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WELCOME

Victoria Richmond	Contracts Officer, Tenant Services	2 nd September
Hannah Gorf	Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator	5 th September
Jade Tomkins	Apprentice, Human Resources	16 th September
George Evans	Apprentice, Development Services	16 th September
Valerie Spearpoint	Business Support Officer, Chief Executive	23 rd September
Kirsty Haddon	Business Support Officer, Tenant Services	30 th September
Luke Quinn	Handyperson, Tenant Services	30 th September
Nicola Cook	Business Support Officer, Tenant Services	30 th September
Marcus Shaw	Apprentice, Planning	7 th October
Harriet Davis	Apprentice, Public Space	7 th October
Rachael Lythgoe	Business Support Officer, Tenant Services	10 th October

FAREWELL

Steven Kelly	Business Support Assistant	6 th October
Richard Coole	Public Space Officer	23 rd October

ECONOMY: *Help local people and businesses recover from the recession, grow the local economy and increase employment*

CANAL PROJECT LATEST

Ocean: A locally-based hydraulic engineer has been commissioned by Galliford-Try in an attempt to improve the operability of the swing bridge. The result is a far better operation, but the bridge still requires significant effort to open and close. We are considering whether or not this is acceptable.

Ebley: The Wharf Buttery opposite Ebley Mill is now open under the proprietorship of Wendy Townsend, who also runs the Lockkeeper's Café in Stroud. Wendy is offering all SDC staff a generous 20% discount on all refreshments at the Buttery, except for cold drinks. The first of 3 benches has been 'planted' alongside the canal. An opening event is planned here in early December, involving boat trips and a Christmas tree!

Frome Gardens: Staff volunteers did a sterling job in tidying up the area where the canal's river flow rejoins the River Frome. They painted railings, trimmed vegetation, seeded the area and placed the interpretive kingfisher panel, produced by local artist Steve Roberts and which has been in storage for some years.

Dudbridge: Public Open days will be held here on Friday 11th (1pm – 5pm) and Saturday 12th October (10am – 1pm), when the public will have the rare opportunity to walk inside a lock. The open days will include tours of the hydro-electric turbine; these must be booked in advance by calling 752568 or emailing mail@cotswoldcanals.com. The Cotswold Canals Trust trip boat *Endeavour* will operate from Dudbridge Wharf on the Friday and Ebley Wharf on the Saturday.

The four lock gates on the Upper Lock have now been fitted, each weighing up to 3.2 tonnes. Once the gates have been adjusted, volunteers will fit the locally designed and manufactured paddle gear. Locally made stop planks above the lock are now in and the dam across the canal was removed last Friday. This means that the hydro-electric turbine can recommence operations.

The project is progressing well; visitors to the Open days will be able to see the various brick work repairs and a selection of finds from inside the locks – sadly not including the hand grenade which was destroyed in a controlled explosion!

Wallbridge Lower Lock: McCarthy & Stone, developers of the Timms Garage site, advise us that they plan to have their piled wall finished by the beginning of May. We will now be inviting tenders for refurbishment of the lock between May and October 2014. Discussions are underway with the Environment Agency over the need for a fish pass at the site. Not constructing one would result in a saving of around £150,000.

Cheapside: As mentioned previously, the silt in the canal has been found to be contaminated with hydrocarbons, possibly due to the land above – which slipped into the canal – being previously used as a coal yard. This would make the cost of disposing of the material prohibitive. Other options are being considered, such as keeping the material on site and mixing it with concrete, potentially stabilizing the slope.

Bowbridge: As reported previously, tenders for a new bridge and constructing a retaining wall above the lock came in roughly 50% over budget. The Canal Team are seeking additional third party funding from organizations to meet this gap. The expectation now is that as this is at the extreme eastern end of the HLF funded restoration, this will probably be the very last project to be undertaken.

We now have 1475 users following the latest canal news on  @cotswoldcanals

Contact: [Dave Marshall](#), Canal Partnership Manager (754646) ([back to index](#))

TOURISM NEWS

Overwhelming Response from SDC Residents' Newsletter

When we added the article to the SDC newsletter, asking local residents to help test our new cycling routes, we hoped to receive one or two calls from keen cyclists willing to help us out. We certainly didn't expect to hear from 90 of them! Judging by this response, we are delighted to see there is a big potential local market for cycle routes around the Stroud District and wider Cotswolds, as well as for visitors from further afield.

