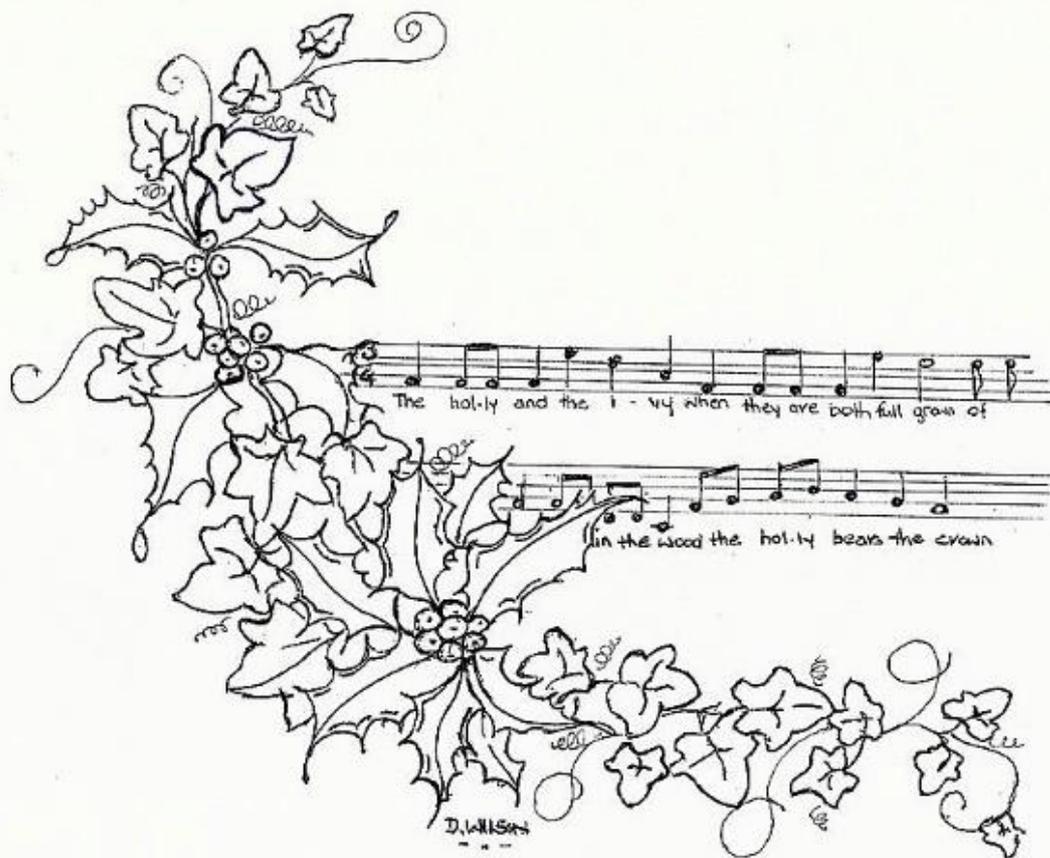


WHAT'S ON

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OAKRIDGE LYNCH FAR OAKRIDGE

WATERLANE BOURNES GREEN TUNLEY



THE CHURCH IN OAKRIDGE, meeting at St Bartholomew's

DECEMBER 2018

2 nd	Parish Communion	9.30 a.m.
9 th	Christingle Family Service	9.30 a.m.
16 th	Family Communion with Breakfast at Bart's	9.30 a.m.
23 rd	Benefice Communion at St Bartholomew's	9.30 a.m.
24 th	Crib Service – particularly suitable for families	4.00 p.m.
	Carol Service – Traditional Readings and Carols with the Village Choir	7.00 p.m.
25 th	Christmas Family Communion	9.30 a.m.
30 th	Benefice Eucharist at France Lynch	10.00 a.m.

JANUARY 2019

6 th	Parish Communion	9.30 a.m.
13 th	Covenant Service	9.30 a.m.
20 th	Family Communion with Breakfast at Bart's	9.30 a.m.
27 th	Morning Worship	9.30 a.m.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

VICAR	Rev. Sue Murray	01452 770897
CHURCHWARDEN	Mrs. Elisabeth White	01285 760729

BIBLE STUDY

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday 3.00 pm at The Coach House - for details please contact Brian 01285 760452 or the Vicar for details.

