

The NEWS

April, 2015

ECONOMY: [Canal Latest](#); [Tourism News](#)

AFFORDABLE AND SOCIAL HOUSING: [Keep it Tidy](#); [New Forest Green Group](#);
[Stroud District Council Heating Services](#); [Thank You Card](#)

ENVIRONMENT: [Incredible Stroud](#); [The Common Approach](#); [Wildflower Verges](#)

RESOURCES: [Junior Wardens – Nailsworth & Stonehouse](#); [Museum News](#); [Operation Caveat](#);
[Shambles Market Award](#); [The Dog Whisperers](#)

HEALTH AND WELL BEING: [Dursley Pool News](#); [Joint Use Sports Centres](#);

CORPORATE AFFAIRS: [Project Management Training](#)

WHAT'S ON: [Museum Events](#); [Sub Rooms Events](#)

WELCOME

Rebecca Brown	Repairs Adviser, Tenant Services	2 nd March
Paul Sawyer	Site Officer, Tenant Services	16 th March
Abigail Frith	Apprentice, Tenant Services	16 th March
Hannah Minett	Planning Officer	16 th March
Catherine Coster	Site Officer, Tenant Services	30 th March
Molly Sherry	Apprentice, Community Safety	31 st March
Francis Barton	Project Evaluator, Canal Team	31 st March

FAREWELL

Debbie McCowatt	Business Support Assistant, Finance	13 th March
Paul Helbrow	Community Safety Manager	31 st March
George Evans	Advanced Apprentice, Asset Management	6 th April

CONGRATULATIONS

Mike Hammond, promoted to Community and Facilities Manager

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

CANAL PROJECT LATEST

Lodgemore Bridge: Design work on the planned new lift bridge is now virtually complete and we should receive all the drawings this week. This will enable us to begin the tendering process. We are hoping to undertake the build during the summer holidays, which would have the advantage of minimising disruption to the large number of schoolchildren who use the bridge.

Wallbridge Lower Lock: Alun Griffiths (Construction) is now off site. Our Tuesday and Thursday volunteers have moved in to install stop plank grooves at the top of the lock, and a concrete base onto which they can be bedded. This will both keep water from cascading through the lock and bring the new fish pass into use.

A complication has arisen here in that McCarthy & Stone will not accept responsibility for removing the old slope below their site, but above the lock. Refurbishment work cannot proceed until this is removed, but access is very difficult. As a result, the project will incur the extra burden of removing this bank – which needs to happen before Britannia Construction come on site to restore the lock itself. We are in the process of drawing up the necessary documentation to obtain prices.

Dudbridge: Repair work on the flood damaged bypass structure is now complete. Thanks to the sterling efforts of our volunteers, the work has been done at half the expected cost. Two jobs remain. Volunteers at Cotswold Canals Trust's Western Depot will be modifying the culvert inlet grille to make it more resistant to driftwood blockage and easier to clear, while our own volunteers will be concreting over more of the original blockwork as a preventive measure. .

Cheapside: Land & Water has now submitted a costed proposal for dredging a 5m x 1.2m channel through here. A couple of revisions are needed, but the proposal would appear to be within the available budget, which is encouraging.

Bowbridge Lock: The large deposits of limecrete behind the brickwork – believed to be from the original building of the lock – have been removed and replaced with reinforced breeze blocks, allowing facing brickwork to be replaced. With the help of a two-week work camp over Easter, brickwork on the offside should be 90% complete by the end of this week – and we hope to have most of the coping stones back in place. On the towpath side, new brickwork has now started. At the same time, all the lower level brickwork, which does not need repair, has been repointed using traditional lime mortar. Holes for the kingposts, which will support stop plank, are also being cast.

Ham Mill: Progress at this lock is also excellent, thanks to volunteers from the Cotswold Canals Trust's Western Depot. Apart from rebuilding brickwork, the main task at present is to remove silt from the top end of the lock, between the concrete dam and the fabric temporary dam. This will allow stop plank grooves to be installed and will give access to the paddle holes.