New Canal Walk developed with the Royal Geographical Society

We first approached the RGS back in January 2012 about designing a walk along the canal to feature in their new Discovering Britain series. In conjunction with the Cotswolds Canals Trust and the Stroudwater Textiles Trust, we have worked as part of the project team in developing the finished walk, 'Cloth, Coal and Canals', which was made ready in time for the launch of the 2013 Stroud Walking Festival on 7th September. The walk is available online, in a printed booklet and in audio form.

Please have a look online and tweet, facebook or share the link:

<http://www.discoveringbritain.org/walks/region/south-west-england/cotswold-canals.html>

Press coverage

We've had some great coverage for the Slad Valley in the Sunday Times' autumn walks. We are always looking for new and interesting angles to pitch to the media.

Twitter and What's On?

[@DiscoverStroud](#) has over 1400 followers. Follow us to keep up to date with what's going on in the district. Keep an eye on visitthecotswolds.org.uk/whatson for events, exhibitions and music this autumn.

Contacts: [Sara Chardin](#) and [Shirley Wood](#), Regeneration Officers (Tourism) (754307) ([back to index](#))

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: *Provide affordable, decent and social housing*

FRESHERS FAYRE

A two day event was held at South Gloucestershire & Stroud College Campus. This annual event is to promote organisations and is aimed at new students and their tutors. Jan Dyer & Louisa Nash attended on behalf of Tenant Services on the Tuesday, with Jan & Charlotte Galling attending on the Thursday. During these days a number of agencies/organisations that Tenant Services engage with were promoted along with information about holding a Tenancy. Leaflets and sweets were given out as were pencils/pens/pencil sharpeners & notebooks to promote the Council's services.

On the Thursday we also promoted the Stroud Loyalty card to students as a number of promotions are lunchtime, to ensure they were fully aware of the card and its benefits. Public Space were represented on Tuesday and Environmental Health were represented on both days with information available. It was also very interesting to meet other stall holders and find out what they represented.

The event was very well attended on both days with positive input from both students and tutors with different students in attendance on each day.

Contact: [Jan Dyer](#), Financial Inclusion Officer (754082) ([back to index](#))

ENVIRONMENT: *Help the community minimise its carbon footprint, adapt to climate change, recycle more and send as little waste to landfill as possible*

TARGET 2050 LOAN LAUNCH EVENT & GREEN DEAL SUBSIDIES

Saturday 21st September marked the launch of the Target 2050 Loan for homeowners in the Stroud District. Environmental Health staff were out on the community bus in King Street with Severn Wye Energy Advisors and Councillor Simon Pickering. The day was successful with high levels of engagement and interest from the public in energy efficiency and the financial options currently available, ready for the winter ahead.

Alongside the ECO (Energy Company Obligation) grants and the Green Deal, Stroud District Council has now launched the competitive Target 2050 Loan, with up to £10,000 available for up to 5 years at a fixed 5% interest rate. Furthermore we now have funding in place to provide Green Deal Survey subsidies for homeowners, landlords and SME's. Subsidies are for 50% of the cost for all applicants and up to 100% if you meet certain eligibility criteria. All funding is subject to survey and is for a limited amount of time.

For more details on either the Target 2050 Loan or the subsidised Green Deal Survey's please contact the Warm & Well advice line on [0800 500 3076](tel:08005003076) or visit the website on www.warmandwell.co.uk.

Contact: [Daniel Shoemith](#), Energy Officer (Policy & Implementation) (754445) ([back to index](#))

RESOURCES: *Provide value for money to our taxpayers and high quality services to our customers*

DEALING WITH NOISE

In hearings at Cheltenham Magistrates' Court on 2nd September, two local residents were convicted of non-compliance with noise Abatement Notices in cases brought by Environmental Protection.

In the first case, Mr Ivan Wood pleaded guilty to causing unreasonable noise in a flat at Rangers Avenue, Dursley on 13th April. The noise arose from his playing of very loud music and computer games into the early hours of the morning such that a resident of another flat, a Council tenant, was unable to sleep. A District Judge imposed a £110 fine, a £20 victim surcharge and £365 costs on Mr Wood.

In the second case, Ms Andrea Perrett pleaded guilty to allowing at least 7 dogs at her property in Alderley to bark, whine and whimper to such an extent that neighbours were unreasonably disturbed earlier this year. Prolonged and extremely disturbing dog barking was witnessed by Council staff as early as 05:20. The District Judge imposed a £70 fine, a £20 victim surcharge and £400 costs on Ms Perrett.

The service of noise Abatement Notices is not undertaken lightly. If the recipient does not comply with the Notice, then the Council is fully committed to gathering further evidence and, when it is warranted, taking legal proceedings.