NEWS FROM ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Our Village Harvest Supper and Harvest Festival Service on the 13th and 14th October were both lovely occasions. Many thanks to Gill and her team for organising the Supper so beautifully. Andrew Holt of the Childrens' Society gave us a most interesting and inspiring talk on the work of the Society at the Harvest Service. Thanks to all who contributed so generously the fruit, vegetables, cans and dry goods which we distributed to Longfield and the Food Bank.

The 28th October was Bible Sunday when members of the congregation chose hymns and explained why they had done so. Richard Mackie said it for us all: He chose "Love Divine" because "I love singing it". The importance of music in our services cannot be overestimated and we are most fortunate to have our choir and organists, Robin and Val, to lead us.

The events of the Remembrance weekend, 10th and 11th November, were truly moving. The village commemorated the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War with an outstanding exhibition in the Village Hall organised by the History Group, and also with our unique Remembrance Service on the Sunday. 23 children and young people walked down from the school to the church each carrying a pair of boots.

The boots were laid inside the church on the Chancel step and were a haunting reminder of the 23 village men who went to war and did not come back. Thank you everyone: children, young people, parents and all the congregation for enabling us to make the service a very special one.

The Christingle Service is on the 9th December and is much loved by the children. It is always a delightful service, so do come along to experience one of the best ways of remembering what Christmas is really all about.

Bizzie White

OAKRIDGE HISTORY GROUP

At the first meeting of our new programme Barry Harrison gave the first talk based on his research into James Bradley, Astronomer Royal from 1742 – 1762 and Charles Mason, his assistant from 1756 – 1760, who was born in Oakridge Lynch. Mason was involved in recording the transit of Venus in 1761 and,

famously, in surveying the boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland, now known as the Mason-Dixon line. There is also a crater on the moon named after this Oakridge lad - the Mason crater.

In October Nick Humphris took us on a guided tour of Chedworth Roman Villa explaining not only the history of the Villa but also recent extensive work undertaken to make more of the finds visible and accessible. For those of us who have not been to the site recently, it served as an incentive to visit again and see the results of excavations and displays.

The exhibition on Remembrance weekend combined the results of the History Group's work to record the men and women from Oakridge who served in WW1 and returned, with WW1 memorabilia from the families of those now living in Oakridge, information on the Oakridge War Memorial and those from the village who died in the fighting and art work inspired by the Great War. It was an impressive collection and attracted over one hundred visitors plus all the school children and staff. There was much positive feedback, and it was especially pleasing that some new material was forthcoming to add to the records.

And next, the History Group wants to know what things you are curious about in this village. If you have wondered about the story behind a local tale or a local feature we'd love you to get in touch. We hope to uncover the unexpected, research the puzzling, and follow up the unusual. If you have questions to ask or stories to tell, come and join us or send your queries to John Loosley or Kay Rhodes. In February and March we will be meeting to discuss and record some of the peculiarities and surprises of our local area. Put the dates – 27 February and 27 March in your diary. We hope that people new to the area will find this a particularly good way to find out about Oakridge and its surroundings, and maybe those who have lived here for some time will also realise that some things they take for granted are actually unusual or even unique.

Kay Rhodes

OAKRIDGE W I

November 8th was the Annual Meeting. Members were delighted to welcome the "Boys" from the Fire Service who invited us to step inside the Fire Engine and explained the appliances therein, and also gave a very interesting talk on their essential work; we have been waiting for this talk for quite some time and were not disappointed. Refreshments served next and much appreciated on a very cold blustery evening, before the business of the evening was conducted.

Celia had completed her 3 years as our President, and the honour now goes to Mary Fern, who has agreed to take on this role once more. Anne will still do her sterling work as Secretary, with Sue fulfilling the Treasurer's role once more. Most of the committee are willing to stand again, so no election was needed. Celia will continue to help on the committee. Grace will continue to produce the Posters, and Ann will continue as Press Correspondent.

