the Parish Web site:

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

## **STROUD FOOD BANK**

A big thank you to all who have contributed to the food bank over the last year and also to Ollie's Shop for providing a location for the donation of goods.

Now that the weather is colder, the shopping list is for instant coffee, tinned vegetables, tinned meat meals, steam pudding, cereal bars and squash/cordial (not fruit shots).

A little something for a Christmas Hamper, deodorants, small packs of toilet rolls and soap powder would also be welcome.

Your donations are very much appreciated.

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. A simple box of food makes a big difference, with foodbanks helping prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown and mental health problems.

Foodbanks partner with a wide range of care professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers and police to identify people

in crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher which can be redeemed for three days emergency food.

Stroud food bank works in conjunction with a couple of other projects:

[www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk](http://www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk) - this project provides basic items for children - cots, buggies, clothes etc - through a referral process.

[www.strouddistrictfurniturebank.org.uk](http://www.strouddistrictfurniturebank.org.uk) - this project provides household furniture for families in the Stroud District

## OAKRIDGE RAINWATCH



The rainfall in September and October, as measured by my rain gauge, was as follows:-

September..... 129.8 mm.....about 5.1 ins.

October..... 167.7 mm.....about 6.6 ins.

So far the rainfall in November is 93 mm.....about 3.7 ins.

*Gill Farrar*

## VILLAGE SHOW

As previously reported, the Show made a good profit, and a donation of £725 each has been distributed to the school, church and village hall. The committee plans to replace some of the old marquees with new, easy to erect gazebos ready for next year.

*Save the date for 2020 – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September!*

## CHALFORD SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB



For information on their December and January events, call Ali: 07595 882948, leave a message on 884214 or check out the website [www.chalford-ssc.co.uk](http://www.chalford-ssc.co.uk)

## DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

Please see the Parish Council website for more detailed information on the items included below within Councillor Williams' report - [www.bisley-with-lypiatt.gov.uk](http://www.bisley-with-lypiatt.gov.uk).

### **Dog Fouling**

Some months ago, I reported to the parish that I hoped members of the community who witness dog fouling would report it to myself or SDC. In another ward of Stroud, a witness reported dog fouling on a village green which resulted in a court proceeding and fine of £1,077 for failing to pick up dog faeces on land protected under a 'Public Spaces Protection Order'.

### **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

During September, as previously reported, we held our first round of public consultation evenings. As I said in my opening address, whilst principally this is a fantastic opportunity to formalise and reconcile with each other the individual character of our ward, an NDP is designed to refine national planning policy down to a local level. This idea, driven by the Localism Act 2011, promotes a less 'Top Down' prescription; rather a "Bottom Up" approach to empower local communities. It would be great for more people to get involved as this process matures.

Stroud District Council are very supportive of these documents, and the previous design statement that we created on the 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2010 was so detailed and articulate, it was considered supplementary planning advice. That means every planning application through SDC from the Bisley Ward is referenced with that document. The new NDP is far broader and deeper than a design statement.



## **Local Plan Review**

The 'Draft Local Plan' and supporting documents will be subject to public consultation for eight weeks commencing w/c 18<sup>th</sup> November and ending w/c 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

The following activities are proposed during that time:

- Press release and newspaper advertisement
- Emails to groups and individuals on Planning Strategy mailing list
- Consultation paper and supporting documents on website
- On-line questionnaire via website
- Consultation paper at deposit points
- Public exhibitions at locations throughout the district
- Meetings with statutory consultees, key stakeholders, interest groups

The results of public consultation, together with the completion of other technical studies, including an Employment Land Assessment, Infrastructure and Delivery Plan and viability studies, will help inform the development of the final draft Plan during 2020.

## **Parking in Stroud**

The Stroud Concordat, after deliberating over the parking situation in Stroud, have decided the best next step would be to increase the opportunities for short stay parking and move some of the long stay parking.

## **Scheduling the Chief Executive of Stroud District Council to visit our ward**

All being well, I am scheduling the Chief Executive to come on a 'ride along' with me so I can indicate certain areas in the ward that Stroud should be aware of. I have a few specific examples I wish to draw to her attention. I will report back in the New Year on the meeting.

I wish you all the best for the Christmas period and look forward to speaking again in 2020.

*Councillor Tim Williams*

## AN APPEAL FROM VILLAGE YOUNGSTERS....

Many will be aware of Stroud District Council's plans to redevelop Brimscombe Port. This appeal comes from young people within our villages....