Meanwhile, on 11th September, the environmental health team seized audio equipment from a flat in Hill Top View, Chalford where the resident had persistently failed to comply with a noise abatement notice which had been served to stop him disturbing his neighbours with loud music.

Council staff, with the support of Stroud police officers, executed a warrant to enter the property to remove items of noise-making equipment which had caused the noise nuisance. They removed hi-fi equipment and speakers from the property.

Contact: [Robert Weaver](#), Environmental Protection Manager (754489) ([back to index](#))

GOLD AWARD FOR STROUD

At a presentation ceremony at Drayton Manor Park, Tamworth on September 12th, Stroud received a Gold Award for a second year in a row in the Town category of the Heart of Britain in Bloom Awards, run by the Royal Horticultural Society. Below are some of the judge's comments on what they observed on the day:

"On a gloriously sunny day the judges were greeted by members of the committee and the ever so enthusiastic town crier. The tour started in Stratford Park and it did not disappoint. The edible gardening theme was very much in evidence throughout the tour from both young and old alike; surely no other entry will have done more!! The maturing 'adopt a plot' sites brighten up otherwise barren land. The many wildflower borders throughout the town were viewed and in time will mature very nicely. Excellent partnerships are being formed with all local authorities and numerous business outlets, along with the increasing number of conservation groups. A very well deserved Gold!"

This is a real testimony to the hard work put in by the Stroud community and shows what can be achieved by working in partnership.

Contact: [Rozelle Jachowicz](#), Public Space Officer (754405) ([back to index](#))

ASTON VIEW GETS THE WARDEN TREATMENT

SDC has recently received complaints from residents of Aston View, Chalford that the area was looking a mess. Neighbourhood Wardens conducted a street surgery and visual environmental audit with local residents, taking the opportunity to listen to complaints and seeing the problems first hand.

As a result of this consultation, Wardens have successfully encouraged residents to cut their hedges and shrubs back and have helped one elderly resident to complete the task. With the help of Public Spaces, they assisted with the collection of refuse; removed one abandoned vehicle; carried out an intensive litter pick; taken down out of date posters and arranged for the road gutters and alleyways to be cleared of weeds. The area looks environmentally far more pleasing with positive feedback being received from residents and Parish Councillors.

Contact: [Chris Acock](#), Senior Neighbourhood Warden (754514) ([back to index](#))

SDYC ATTEND BYC ANNUAL EVENT

Through Stroud District Youth Council's membership of the British Youth Council (BYC), a small delegation of district youth councillors recently attended their annual council meeting at Conway Hall in London. It played host to youth representatives from across the UK including Kirsty Driver (SDYC Vice Chair), Millie Jotham (SDYC member for Maidenhill & Stonehouse) and Alex Lin-Vines (SDYC member for Thomas Keble) who attended with Steve Miles (SDC Senior Youth Officer) in which to review the work of the last year, discuss policy and to elect new leaders within the BYC organization.

The representatives of SDYC voted on the motion to establish a single national campaign in which to register and mobilise young people to vote in all upcoming elections, culminating in the 2015 General Election - BYC will use the issues most important to its members; such as transport, the cost of higher and further education, and votes at 16, as a platform to promote the importance of youth participation in all elections. Other motions passed included the introduction of online referendums for updating BYC's rolling manifesto. Kirsty commented; *'It was very enjoyable and enabled us as SDYC members to get our voice heard at a national event'*. Millie and Alex added; *'Whilst it was a long day (that began at 6am) the trip was important to ensure young people of Stroud district are in some way connected to and involved with, the issues being raised nationally by BYC'*.

More information about Stroud District Youth Council can be found at www.youth.stroud.gov.uk. More information about the British Youth Council and its annual meeting can be obtained via www.byc.org.uk

Contact: [Steve Miles](#), Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer (754504) ([back to index](#))

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Summer Activities

Community Development has had a very bus summer delivering a range of activities to all residents within the Stroud District. From StreetGames to Craft and Chat and Play in the Park to Graffiti art project we have engaged with a total of 1,043 participants over the course of the summer months. Projects ranged from sport and play activities in local parks and open spaces to art projects and assistance at community events including Stroud District Council's Pride in Your Neighbourhood Events. All projects were free of charge to local residents and also offered them support, signposting and the opportunity to try something new.