Landing Stages: We are required to install landing stages at locks and swing bridges along the canal, enabling boaters to tie up and then operate them. These are being installed by Cotswold Canal Trust (CCT) volunteers. First will be two trial installations at Stonehouse Ocean and Ebley Mill. The landing stages have been designed in-house in conjunction with CCT. They have been designed to accommodate canoes as well as ordinary canal traffic. We have been able to launch this project thanks to a £10,000 donation from a local benefactor.

We now have 1740 users following the latest canal news on  @cotswoldcanals

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

TOURISM NEWS

Stroud Tourism Day - Celebrating English Tourism Week

This year's Tourism Day on 14th March, organised by Stroud TIC, was the best yet. Around 20 stall holders, including Stroud Fringe, Cotswold Canals and Rococo Gardens, welcomed visitors to the Sub Rooms throughout the day, to showcase places to go and things to do in the Stroud District. Music, face-painting, guided heritage walks and sheep from the Country Show added to the buzzy atmosphere of the day.

Official Launch of the Cotswolds Tourism Phone App

We assisted with the official media launch for the new phone app, which took place at Painswick Rococo Gardens in March. Find out what's on, where to eat and where to go in the Cotswolds by downloading the **FREE** Cotswolds Tourism phone app onto your smart phone. The app is available from iTunes or Google Play: www.cotswolds.com/travel-guide/cotswolds-phone-app

Press Trips

The latest press trip we have been working on is for Natural Health magazine, which will feature Nailsworth and Ruskin Mill.

Promoting the Great Cotswold Outdoors

Look out for adverts in the latest issues of *Caravan & Camping Magazine* and *Cycling Plus* advertising the Cotswold 7-day Cycling Tour. The cycle map has also been promoted at the Britain & Ireland Show in the Netherlands. Also, look out for an advert in April's *Country Walking* magazine to promote 'Walking Weekend's in Stroud, Painswick and Dursley.

Twitter and What's On?

Don't forget to visit www.visitthecotswolds.org.uk/events to find out what's on. Or follow us at www.twitter.com/DiscoverStroud - almost 2500 followers.

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

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

KEEP IT TIDY...

After numerous visits, letters and countless failed assurances regarding the unacceptable condition of his garden, a tenant in Park Road, Stonehouse finally realised how committed Stroud District Council is in ensuring its properties are maintained to an acceptable standard.

On 27th February, the County Court, after considering the evidence, granted the council an injunction against the tenant. This means that the tenant has now been instructed by the Court not to allow his garden to become overgrown. The tenant was also ordered to pay the Council's court costs of £280. The order is in place for 12 months. If the council visits the property at any time within that 12 month period and the garden is found to be breaching the injunction the council will refer the matter back to Court for contempt of the order. Penalties for contempt of court can be a fine or a term of imprisonment. Furthermore should the tenant continually fail to comply with the injunction the council will give consideration to legal proceedings to terminate the tenancy.

The Court also awarded the council a 12 month injunction against another tenant in Nouncells Cross, Stroud for repeatedly failing to clear the communal hallway outside their property. The communal hallway contained bicycle parts, suitcases, a bed frame and various other items. In both cases the Court decided that the Council had been reasonable and proportionate in the opportunities it had given to both tenants to resolve their individual issues prior to deciding on applying for the injunctions.

Contact: [Nick Jermyn](#), Tenancy Enforcement Officer (754530) ([back to index](#))

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL HEATING SERVICES

Tenant Services are in the process of creating a new team of heating engineers and schedulers who will be directly employed by Stroud District Council, unlike the current arrangement of employing contractors.

Referred to variously as a DLO (direct labour organisation) or IHP (in house provider), the new service will be known as Stroud District Council Heating Services. The target start date for the new team is June, which is when the current contractors' arrangement ends.