It looks like a very busy year for us, we are once more the Group Hostesses, and start off by welcoming friends to the Group Carol Concert in The Village Hall on December 3rd at 7.30pm.

December 13th Christmas Party, venue as usual and starting at 7.30pm. PLEASE remember your wrapped gift to the value of £3 for Santa's basket, and also PLEASE give generously to our Christmas Charity this year, The Cobalt Unit at Cheltenham Hospital.

Closing date for inclusions in the Oakridge Telephone Directory 15th Dec.

We look forward to the New Year with an interesting programme; hopefully the January speaker will be either from the RSPB or Hobbs Bakery, at the time of going to press we are awaiting confirmation. Please check on the Poster in the Village Shop nearer the date.

Meantime, we wish members and friends A Very Happy Christmas, and a Healthy 2019. Visitors and Members are ALWAYS very warmly welcomed, why don't you come along to one of our meetings and sample the friendship on offer? I promise you will not regret it!

Ann Fry



OAKRIDGE GARDEN CLUB

Our October meeting was well attended and we were rewarded with an excellent talk by Caroline Sheldrick on “Herbs and Hedgerows”. Her wide knowledge of the healing properties of plants, wild and cultivated, was exceptional and her talk was beautifully illustrated. Caroline is a therapist and also makes her own creams and lotions. I can vouchsafe that her rose face cream is lovely.

Our Christmas Social is on the 4th December and is for me the start of the Christmas season. It is always a happy and well attended party. This year I have the daunting task of taking over from Ann Fry organising the ice breaker quiz. Will I be able to match the fiendish quizzes with which she has challenged us over many years?

Plans are already in hand for our talks and visits next year, so come and join us – it’s great value: £5.00 per annum subscription (£8.00 for a couple). What not to like?

Bizzie White



NATURE NOTES FROM WATERLANE

Walking into our local wood the other day I was greeted by the customary raucous, scolding call of the jay. In the past it was also known as the keepers' bird due to this call letting gamekeepers know that an unwanted bird

of prey or interloper was around.

Autumn is the time of the year when they are more likely to be seen as they hop along the ground picking up acorns and beech nuts to cache for the winter. They tend to bury this food in open ground, away from the trees and this in time can produce new forest when the food is unclaimed.

The jay is also one of our most colourful birds with a pinkish/buff body, a distinctive blue wing patch and white rump. It also has blue eyes and a streaked crest. The blue wing feather caused it to be persecuted in the past as it was fashionable to use in ladies millinery.

In the spring, the courtship ceremony can involve an excited chase culminating in the male birds turning the body sideways to the females and raising their crest and body feathers.

Alan White

BISLEY-WITH-LYPIATT PARISH COUNCIL

All readers are invited to visit the Parish Council website (www.bisley-with-lypiatt.gov.uk) and become familiar with what it has to offer. This entry is a general summary of the main items of interest throughout the parish from the past few meetings.

Grit bin status has been passed to Highways for action to fill bins in preparation for any severe weather. We have been informed that road resurfacing has stopped until March 2019 owing to financial constraints and that pot holes will be addressed then.

The Parish Council is continuing with local action to produce local planning policy. This is likely to put emphasis on relatively small homes which are affordable.

The current Precept is on the Parish Council website on the 'Council' page under Income and Expenditure Year to Date.

The incinerator application at Fourways Farm will be considered by Gloucestershire County Council Planning Committee on 22nd November.

The Council is considering hiring a "lengthsman" whose job would be to tour the parish and report broken signs, rubbish tipping, fallen branches (etc.) and perhaps assist wherever feasible. Anyone interested can contact 01452 771089 to make their interest known. However, it should be noted that no decision has yet been made.

The Calfway road closure in December has now been reduced to 2 days over a weekend. The Council is looking into the procedures and rules governing Tree Preservation Orders.

Rod Simcox

OAKRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

Many thanks to all who helped and supported the Table Top sale and the Christmas Market. We raised nearly £500 from these 2 events towards the cost of renovating the floor in the hall. The hall will be closed on 7th, 8th and 9th of January when the floor will be sanded and several coats of varnish applied. This work will improve the appearance of the hall and also, as the floor will be sealed, it should make it easier to keep clean.