Nailsworth Junior Wardens

A second term of junior wardens in Nailsworth will be taking place across October and November 2013. This project is working with the same group of young people and progressing on topics previously learnt and enjoyed with some new and exciting elements in place for this term! Cooking on a budget, a trip to the skill zone and first aid are just some of the many educational and interactive topics that will be taking place. The project could simply not go ahead without the support and help from Tracy Young the local Youth Worker and Stroud District Council's Community Safety, Neighbourhood Wardens who attend, support and engage with these young people throughout the course of the project.

Craft and Chat Minchinhampton and Cam

Craft and chat, a project which offers the over 50s a chance to try something new and meet other residents living in their area will also be taking place in Minchinhampton and Cam. This project has delivered in many communities across the District so far and is continuing to be supported and well attended. Dates for the Minchinhampton and Cam projects are to be confirmed.

Park Estate Flats

Local residents living in Park Estate flats in Stonehouse have expressed their interest to Stroud District Council and APT Stonehouse to decorate their communal area within the main entrance to make it more family friendly. Local residents have agreed on their own designs to put up in the communal area which will consist of trees, birds and other wildlife. Local residents living in the flats including children and young people will come together to paint these drawings on to the walls. In readiness, Lovell's have kindly painted the communal area white creating a blank canvass for the local residents to work on. All work will be overseen and supported by APT Stonehouse, Stroud District Council and an art tutor from Stroud and South Gloucestershire College.

Community Bus

Stroud District Council's Community Bus is still touring the District. The community bus will be visiting various locations across the District in an effort to meet local residents and promote the Council's Services. If you would like to use the community bus to advertise your service please get in touch. There are opportunities to display leaflets and show case promotional DVDs as well as being on board the bus during any of its visits to meet local residents.

Community Bus Timetable

October: Wednesday 16th 12 - 4pm – Bussage (Old Common)
 Monday 28th 11 - 3pm – Stroud Town Centre (King Street)
 Tuesday 29th 11 - 3pm – Lidl's Dursley (Kingshill)
 Wednesday 30th 11 - 3pm – Stroud Museum

November: Wednesday 6th 12 - 4pm – Stonehouse Park Estate (Severn Road)
 Wednesday 20th 12 - 4pm – Tesco Cam

Contact: [Charlotte Galling](#), Community Development Officer (754304) ([back to index](#))

ENGAGING WITH THE OLDER GENERATION

Neighbourhood Wardens have recently been involved in delivering Careline Contracts to residents of the Stroud District, and have come across many people who require specific information or a more general overview of what the Wardens do. From visiting these older people Wardens realised that some residents required extra support and help. As a result, support and practical advice was given and each resident provided with a Message In A Bottle, EPIC Card and No Cold Caller front door sticker. Furthermore Home Security Surveys were carried out by Neighbourhood Wardens to those with identified security needs.

Contact: [Chris Acock](#), Senior Neighbourhood Warden (754514) ([back to index](#))

STRICT NEW LAWS FOR SCRAP METAL DEALERS

New laws have come into effect this month and all scrap metal dealers and motor salvage operators will have to have a licence issued by their local Council. The Home Office hopes the new laws will help to clamp down on the estimated 1,000 metal thefts a week in the UK which costs the country around £220 million a year. Metal theft affects everyone; from stealing of cables that delay train journeys to theft of church roofs and war memorial plaques.

The Licensing Team will be dealing with the new applications and traders will have to satisfy the Council that they are suitable and that they will abide by the strict new rules. These rules apply to both scrap metal sites and door to door collectors and include a ban on paying for scrap metal in cash and a requirement for dealers to verify the identity of the seller. It will be an offence for dealers to make 'no questions asked' cash payments.

Contact: [Rachel Andrew](#), Principal Licensing Officer (754401) ([back to index](#))

WORKING TO PUT 'FAMILIES FIRST'

Families First is the local name for the national Troubled Families programme which is a 3 year programme aimed at turning around the lives of the estimated 120,00 families nationally. 'Troubled Families' are defined by DCLG as:

- An adult on out of work benefit
- Children not attending school
- Youth offending and anti-social behaviour in families

The Community Safety Service, other council services have been working with our statutory partners and the third sector to progress this agenda.

To date the programme in Stroud has achieved its year one target of engaging with 45 families. Through nominated family key workers and tailored interventions to support issues such as mental health, drug and alcohol misuse and domestic abuse, which will create a lasting difference in communities and that will have an ongoing impact beyond the life of the programme.

Contact: [Paul Helbrow](#), Community Safety Manager (754281) ([back to index](#))

DARK NIGHTS – SWITCH ON YOUR LIGHTS!