Benefits of directly employing an in-house gas team include:

- Better communication between tenants & service providers
- Improved customer service
- Improved standards & compliance
- Better value for money

The project team is headed by David Sillitoe of consultancy Impart Links, and includes members of IT, HR, Legal Services and Tenant Services, plus two tenant representatives, who currently meet fortnightly.

As Tenant Services are investigating the procurement of a new IT system it has been decided to use a short-term, low cost IT system for scheduling the gas service appointments, and then link with the new Tenant Services IT system once established.

A support contractor will be used for out-of-hours and emergency support, as well as specialist renewable systems.

Contact: [Rachael Lythgoe](#), Performance & Improvement Officer (754127) ([back to index](#))

NEW GROUP FOR FOREST GREEN

Residents around The Tynings area in Forest Green have been working for many months to set up a residents group for people in the area.

The Annual General Meeting on 20th March at the Nailsworth Youth Club, was well attended by young and old alike. Residents had a lively discussion about the aims of the group before electing a committee for the coming year.



New Chair Sue Bruton said "it's been hard work but it's good to see we've got the community behind us, to help us achieve our aims". District Councillors Emma Sims and Stephen Robinson were at the meeting with Stuart Strathearn (Resident Involvement Officer) to give support and advice and there were representatives from the neighbouring Forest Green Residents' Association.

The Tynings Area Residents Group has set out to represent the views of local people and is working on a project to improve facilities on the childrens' play area at the Tynings; It currently houses just 2 swings. The group has already raised £1,800 towards new play equipment and hopes to raise more towards refurbishing the play area later this year. The Council will be working with group members to find out exactly what is needed.

Contact: [Stuart Strathearn](#), Resident Involvement Officer (754174) ([back to index](#))

THANK YOU CARD

A welcome thank you card was received by Tenant Services from Mr and Mrs Green, tenants in Newport, Berkeley. The card was specifically addressed to Shane Reece - Empty Homes Officer Hannah Mawson - Empty Homes Manager and Helen Coughlan - Tenant Education Officer and expressed thanks for all of the hard work and excellent customer service provided to Mr and Mrs Green over the handling of their complaint regarding works that had been previously carried out in their home by contractors. Well done to Shane, Hannah and Helen for a great example of dealing proactively and professionally with difficult issues.

Contact: [Kevin Topping](#), Head of Housing Contracts (754196) ([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*

WILDFLOWER VERGES

Following the success of last year's wildflower verges, the Public Spaces Service is repeating the scheme again this summer. This year as well as seeding verges in and around Stroud, staff have been assisting Rosary school with a wildflower project of their own. Pupils at the school have planted 3 million wildflower seeds in a prominent location along Merrywalks, which as well as brightening up the area will contribute to Stroud's "in bloom" bid. As part of the project, children from Rosary School have been learning about the importance of pollinating insects and use the maths skills they have learned in the classroom to measure and mark out seed beds and calculate seeding rates. The initial ground preparation work for the wildflower seeding was carried out by staff from SDC's grounds maintenance contractor, Veolia, who volunteered their time and equipment free of charge to help the school. Staff from PSS visited the school to give a presentation to staff and children on the value of wildflowers, and to give advice and guidance on sowing wildflower seeds.

Contact: [Mark Graham](#), Public Space Officer (754549) ([back to index](#))

INCR"EDIBLE" STROUD

A joint effort between Edible Stroud SDC and our Contractors the Landscape Group has reclaimed a forgotten corner of Stratford Court to keep food growing Local. Volunteers from Edible Stroud have helped clear brambles and covered the weeds with cardboard and mulch to prevent regrowth. The area will then be planted in the Autumn with fruit and nut trees and soft fruit bushes herbs and flowers which when established will be free for the public to forage. Please visit the websites for further information and if you would like to become involved; www.ediblestroud.org.uk or www.stroudlocalfood.org.uk

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

THE COMMON APPROACH

As you may already be aware, every 6 weeks or so, officers from Animal Welfare, Environmental Protection, Licensing and Community Safety team up to target dog fouling in hot spot areas such as the Commons. The most recent of these patrols was on Selsley Common last Wednesday. Information had been received to suggest that regular offenders were visiting the common between 09:30 and 11:30, so we targeted our patrol to between those times. On this occasion no Fixed Penalty Notices were issued. However, 2 owners received a warning and we had lots of positive comments from people who were just pleased to see us up there patrolling. We also took the opportunity to inspect the dog waste bins on Selsley and the state of the Common as a whole. We feel sure that the amount of dog fouling has decreased significantly since starting our team patrols some 18 months ago. Poo Patrol - coming soon to a Common near you!