The refurbishment of the old toilet block is now complete and provides excellent facilities for those using the stage, and also extra storage space for the chairs. This has been made possible by a grant from the National Lottery Fund.

John Loosley

RAINWATCH



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

September..... 60.1 mm.....about 2.37 ins.

October..... 59.2 mm.....about 2.33 ins.

So far the rainfall in November is 45.9 mm.....about 1.81 ins.

Gill Farrar

CHRISTMAS LUNCH CLUB

Come along at the usual time for drinks before lunch at 1.00pm on Wednesday 12th December. We will be entertained with carols by the children of Oakridge School, and enjoy all the usual Christmas goodies that make it such a special event.

We will return on 23rd January, after a break to allow the Village Hall floor to be revamped.

Gill Wimperis

FROM OLLIE'S SHOP

Christmas is coming and Ollie's is full of goodies to help make your Festive Season extra special. With new stock arriving every day, you don't have to travel far to get everything you need for Christmas, from delicious seasonal produce to nice (or naughty ;) treats for everyone in the family, Oakridge Christmas cards, handmade gifts and lots of other treats. You can also put together one of our popular bespoke Christmas Hampers to make your gift as unique as its recipient.

For those needing a bit of gifting inspiration, one of our customers' favourite is our wonderful range of Cotswold Lavender products which include many favourites, from their best seller hand cream to relax-inducing slumber gel or room fragrance spray and diffusers. And now that lavender has been found to be as effective of an antidote for anxiety as some drugs, we can't think of a more scientific reason to love our Cotswold Lavender products even more.

And to make your Christmas shopping even easier, we are already taking orders for your Christmas meats from the local butcher, from organic turkey to venison and everything in between and now we also offer some amazing lamb from our local farmer that's the best we've ever tasted! The earlier you can place the order the better but the very latest would be Wednesday the 19th of December.

And to get a good start in the festive season, we will be hosting a Christmas carol concert by the very talented Oakridge School Choir on Thursday December 13th at 4pm. The Oakridge School Association will be onsite offering mulled wine and other Christmas goodies for everyone in attendance, with all donations going to the school. It sure will be a lovely event for the community. Everyone welcome!

Finally, we would like to wish all our customers and friends a very happy, happy, happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Laura & Oscar



OAKRIDGE PLAYERS

Hi-de-Hi was the latest show to be presented at the Village Hall by your very own Oakridge Players over three nights at the end of November.

The Village Hall was transformed into the 1950s Hawaiian Ballroom at Maplins Holiday Camp.

Nearly 200 people saw the show and feedback suggests they loved it - "Great Performances all round ", "Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful", "Fab show" and "Please can we have more". The cast of 17, one of the largest seen on the Oakridge stage, were delighted by the enthusiastic response from the audience. Key roles were taken by Penny Newton as Gladys Pugh, the Welsh holiday camp ice queen and Sam Timms, the starstruck chalet maid Peggy Ollerenshaw.

Next year The Players plan shows in May and November and are always looking for new members as actors, stage crew and to help the Front of House team. If you want to know more about your local theatre group check the website -www.oakridgeplayers.com - or our Facebook page, or call Tim Toghill, the Chair on 07904 096882.

WINE CLUB

Oakridge Wine Club enjoyed a break over the summer months but we were happy to wipe the dust off our tasting glasses for our October meeting. Stroud Wine Company came to present a selection of natural and low sulphite wines. This was an interesting and well attended evening where we tried something a bit different and picked up lots of information. Many of the wines were new to us and we all commented on the quirky labels. The Georgian orange wine was a big hit for its unusual flavour.

In our November meeting our theme was the wines of South Africa, where we were able to take advice from one of our South African members. Most of us liked most of the wines though some of the South African snacks had a mixed reception.

Our December meeting will be 7.30 pm at the Village Hall on 12th December, a week earlier than normal. The wine club committee will be preparing some canapes matched to a wine of the cook's choice.