Beware: the dark evenings are here again, and so are the twilight burglars! Prepare your home for late afternoon darkness. Your routine may be to leave home in the morning, and not arrive back until the early evening; however a house in complete darkness at teatime stands out like a sore thumb to a potential burglar. You can create the impression that someone is at home by using a timer switch to switch on lights, a radio or TV. Again if you are going out for the evening, leave lights on and make the house look lived in.

Contact: [Paul Helbrow](#), Community Safety Manager (754281) ([back to index](#))

NATIONAL COMMUNITY SAFETY CONFERENCE 2013

Managers from Community Safety accompanied the Police & Crime Commissioner Martin Surl to the annual National Community Safety Network conference in London on 16th September. The event is dedicated to supporting those involved in working and developing Safer Communities across the UK. This year the event debated some of the key challenges ahead for community safety in these austere times, and reminded delegates that now more than ever partnership working remains the key to reducing crime and improving community safety. The event also allowed delegates to share good practice via Knowledge Network Forums and to debate many of the issues faced by practitioners.

Contact: [Paul Helbrow](#), Community Safety Manager (754281) ([back to index](#))

LOCAL YOUTH FORUM

Following the opening of the new youth centre in Wotton under Edge earlier this year, the communities of Stonehouse and Dursley (like Wotton) are also benefiting from the active involvement of young people in the respective development projects.

Cam and Dursley Youth Forum and Stonehouse Action 4 Youth are both working hard with their adult counterparts to create dedicated buildings to act as a future base for delivering youth work programmes in their areas. The Council's youth work team has facilitated young people's involvement to help shape how the new spaces should look. These are huge projects for the aforementioned communities and through young people's participation, they've enabled youth forum members to not only have a voice but it's also helped them learn about local decision making. Their association with the design processes has been very positive through having had interaction with architects, surveyors and contractors.

Both youth centre building projects are progressing well, although they are at different stages. However one commonality is that the benefits of the Council's youth work programmes are coming to fruition and the aspiration of local young people (and adults) is being met.

Contact: [Steve Miles](#), Senior Hear By Right Youth Officer (754504) ([back to index](#))

MUSEUM NEWS

Collections in store demonstrating the History of Design

A new course from SGS – the History of Design – is being held weekly at the Museum this term. Items from the Museum's stored collections are being used to illustrate the course. Objects studied by students so far include a 19th century Rococo-style clock and a Georgian fruit knife. In future weeks objects from medallions to advertising literature will come into the spotlight.

Heritage Open Days 2013

As part of this year's national Heritage Open Days weekend, the Museum offered a lucky few people the chance to see behind the scenes at the Museum. Two tours were offered of the Museum's collection store in Lansdown. Both tours were fully booked and participants got the opportunity to peek into the world of the Collections Officer. They learned about the history of the Museum service, how the collection is cared for and maintained, and how they can gain access to objects which are not on display. Visitors also got the opportunity to see a range of objects in the collections from a pufferfish to a blunderbuss, and a rare Roman coin to a Dead Man's Penny.

Walled Garden Project

A new planning application was submitted in September in light of a slight revision to the location of the Pavilion (moving 2 metres south and 1 metre west). This has come about following structural engineer's advice for the need for underpinning to ensure the walls of the garden are supported. In addition, the application included a newly designed Entrance Way which consists of a fully accessible pathway - a winding trail gently rising though planted slopes with terraced seating looking back towards the Museum. The Arts Council England funded activities continue both on the ground in the garden with Stroud Valleys Project volunteers and public attendance at activities.

Contact: [Kevin Ward](#), Museum Development Manager (763394) ([back to index](#))

HEALTH & WELLBEING: *Promote the health and well being of our communities and work with others to deliver the public health agenda*

SEASONAL FLU VACCINATION

Several years ago I had flu. Proper flu, not man-flu (although I've had that too). I felt wretched for 4 days and didn't fully recover for a couple of weeks. I also infected other members of my family and flu seemed to dominate our lives for weeks. Since then I've had a flu jab every autumn (the flu virus changes regularly so it has to be done annually). You can't get the vaccine on the NHS unless you are in an "at-risk group", so I pay for mine. This year I went to the pharmacy of a local supermarket. It only took 10 minutes and cost £9 (not much more than a prescription charge) and I got Nectar points! The pharmacist went through a checklist to make sure the vaccine was suitable for me but the only "reaction" I've ever had is a warm sensation in my upper arm. Last year a lot of people close to me had flu but I went through the winter without so much as a runny nose. I think it's well worth it. For more information about flu vaccine Google "NHS flu jab".