Contact: [Alex Myrie](#), Animal Welfare Officer (754492) ([back to index](#))

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

OPERATION CAVEAT

Shelley Coles, Licensing Officer, together with Andy Murray, Neighbourhood Warden, joined Police on 27th February as part of Operation Caveat. This was a high-visibility initiative with police and partner agencies deployed in the district throughout the day and night for community reassurance. Shelley was on duty until the early hours of the morning with Police Officers. The operation included checking taxis on the rank in Stroud and visiting licensed premises along with roadside checks and visiting areas where there have been antisocial behaviour problems, such as Tesco's car park on Stratford Road.

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

SHAMBLES MARKET AWARDED

Congratulations to the SDC operated Stroud Shambles Market, recognised by the Stroud Town Council Mayor's Award 2015, in recognition of the contribution the market makes to the community. At an event hosted by Stroud Town Council on Thursday 26th March, a number of traders joined me and our Market Supervisor, Ken Stevens, to accept the award on behalf of the outdoor market. The indoor market was similarly recognised. Special congratulations must go to all the traders, who make a visit such a vibrant and enjoyable experience.

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

THE DOG WHISPERERS

On Thursday 26th March, the Animal Welfare Service received a call from a concerned resident in Rodborough regarding a stray dog that was running around her road. She said the dog was acting nervously aggressively and she was concerned for the safety of the school children, as it was home time. Alex and Josie immediately attended and found the terrier running loose in Arundel Drive. The dog was indeed very scared and Alex and Josie know this is the most likely type of dog to bite if put under pressure. So using their best dog whispering skills, they sat and waited. Eventually curiosity got the better of 'Diego' and he couldn't resist creeping over to Josie for a closer inspection. Alex stayed back, so as to not spook him, and escorted children coming home safely past. After some gentle stroking and soft words from Josie, she persuaded Diego that she wasn't all that bad and she managed to get a lead on him. Luckily, Diego was wearing a collar and tag, so his owner was quickly located and reunited with him. Its great to see all the behaviour training the Animal Welfare Service receives being put to good use. The lady who initially reported the incident took to the Animal Welfare Facebook page shortly afterwards to express her gratitude.

Contact: [Alex Myrie](#), Animal Welfare Officer (754492) ([back to index](#))

JUNIOR WARDENS STONEHOUSE AND NAILSWORTH

Until May, Junior Wardens will be delivering to a new group of young people in the areas of Stonehouse and Nailsworth. The project focuses on interactive and educational topics to engage young people in their communities and topics include: getting to know your neighbour, healthy lifestyles, cooking on a budget, first aid, a trip to the skill zone and many more. The project has been successfully delivered across two years and has received tremendous support from local partners including the police and local town and parish councils. Both projects also receive weekly support from Nailsworth Youth Club, APT Stonehouse and the Neighbourhood Wardens, their dedication and support is highly valued to the young people and residents in the community and they maintain vital links with our young people. Thanks to all that support, deliver and promote this project. Please look out for us!