We normally meet on the third Wednesday of each month and taste around six different wines. If you are interested in joining please contact Julie Hughes on [01285 760177](tel:01285760177) or mail@jmhughes.plus.com who will be pleased to answer any questions. We suggest that you come along as a guest the first time to see if you like it; the club can lend you some glasses for the evening. Then if you do enjoy it, you can pay your joining fee, buy some glasses and get tasting!



OAKRIDGE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

Undecided About Your Child's School Place for September 2019?

If your child is due to start school in September 2019 and you haven't decided on which school yet, why don't you and your child come and join us for two stay and play sessions. The sessions will be on Tuesday 4th December and Thursday 6th December from 1.30pm until 3.00pm. You will be able to meet our friendly staff and join the pupils in Class 1 for some fun and games. For more information, please contact us on 01285 760269 or e-mail admin@oakridge.gloucs.sch.uk

NEWS FROM THE OAKRIDGE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Thank you to all those who supported the recent Bag2School clothing collection; we raised a fantastic £56 to support the work of the school, all through having a clear out of our wardrobes!

If you do plan to do any online shopping for Christmas this year, please consider signing up through the easyfundraising website - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>. Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite cause. How? Just start

your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. Our retailers will then make a small donation to say “thank you”.

And finally, do come along to hear the school choir singing at Ollie’s Shop on Thursday 13th December at 4pm – there will be mulled wine and hot chocolate available to keep you warm while you listen.

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.

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.

There are current shortages of instant coffee and fruit juice. Personal hygiene is also important - shampoo, deodorant, shaving kits, adult tooth paste / tooth brushes.

Of course any seasonal extras would be a bonus; collections are now beginning for items to make Christmas Hampers which will reach 1,000 local people. Festive donations should be made in early December, to ensure volunteers have enough time to process and distribute these Hampers before Christmas.

For more information about how you can help, visit www.strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help

Stroud food bank works in conjunction with a couple of other projects: www.strouddistrictkidsstuff.org.uk - this project provides basic items for children - cots, buggies, clothes etc- through a referral process.

www.strouddistrictfurniturebank.org.uk - this project provides household furniture for families in the Stroud District.

Your gifts are much appreciated.

Linda Adam

POWER CUT INFORMATION

A new national phone number – **105** – has been launched by electricity network operators for customers to call should they need to report or get information about a power cut in their area. Key points to note about this service are:

- Dialling **105** will put customers through to their local electricity network operator – Western Power Distribution for Bisley parish – the company that manages the cables, power lines and substations that deliver electricity into homes and businesses in their area
- **105** is just one of the ways that customers can contact their electricity network operator. Customers can also contact them by phone or via their website, and most network operators are on social media too
- **105** is a free service for people in England, Scotland and Wales
- Customers can call **105** no matter who they choose to buy electricity from
- Customers can also call **105** if they spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put anyone into danger. If there's a serious immediate risk, they should call the emergency services too



OAKRIDGE CAROL SINGERS

The Oakridge Carol Singers will be visiting houses in the village on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th December; donations will be welcome for the

Stroud Women's Refuge. We would love people to join us to form the choir; please bring a torch and warm clothing, and meet at Ollie's Shop at 6pm.

Sue Korda

BUTCHERS ARMS

It would appear that the village pub is once again in a state of uncertainty, as Poppy and Marcus will be leaving on 2nd December. They would like to stress that “it’s a real shame for us to have made this decision, but it was not related to the brewery or the Butchers Arms, which is a cracking little pub in such a welcoming community!” They are actively working with the brewery to seek new tenants, and hope there will be minimal disruption.

Website: www.thebutchersarmsoakridge.co.uk

Email: thebutchersarmsoakridge@gmail.com

Tel: 01285 762965



BISLEY & DISTRICT THEATRE CLUB

Would anyone be interested in joining us for either of the following theatre trips next year – the Viennese New Year Concert or Matilda the Musical (details below). No need to be a member of the club, but members do get a better discount on group tickets/coach costs. Such a convenient way to go to the theatre - no driving, trying to park your car, walking a long way to the theatre etc. Bring friends, make a day/evening of it.