Contact: [Phil Park](#), Commercial Services Manager/Safety Adviser (754471) ([back to index](#))

SPLC NEWS

Tennis courts

If you haven't seen our refurbished tennis courts, please pop over and have a look. They look amazing and it's a great activity to bear in mind for the family next summer or right away for you brave ones!

Health Club Awards

Stratford Park Leisure Centre has just been given the Bronze award for the National Members Choice Health Club Awards! This is a fantastic achievement for us and is made even more special by the fact that you can only win by receiving votes and praise from our users – thank you to everyone who voted!

Stroud Sports Clinic

Now operating from Stratford Park Leisure Centre! Their treatment room is located up stairs by the gym and they offer a full range of treatments from Physio Therapy to acupuncture to Sports Massage and much more. To book or for more information please call 01453 762369 or log onto www.stroudsportsclinic.com

Recruiting Now

We're currently recruiting for a variety of roles, so if you know of anyone who may be right for one or more of these roles, please ask them to get in contact. We're looking for high calibre individuals with a flair for customer service and delivering outstanding results to work in the following roles: Membership Consultant, Front of House Receptionist and Swimming Lesson Instructor (ASA aquatics teacher qualification level 1 or 2 required for this role). Please ask all interested parties to send a current CV and covering letter via e-mail to dancoleman@slm-ltd.co.uk or call Dan Coleman on 766771 for details.

Free Swimming

We are offering FREE SWIMMING to anyone enrolled by direct debit on our award winning swimming lessons scheme! The offer does not expire while you continue to pay for swimming lessons by direct debit. Enrol today and learn to swim, then practice for free! Available to both children and adults.

Staff Offer

As an SDC employee you also have the chance to start a fitness membership and pay NO joining fee. Plus you will get an amazing 25% discount on your monthly membership rate AND you can add your partner on for the same price!

Finally we are offering a buy one get one free deal on weekend squash courts! Book a weekend squash court before the end of September and receive another one for free! For more information on any of this or to book an activity please call us or drop in and see us.

Contact: [Dan Coleman](#), General Manager (766771) ([back to index](#))

JOINT USE SPORTS CENTRES

It's that time of year again when, as the nights draw in, sports and activities come indoors. Sports clubs are made most welcome and there is still some sports hall availability for the winter period. Don't delay though; otherwise you may get left out in the cold!! Individuals are well catered for with a gym at each site and various other activities available. Don't forget our exercise classes too. There are some exciting changes to the programme taking place; more details next month.

OFFER: Any individual user registering their contact details on their first visit can get 40% off their chosen activity. Visit your local centre for more information.

Maidenhill Sports and Dance Centre
Thomas Keble Sports Centre
Wotton Sports Centre



Check opening times, details of our concessions scheme and contact details on the website:
www.stroud.gov.uk/sportscentres

Contact: [Mike Towson](#), Facilities Management Officer (754336) ([back to index](#))

DURSLEY POOL NEWS

6 weeks membership for £30

To help you keep fit in the run up to Christmas we are offer 6 week of membership for just £30. This memberships includes all our exercise classes, public swimming, gym use and casual squash and badminton bookings. This will be available from 10th October – 10th November.

Swim for £1

We are offering public swimming for anyone aged 13-17 for £1 until 15th December during the following pubic swimming times:

Monday 3pm - 4pm and 5.45pm - 6.45pm
Tuesday 5.15pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday 7.15pm - 9pm
Thursday 6.30pm - 8pm

Swim Fit

Do you like swimming for fitness? Are you training for an event or competition or would you just like to lose weight?

Our swim fit session may be perfect for you.....

Mondays and Tuesday 8.30 - 9.30pm

Thursdays 9pm - 10pm

Sunday 5pm - 6pm

From 15th October swim fit will be just £3.80 per class!

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone that attended Dursley Pool's MacMillan Coffee Morning. All the cakes were very yummy and we raised a total of £133 for a very worthy cause!

October Half Term

October half term will soon be here. We have a variety of activities running during the week commencing 28th October from trampolining and fun and games days to night disco pool parties. The October half term programme is available on our website www.dursleypool.com

For more information about dursley pool please visit our website www.dursleypool.com or call 01453 546441. Don't forget to like us on facebook and twitter!

Contact: [Helen Andrewartha](#), Assistant Duty Manager (546441) ([back to index](#))

CORPORATE AFFAIRS

KAREN TOOLE MOONLIGHT SWIM TWO YEARS ON...