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

MUSEUM NEWS

Museum Collections inspire new art works

The Museum is very excited about the latest phase of its World War One commemoration programme which takes the form of a collaboration between the Collections Officers and local artist Sue Brown. The project, which is Arts Council funded, is called 'Echoes in Enamel' and sees Sue responding to artefacts in the collection and using them to inspire new pieces of work in her media of print and vitreous enamel work. The first phase of the collaboration is entitled 'From the Kitchen to the Factory' and takes its inspiration from the Museum's collection of photographs of the munitions workers at TH & J Daniels in 1918. It is on display in the Museum Foyer until 26th April. More information about the project can be found here: www.museuminthepark.org.uk/echoes-in-enamel/

Walled Garden Update – Design Award

The Museum was delighted to receive a design award for the Learning Pavilion in the Stroud Town Council annual community awards. The design award is nominated by the Stroud Civic Society and a presentation was given on the evening by the society about the Pavilion. The certificate was awarded 'for an elegant and bold modern addition in a sensitive historic setting'. In addition, the Pavilion recently received the first school visitors who were very excited! A news release about this can be read here: <http://www.museuminthepark.org.uk/news-article/62>

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*

MAIDENHILL SPORTS & DANCE CENTRE



Revised exercise class timetable in operation from 1st Apr 2015! Come and enjoy a great local facility and get fit at the same time!

EXERCISE CLASSES

- **MONDAY:**
6.00pm - Fitball
7.15pm - Conditioning Pilates
- **TUESDAY:**
8.30pm - Studio Cycle
7.15pm - Core Blimey! (30mins - £3.50)
- **WEDNESDAY:**
8.00pm - Studio Cycle
7.00pm - Studio Cycle
- **THURSDAY:**
6.15pm - Conditioning Pilates
7.30pm - Studio Cycle
- **FRIDAY:**
6.15pm - Boxercise
- **SUNDAY:**
11.00am - Zumba

£5.00 per class or
6 classes for the price of 5!

**NEW
TIMETABLE
from Apr 2015**

**STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL
CONCESSION
SCHEME**

- 40% off selected pay as you go activities, including selected exercise classes and gym sessions
- Find out if you qualify by visiting us, calling us, or logging onto www.stroud.gov.uk/sportcentres

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

DURSLEY POOL NEWS

May Offer - 6 weeks for £30 Get fit for summer with our fantastic membership offer. This pass covers swimming, use of the gym, fitness classes, pool based fitness classes and racket sports. All unlimited for 6 weeks. For full information, please visit our [website](#)

New for April: Build your own Pool Party Now you can build your own Pool Party... pick from our range of inflatables to customise your party just for you. For full information, please visit our [website](#)

Adult Swimming Workshop 1st June – 6th July. Monday evenings: 8.45pm – 9.45pm
Swimming is a great form of all-round exercise. It's ideal if you want to be more active and stay healthy, whatever your age or ability. Regular swimming can reduce the risk of chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes and stroke. It can also boost your mood and keep your weight under control. Swimming is a lifelong skill that could save a life. If you can't swim, it's never too late to learn.

National Pool Lifeguarding Qualification Week intensive course. Course Starts Monday 13th July – Saturday 18th July (exam Saturday 18th July evening). To become a Lifeguard at any Leisure Centre an NPLQ is essential. Course Cost £250.

To attend the course you must be at least 16 and be able to meet the following basic fitness criteria:

- Jump / dive into deep water
- Swim 50 metres in less than 60 seconds
- Swim 100 metres continuously on front and back and then tread water for 30 secs in deep water
- Tread water for 30 seconds
- Surface dive to the floor of the pool
- Climb out unaided without ladder/steps

Contact: [Kelly Mackenzie](#), Duty Manager (546441) ([back to index](#))

CORPORATE AFFAIRS

PROJECT MANAGEMENT TRAINING:

Available dates: [Half Day course](#) – Friday, 15th May
[Full Day course](#) - Tuesday, 2nd June (*Friday 24th April fully booked*)

You can also view the latest Project Register for strategic projects on the Hub, here:
<http://intranet.stroud.gov.uk/UMBS61/service-units/finance/project-management.aspx>

To book or for any questions, contact [Darren Skinner](#)

Contact: [Darren Skinner](#), Business Projects Manager (754399) ([back to index](#))