We need more people to join us on our trips to see not only these special shows, but trips throughout the year, including Shakespeare at Stratford in July 2019; please contact Tessa Allen on tessa.allen@gmail.com or 01452 770073.

Viennese New Year Concert at Symphony Hall, Birmingham, Sunday 6th January 2019. Coach leaves Eastcombe 12.15pm or the Stirrup Cup at 12.30pm for a 3.00pm performance. Non-members £45.

Matilda the Musical at the Bristol Hippodrome, Wednesday 15th May 2019. Coach leaves Eastcombe 5.15pm or the Stirrup Cup at 5.30pm for a 7.30pm performance. Non-members £61.25 - we have fabulous seats, in the Circle centre near the front. It may seem a long way off, but we need to book 6 months in advance to be sure of the seats!

Alison Mills

DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

Please also see the Parish Council website for more Ward information www.bisley-with-lypiatt.gov.uk.

The Local Plan

You may have seen from the press and my parish notes that SDC are currently working on a local plan. The objective is to ensure sustainable development, protection of local communities and lay out how the district can meet housing requirements for the future. The policy has been branded as the *Emerging strategy* and is still open to public consultation (Nov 16th - January 18th). Members of the public are encouraged to comment and offer feedback on any part of the proposed document. The document can be found on the SDC website or attached to my parish notes on the Parish Council website. I have also received a draft brochure on how members can comment, which I will forward to the Parish Council to upload onto the website.

As it stands, Bisley, Oakridge and Eastcombe have been designated as too small for development, but this does not stop local Parish Councils requesting small pockets of development be explored through their own *Neighbourhood Plan*. I am communicating with Conrad Moore, one of the principle officers in charge of the local plan, to ensure that Bisley's opinions are reflected in the document and our Parish Council's requirements are represented.

As a member of the Environmental Committee, I am one of the 12 who will be debating this in Council ahead of the full Council meeting where it will be voted on by all 52 members. If you have any opinions or you want an item considered, do let me know.

Adverse weather

When writing the article in November it is often tricky to foresee whether we are due snow, but if it does occur, I have outlined a few points to note. Bin collections will be collected up to two working days after adverse weather, if they do not collect it in this time, take the collection back in until the next scheduled collection day.

The Snow Wardens for this year are on the Parish Council website.

Mr Partridge - Bisley

Mr Brooks – Eastcombe

Mr Simcox – Oakridge

A friendly note from the snow plough operators - can residents try not to block the highway with parked cars when snow is forecast. Having personally been out on the snow plough at all hours last year and spending time digging cars out of the snow, I can vouch for how it hindered both our local operators and Highways gritter lorries from clearing the roads sooner.

If any resident has questions or want to talk through a matter important to them, please do get in touch.

All that's left to say is that I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thank you,

Councillor Tim Williams

CLOSING DATE FOR THE VILLAGE TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
15th DECEMBER 2018

If anyone in either Bournes Green, Waterlane, Oakridge Lynch, Tunley, or Far Oakridge would like an entry in the new directory, please give all details, to either of the two ladies below.

Sue Hemming sueandpaul89@hotmail.co.uk

Anne Brain venture1941@live.co.uk

This is a very useful directory, especially as BT no longer produces a printed copy. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

OPEN STUDIO

A big thank you to everyone who gave such great support to my Open Studio weekend at the end of November. It was very successful, and the amount raised for Cancer Research will be notified in due course.

John Bailey

PLANNING NEWS

As requested, we will try to include information relating to local planning issues. Here is a summary of local planning news in the period 1st September – 13th November:

S.18/2095/CM Equine Incinerator at Fourways Farm, Waterlane	No objections
S.18/1374/LBC Alterations to Kings Farm, Tunley	Approved
S.18/1095/HHOLD Single storey extension, Puck Mill House, Frampton Mansell	Approved
S.18/2024/CPE Site for builders yard, Oakridge Lynch	Refused
S.18/1955/MINAM Minor amendments to permission, Millbank, Oakridge Lynch	Approved
S.18/1944/FUL Replacement dwelling, swimming pool, Hawthornden, Far Oakridge	Approved
S.18/1809/FUL Replace polytunnel, land to rear of Fieldholme, Waterlane	Refused
S.18/1636/FUL Dog exercise area, Bakers Paddock, Oakridge Lynch	Awaiting decision
S.18/1634/LBC Work to stables, Kings Farm, Tunley	Awaiting decision
S.18/2322/FUL Proposed new dwelling, Lyday Close, Oakridge Lynch	Awaiting decision
S.18/2273/LBC and S.18/2272/HHOLD New car-port canopy, single storey extension, works to provide disabled access, Iles Green House, Far Oakridge	Awaiting decision
S.18/2196/LBC and AS.18/2195/HHOLD Single storey extension and garage conversion, Stokyes Close, Oakridge Lynch	Awaiting decision
S.18/2101/HHOLD Remove and replace dormer, The Folly, Oakridge Lynch	Approved

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.

VIVE LE FRANGLAIS!!

(This report got lost in the ether hence missed the October What's On)

Over the August Bank Holiday weekend, you may have been aware of a bit of a French invasion, as 35 people from our twinned village of Plessala in Brittany enjoyed entertainment and hospitality with us. This was, to the day the silver jubilee of the Twinning, the Twinning arrangement having been signed and sealed on 28th August 1993, and the relationship is sound, mature, and well placed to endure whatever the political winds blow at us.

The Bisley Flower Show and Fete was at its very best on a sunny afternoon, and a great time was had by all. Even the visiting team's coach driver was bouncing on his toes, saying how much the Bisley fete reminded him of his Breton childhood.

Our buffet supper and barn dance (for about 100) later that evening in the show tent was also an epic success, an occasion of warm friendship and laughter, with excellent music supplied by the Cotswold Ceilidh Band. There were birthday cakes to be sampled, and fabulous gifts to be gratefully received: a really attractive book recording in photographs our happy meetings over the years; and 25 bottles of fizz, one for each year of association. Come to our next party!

Sunday was left free for the home team to exercise their hostly imaginations on how to entertain sixteen 10–18 year-olds and nineteen 38–79 year-olds on a very rainy day. Some groups dashed in to the Giffords Circus big top, others went to Bath, Bristol or Cheltenham; a large number had an indoor BBQ, and one party threw their far-from-reluctant guests into two hours of paddleboarding and kayaking at the Cotswold Water Park, thankfully wetsuits provided!

The Association has gone from strength to strength over its first 25 years. We are very lucky for a parish our size to have a tie up with a rural commune in France of similar size, and a truly vibrant relationship.

Social Events:

We held a very successful Curry + Quiz Evening at Oakridge Village Hall at the end of October attended by 85 villagers and their friends, and **our next social event will be the annual Twelfth Night party, this year at Eastcombe Village Hall on Saturday 5th January 2019 starting at 7pm. For more details please e-mail Muriel Brooks : mbrooks@niceworkuk.co.uk**

John Hughes : mail@jmhughes.plus.com / Sue Hunt : skhunt@hotmail.co.uk
 For more info, visit our Bisley-with-Lypiatt Twinning Association Facebook page – search Facebook bisley with lypiatt twinning association - uk group, or the website by Googling: Bisley with Lypiatt Twinning

OAKRIDGE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

2 MIDDAY SUPERVISORS REQUIRED

12.15 p.m. - 1.15 p.m.

5 days - Monday to Friday (inclusive)

(would consider job share or 2/3 days a week)

Term Time only

For more details contact Oakridge Parochial School

Oakridge Lynch

Stroud

Glos

GL6 7NR

Tel: 01285 760269

e.mail: admin@oakridge.gloucs.sch.uk

CHALFORD SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

From time to time events at the Chalford Sports & Social Club will be included here.....for more information do check out their website chalford-ssc.co.uk.

Dates for your Diary!