This is a shout out to all those who knew Karen Toole. Last year, I organised an event to mark one year from Karen's passing and to celebrate her life and Channel world record swimming legacy. The Dursley Pool team very kindly lent the pool for the evening and turned the water pink! A great time was had by all and we collectively raised over a £1000 for the Pink Ribbon Foundation (a community breast cancer charity). This year, the event is back at Dursley Pool on Wednesday 11th December with a few extra options for non swimmers to join in too. As well as the swimming option, we have added a treadmill and bike by the poolside for anyone wishing to walk, jog or cycle a mile towards the channel distance total. To save you time, we have replaced the individual sponsorship with a £5 entry fee and a raffle. The proceeds of both will go towards a new bench for Karen, to reside in the new Walled Garden at The Museum in the Park and any remaining pennies will then be donated to Macmillan Cancer Nurses. We are also seeking raffle prize donations and if you would like to donate or take part in any way, shape or form – a huge thank you to you and please contact the following:-

Contacts: [Jane Bullows](#) - to take part in the event and/or volunteer at it (754322)

[Mike Godwin](#) - to donate a raffle prize, find out more about the raffle (754149) ([back to index](#))

Deadline for the November edition – Thursday, 31st
October. Please email [Dave Marshall](#)

Subscription Rooms events follow...



OCTOBER EVENTS AT THE SUBSCRIPTION ROOMS

Thursday 10th October 7.30pm THE ELVIS YEARS

An outstanding concert production of the West End musical Jailhouse Rock featuring original star Mario Kumbou and his incredible band led by legendary producer, musical director and Ivor Novello award-winner David Mackay, in the UK's no 1 Elvis show. www.theelvisyears.com £19.50 (£18 concs)

Friday 11th October 8pm WHOLE LOTTA LED - HOUSES OF THE HOLY – 40th Anniversary Show

On 28th March 1973 Led Zeppelin released their long awaited fifth album - Houses Of The Holy. To celebrate the 40th anniversary of its release, Whole Lotta Led will be performing the album in its entirety as the second half of this show. The first half and encore will contain further classic Zeppelin songs. Adv £14 (£13 concs) Door £15 (£14 concs)

Saturday 12th October 8pm BAKA BEYOND - SPIRIT OF THE FOREST TOUR

Celebrating 20 years of African rhythm and Celtic soul, festival favourites Baka Beyond are one of the finest danceable outfits, creating the sound of the global village. www.bakabeyond.net £15 (£13 concs)

Sunday 13th October 8pm BLAKE

Combining the vocal grandeur of The Three Tenors with the infectious harmonies of The Bee Gees and the comedy of the Rat Pack, the exclusive new trio sound of BRIT-Award winners BLAKE is revealed in their exciting 2013 'Live in Concert' tour. Fresh back from major worldwide tours. £21 (£18.50 concs)

Monday 14th October 8pm MATTHEW BARLEY – AROUND BRITTEN

Matthew Barley pays homage to Benjamin Britten's creativity and celebrates his centenary by taking his music all around the UK. The programme is built around Britten's 3rd Cello Suite, and includes Bach, Gavin Bryars, James MacMillan and Dai Fujikura (music for cello and electronics), with beautiful visuals are screened alongside the Britten. www.matthewbarley.com £15 (concs £12)

Thursday 17th October 2.30pm YOUR MUSICAL MEMORIES Hosted by Trevor T Smith

Relive your musical memories at these monthly afternoon concerts; enjoy those classical pieces that have always lived in your heart, hear songs from musicals and arias from operas that have always been yours to cherish. Trevor presides over a feast of talent from local performers and gifted young artists. The themed community singing which always concludes each concert will lift your spirits and you can chat with friends over a cup of tea and a snack in Mr Twitchett's before the concert. £5.

Friday 18th October 7.30pm PEGGY SEEGER

Peggy is known for her excellent renditions of Anglo-American folksongs and for her activist song writing, especially in the field of feminism. One of her best-known pieces is The Ballad of Springhill, rapidly becoming regarded as a traditional song. July 2011. www.peggyseeger.com. £12 (£10 concs)

Saturday 19th October 8pm STROUD AUTUMN BALL

Dust off those DJs and ball gowns and dance the night away to enchanting and vibrant music with popular local ballroom dance host Mr Pinstripe. Playing a selection of ballroom, Latin and popular sequence dance tracks. Dress code: Black Tie & Evening Dress. £8.

Friday 25th October 8.30pm JIVE DANCE With Just Jive

Great atmosphere and dance floor. Dance to top swing and jive. www.justjive.com £7 (£6 members)

Friday 25th October 8.30pm FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

in Mr Twitchett's Coffee House and Bar. Price: Free – donations welcome. Monthly live music events in Mr Twitchett's Coffee House and Bar. Keep an eye on the Subscription Rooms website and Facebook pages nearer the dates for more information about the performers.