**We are a group of young scooter users and we need your help.**

### **SAVE RUSH SKATE PARK (and INDOOR FOOTBALL)**

A planning application has been made to Stroud District Council that involves the demolition of RUSH skate park. There are plans in the future to build a new facility however we **are desperately trying to keep RUSH open until a new facility is built.**

RUSH is an amazing venue that provides a safe space for young people to socialise and enjoy themselves scootering, skateboarding, BMX biking and skating. The facility allows them to explore their interests, develop and improve on their skills which helps with their physical health as well as creating a sense of achievement which is very important for a young person's self-esteem and mental health. There is not a facility like this within 100miles. It is really important we try to keep it open. **Please help us by going to Stroud District Council website, current planning applications S.19/1502/FUL and make a comment before 10 December 2019. Check out our instagram @Keep.rush.open. Please share on your Facebook etc**

### ***A PERSONAL CHRISTMAS GREETING***

*As we are reducing the number of cards we have to write, through the What's On we wish all friends in the village, especially in the WI, History Group and Garden Club, a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.*

*Ann & John Fry*

## LOCAL PLANNING NEWS

Information relating to local planning issues, as outlined on the Stroud District Council website. Here is a summary of local planning news in the period 24<sup>th</sup> September – 22<sup>nd</sup> November:

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| S.19/1719/HHOLD<br>Single storey extension, Tunley Farm  | Permitted         |
| S.19/1685/HHOLD<br>Single storey rear extension, Spring Cottage, Far Oakridge                        | Permitted         |
| S.19/2401/HHOLD<br>Garage conversion, The Pigeon House, Oakridge Lynch                               | Awaiting Decision |
| S.19/2310/CPE<br>Change of annexe use, Valley Cottage, Waterlane                                     | Awaiting Decision |
| S.19/2214/FUL<br>Replacement dwelling, Trillis, Far Oakridge   | Awaiting Decision |
| S.19/2224/TCA<br>Tree works, Siccaridge Woods  | Awaiting Decision |
| S.19/2423/HHOLD<br>New rooftop terrace & amendments to previous application, Seaview, Oakridge Lynch | Awaiting Decision |

Further details can be found on the Stroud Council website <https://publicaccess.stroud.gov.uk/online-applications>. For Parish Council planning input, check the website [www.bisley-with-lypiatt.gov.uk](http://www.bisley-with-lypiatt.gov.uk).

## LADIES NIGHT

Dear Ladies,  
After a few months of uncertainty about the Butchers Arms, Oakridge, it is now open again with Greg and Bev in charge. There is a good friendly atmosphere there now and it's nice and warm with the fires burning!

I have therefore set a date for the next meeting of Ladies Night for:

**Wednesday 29th January from 8pm onwards.**

Hope to see lots of you there! In the meantime, have a lovely Christmas.

*Cathy Cheeseman*

## OAKRIDGE PLAYERS



Way back in May, Lindsey, as the director, started the challenging task of adapting the script of "Cinderella" for our production in November. Over the following months the direction, the acting, the lighting and sound effects, the music, the costumes and props were all pulled together and we had the great pleasure of four performances of one of the most creative productions of a pantomime the Players have ever given us.

We had the innovation of a large screen projecting the scenery, highly sophisticated lighting and sound effects, amazing costumes and clever props, including a most magical coach. All the right elements for a pantomime were there: Cinderella was lovely and all she should be, Buttons heart wrenching with pathos and laughter, the Ugly Sisters splendidly slapstick, the horse, Daneway Dumpling, pure comedy and the rest of the cast brilliantly and frantically keeping it all together.

The Frampton Mansell Village Choir sung beautifully and linked scenes with clever rewording of Queen classics. Front of house and the bar and refreshments were, as always, welcoming, friendly and efficient.

Best of all, the audiences joined in with enthusiasm and much laughter: it was pantomime at its very best.

To the future: our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 23rd January 2020. Under Tim's Chairmanship the business is dealt

with at speed so we can all then enjoy an evening with our Good Companions. Why not come and join us?

*Bizzie White*

## POLICE NOTIFICATION



### Gloucestershire Constabulary

[www.gloucestershire.police.uk/campaigns/burglary](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/campaigns/burglary)

We are currently delivering a communications campaign in relation to burglary where we are asking the public to install a 'WIDE' combination of security devices as minimum protection against burglary. We would also like homeowners to consider installing CCTV or digital doorbells and to use forensic property marking liquids. Events are being held across the county where the public can get advice from a local officer, pick up a free timer switch and purchase discounted forensic marking kits.