Saturday 1 st December 7.00 pm	Annual Dinner & Dance - welcome drinks at 7 p.m. £30 members (£32 non!) Music by Mike Brown; Catering by Vale House
Sunday 2 nd December 2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowls league match v Forest of Dean Oaks 2 p.m.
7 th & 8 th December	Christmas wreath making
Saturday 8 th December 8.00 pm	Badger Creek C.M.C. Christmas Special with Gary Perkins and the Breeze
Sunday 9 th December 11.00 am	Walk it out! £5 per head includes light lunch. The club will be open to all from 11am for a family day with Pool table, board games and lunch available.
Saturday 15 th December	Junior Christmas social (tennis section)
Sunday 16 th December	Christmas social doubles (tennis section)
Saturday 22 nd December 7.30 pm	Chalford Silver Band - Festive concert
Wednesday 26 th December 11.00 am – 6.00 pm	Dads v Lads football with Club Open for Skittles, Pool, Darts.
Monday 31 st December	New Year's Eve Disco with Rhythm & Paice
Friday 4 th January	Walk it out!
Saturday 19 th January	Live music from the female duo Sax Appeal
Friday 1 st February	Walk it out!

Tenant Services at Stroud District Council

We are looking for two tenant volunteers to be the voice of tenants at Housing Committee meetings.

This important role would involve you listening to what other tenants are saying and representing their views at five Housing Committee meetings a year. As well as influencing committee decisions and helping to make housing services better for tenants you would get the chance to:

- help others who don't have a voice
- feel valued and part of a team
- boost your confidence and self esteem
- put to use your existing skills
- gain new skills, knowledge and experience

You would be provided with all the support and training you need and all 'out of pocket' expenses would be covered.

If you would like to be considered for the role of Tenants' Voice or would like to find out more, please visit www.stroud.gov.uk/tenantvoice or contact, Jon Warnock, your Independent Tenant Advisor, by phone or text on 07963564561 or email: jon.warnock1@gmail.com.

We hope you feel able to put yourself forward for this fantastic opportunity and join us in making a difference.

Closing date for expressions of interest: Sunday, 2nd December

FOR FRITHWOOD SURGERY PATIENTS**FRITHWOOD SURGERY PPG
CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE OVER 75s**

This year our annual Christmas party for patients in the over 75 years age group will be held at Eastcombe Village Hall on Saturday 15th December at 2.00pm. It will be the usual mix of a glass of sherry, tea, food, music, singing and a raffle. Altogether unmissable fun. If you are a patient over the age of 75, or if you know of someone in the right age group who would like to attend, we would like to invite you. If you plan to come along it would be helpful to give your name to reception. If you have transport difficulties also have a word with reception.

***Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas, and very best wishes for the
New Year***



**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
- Fully 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

**Consider our hall for your:
Children's/Adult Parties; Business Events/Meetings;
Pets shows/dog training sessions**

Charges: £9 per hour including heating and electricity; full kitchen use extra
(Discount for Oakridge community residents)

Further information and charges can be obtained from:

John Loosley, Tel: 01285 760460 or email johnloosley40@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2018

3 rd	WI Group Carol Concert, Village Hall	7.30 pm
4 th	Garden Club Christmas Social, Village Hall	7.30 pm
9 th	Christingle Service, St Bartholomew's	9.30 am
12 th	Christmas Lunch Club, Village Hall	11.00am – 2.00pm
	Wine Club, Village Hall	7.30 pm
13 th	Carol singing at Ollie's Shop	4.00 pm
	WI Christmas Party, Village Hall	7.30 pm
15 th	Closing date for inclusion in village directory	
	Frithwood PPG Christmas Party, Eastcombe Village Hall	2.00 pm
16 th	Family Communion, St Bartholomew's with Breakfast at Bart's	9.30 am
18 th & 20 th	Carol singing in Oakridge Lynch	From 6.00 pm
24 th	Crib Service, St Bartholomew's	4.00 pm
	Carol Service	7.00 pm
25 th	Christmas Family Communion	7.30 am

January 2019

5 th	Twinning Association 12 th Night Party, Eastcombe Village Hall	7.00 pm
10 th	WI, Village Hall	7.30 pm
20 th	Family Communion, St Bartholomew's with Breakfast at Bart's	9.30 am
23 rd	Lunch Club, Village Hall	11.00am – 2.00pm

23rd JANUARY 2019 CLOSING DATE for the next WHAT'S ON

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