Saturday 26th October 2pm STROUD BLUES FESTIVAL

Stroud plays host to some of the most exciting and innovative blues musicians in this one day extravaganza. More information on acts www.stroudbluesfestival.co.uk £26 adv £30 door

Wednesday 30th October 11am and 2.30pm **Norwich Puppet Theatre THE PRINCESS & THE PEA**
Become part of this playful and comic story of a prince in search of a 'real' princess, a clever queen, a girl who is not as she first appears, a tower of mattresses and of course a tiny pea. This quirky and inventive adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's bedtime tale is played out among sheets and blankets with puppets, objects and dreamlike projections. Age 3+ £8 (£6 concs) Family ticket £25.

Thursday 31st October 8pm **TURIN BRAKES**
Dubbed 'the group that made folk-rock fashionable again', the acclaimed duo announce their first visit to Stroud as part of their autumn tour. And on Halloween Night too! turinbrakes.com £20 adv £23 door

Workshops & Courses

Thursdays 10:30am – 11:30am **GENTLE SHINTAIDO WITH NAGAKO COOPER**
This class is especially designed for people 40+, seniors, or in fact, anyone who would like to take up a regular gentle exercise program. Through gentle exercises, soft movements and meditation, we can activate the flow of ki (energy) within our bodies promoting health and inner peace. Contact: nagako@shintaido.co.uk or 01453 750598 Block of 6 sessions £30, or single drop-in £6 per session

Wednesday 2nd October 8 weeks 7pm - 9pm **SCRIPTWRITING COURSE WITH JOHN BASSETT**
Ever fancied writing a script for theatre, radio or television but don't know where to start? This new course run by John Bassett from Spaniel in the Works Theatre Company will enable you to take those first steps into scriptwriting. On this 8 week course participants will explore how to create plot, construct characters and use factual stories in a new dramatic way. The course will feature tutorials and practical exercises and scripts completed will be read as rehearsed readings at one of the new theatre nights at Twitchetts cafe. John has over 25 years experience as a writer and has written scripts for a diverse range of organisations including the Royal Court Young People's Theatre and the Science Museum and has taught a number of courses on creative writing. (no classes 9 & 30 Oct, 6 & 13 Nov) £56.

Exhibitions

until Thursday 31st October **CRAFT AT THE SUBS**
Craft at the Subs will be the start of a new collaboration between the TIC and the Subscription Rooms Stroud. Jill Watton and Anna Simson both design and make hand thrown domestic functional ceramics. Jill throws simple stoneware pots on a wheel – a passion since childhood – excited by the interaction between glazes and clay. Anna is inspired by natural and everyday forms, fusing celadon and turquoise glazes in the creation of exquisite teapots, mugs, bowls and vases. Both live and work in Chalford and take part in the Select Trail that takes place every May. Pop in to the TIC's new exhibition space and enjoy their work, which is all for sale.

Tuesday 8th – Saturday 19th October 10am – 5pm **AMBIGUITY - PORTRAIT OF AN ARTIST**
A retrospective exhibition of work by Robert Ball (1918 – 2008), the Last Principal of Stroud School of Arts and Crafts, Lansdown. Prints available to buy. www.robertballart.com

Tuesday 22nd – 26th October 10am – 5pm **WILDSCAPE, MANSCAPE**
This exhibition represents a coming together of five artists from the Stroud Valleys whose work displays a sense of place in addition to a passionate and sensitive communion with a whole variety of landscape elements. These range from the wild and natural to the manmade, from the broad and distant view to the close-up. Each artist brings a personal and distinctive interpretation of the way he or she sees and portrays landscape. Between them a wide range of painting and drawing mediums are used to express a feel for subjects which vary from the very local to the far off. The artists are Ros Cresswell, Barry Hill, Chris King, Tony Pegg and Gemma Waters.

REGULAR CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Mondays
Yoga and Relaxation: 5.45pm – 7.15pm
Womb Yoga: 7.30pm - 9pm

Wednesdays

Learn To Jive with Just Jive – 7.15pm – 10.30pm

Taiji-Wuxigong – 7.30pm – 9pm

Café Bar



“Mr Twitchett’s” Coffee House & Bar is now open from 10am until 5pm Monday to Saturday and late when there is an event on. Relax and enjoy a drink before a performance. Come and see us for a coffee, a snack, maybe even a beer, or a glass of wine.

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