### **Get 49 times more protection against burglary by installing a 'WIDE' combination of security devices**

A 'WIDE' combination includes:

- Window locks
- Indoor lights on timer switches
- Double door locks or deadbolts
- External lights on a sensor

Burglars look for opportunities:

They want to find empty-looking homes, where they can't be seen by neighbours and where they can get in and out quickly. Take away their opportunities by installing the 'WIDE' combination of security devices and by carrying out the following actions or checks (see the website for more information):

- Is your back gate your weak spot?
- Install CCTV or digital doorbells
- Can your neighbours see your entrances and exits?
- Mark your property with forensic marking liquids
- Check if valuables are on show
- Wheelie bins, tools and heavy garden objects

**THE JOY OF COLOUR**

**OPEN STUDIO  
of  
PAINTINGS & POTTERY  
by  
JOHN BAILEY**

at

**WINSLEY COTTAGE, OAKRIDGE LYNCH  
11.00 am – 5.00 pm  
SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

**You are invited to this year's display at John's Open Studio early in December. John's paintings and pottery reflect our joy in the colours of the Cotswold countryside; the coasts of Devon and Cornwall; and further afield in Madeira, Brittany and Greece.**

**John's paintings, pots, prints and cards make excellent presents at Christmas-time, and will be sold in aid of Cancer Research. It would be lovely to see you!**

**[www.johnbaileyart.co.uk](http://www.johnbaileyart.co.uk)**

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**T: 01285 760659**

# **DO YOU NEED A HALL OR MEETING SPACE? THEN TRY OAKRIDGE VILLAGE HALL**

- 12 x 7.5 m. open space; curtained stage; seats up to 100
- Well equipped kitchen opens onto the main hall
- Separate 5 x 3 metre Meeting/Changing Room
- Licensed for Live & Recorded Music/Dance/Theatre/ Film
- Trestle tables and card tables
- Parking and access to adjacent recreation field
- Toilets and disabled access
- Piano

**Consider our hall for your:**

**Children's/Adult Parties; Business Events/Meetings;  
Pet shows/dog training sessions**

Charges: £9 per hour including heating and electricity; full kitchen use  
extra

(Discount for Oakridge community residents)

The Hall is on the eastern edge of Oakridge Lynch village approximately 6-7 miles from Stroud and Cirencester. GL6 7NZ

Full specifications at:

<http://www.grcc.org.uk/village-hall-finder/village-hall/oakridge-village-hall>

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| <b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b> |
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**December 2019**

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| 3 <sup>rd</sup>                      | Garden Club Christmas Social                             | 7.30 pm            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>                      | Parish Council Meeting, Bisley WI Hall                   | 7.30 pm            |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> &<br>8 <sup>th</sup> | John Bailey Open Studio, Winsley Cottage, Oakridge Lynch | 11.00 am – 5.00 pm |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                     | Lunch Club Christmas Party, Village Hall                 | 11.00 am -2.00 pm  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                     | WI, St Bartholomew's                                     | 7.30 pm            |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                     | Carols by Candlelight, Oakridge School                   | 4.00 pm            |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>                     | Family Communion with Breakfast at Bart's                | 9.30 am            |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>                     | Crib Service, St Bartholomew's                           | 4.00 pm            |
|                                      | Carol Service, St Bartholomew's                          | 7.00 pm            |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>                     | Family Communion, St Bartholomew's                       | 9.30 am            |

**January 2020**

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| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Twelfth Night Feast, Twinning Association, Eastcombe Village Hall |                    |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Parish Council Meeting, Bisley WI Hall                            | 7.30 pm            |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Lunch Club, Village Hall  | 11.00 am – 2.00 pm |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | WI, Village Hall  | 7.30 pm            |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Family Communion with Breakfast at Bart's                         | 9.30 am            |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Lunch Club, Village Hall  | 11.00 am – 2.00 pm |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Village Hall Open Day   |                    |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Benefice Service  |                    |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> | Bag2School collection, Oakridge School                            | 9.00 am            |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Ladies' Night, Butchers Arms                                      | 8.00 pm            |

**24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 CLOSING DATE**  
**for the next WHAT'S ON**

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*We send all readers best wishes for Christmas and  
a Happy New Year!*