**Deadline for the May edition –
Thursday, 30th April. Please email [Dave Marshall](#)**

WHAT'S ON

MUSEUM IN THE PARK EVENTS

until Saturday 11th April 11am – 4pm **Drop in Family Fun: SPRING BIRDS**

Create a colourful flock of Spring birds - a mobile to decorate your room or window. A family activity for families with children aged 5+. £1 per child, accompanying adults free

Wednesday 8th April 2pm – 4pm **MEET THE CURATOR**

Drop in and meet our Curator and see some Royal artefacts from our stores. All ages welcome. Free

Saturday 18th April – Sunday 31st May **THE MINIATURE MUSEUM OF MEMORIES**

The Friction Project: a Miniature Museum of Museums, is produced by Flow Contemporary Arts. The project presents a unique interactive artwork created by Tara Downs and Bart Sabel inspired by the collections of three Gloucestershire Museums; The Holst Museum (Cheltenham); the Museum in the Park (Stroud) and the Waterways Museum (Gloucester). Come and explore intriguing inventions through touch, sound and movement! *Presented in association with SVA Site Festival* www.sva.org.uk

Sunday 26th April 10am **SPRING BIRD WALK**

Join Mike McCrea for a walk around the park enjoying birdsong and sightings along the way. All welcome, put your walking boots on and meet outside the Museum. Free

Sunday 3rd May 2pm – 4pm **'TEN GREAT MODERN MASTERPIECES'**

Art History Afternoon with Dr Frances Wilson-Copp. Art Historian Dr Wilson-Copp returns with another afternoon of art history adventures. This time she reveals the secrets of ten modern masterpieces, each one offering us a fascinating window into changing techniques, materials and ideas. *Booking necessary.* £12 (£10 MIP Friends, £8 full-time students). *All proceeds support the Walled Garden project*

Friday 15th May 8pm – 11pm **THE MUSEUM AT NIGHT**

Bring a torch and explore the Museum as twilight falls... who knows what will catch your eye? A 'Museums at Night' event www.culture24.org.uk. Free

www.museuminthepark.org.uk

www.facebook.com/TheMuseumInThePark

www.twitter.com/museuminthepark

Museum admission free, donations appreciated

Contact: [Abigail Large](mailto:Abigail.Large@museuminthepark.org.uk), Museum Administrator (763394) ([back to index](#))



APRIL - JUNE SUBSCRIPTION ROOMS BROCHURE

Magic and things mysterious and strange, never before done are indeed abroad in this Spring brochure. The magic starts in the Easter school

holidays with a showing on our big screen of Sing-a-long-a Frozen. So just Let It Go, don your finest princess costume and come and join in the fun. Things then begin to get a little more mysterious with an event on 11th April that only the elusive Harry seems to know anything about. Contact <http://sayharry.weebly.com/> and tell them Harry sent you for more info. All he'd say to us was "it ain't for Mrs Grundies"! The Moscow Drug Club Band continue the mystery as they invite you to share a wry smile and enter their darkly comic world. With some great music, this is a band with a difference. Then we have one of the 19th century's ultimate darkly mysterious stories when Isosceles Theatre return with their telling of Jekyll and Hyde. From the men who brought you Jack the Ripper and On Our Way To Lisbon, this is sure to be a night of surprises and shocks!

But it's not all scary. We've got The Magnificent AK47s too...oh, wait a minute! They're manfully led by local Spooky Man, Chris Samuel and promise an evening of mirth, merriment and manly music making! The music this season is provided by a number of great acts at the top of their game. Fresh from

continued contest success, Flowers Band are the first of two visiting brass bands. 4 Parts Guitar are four of the most influential guitarists in the country. Two welcome returns are from Folk festival favourites, O'Hooley and Tidow and, following their spirited Messiah, the OSJ, with a programme including Barber's beautiful and heart wrenching Adagio for Strings. We have an X Factor champ in Joe McElderry and you may have seen me mention an event I was hoping to bring in May for which I suggested you begged, borrowed or stole a ticket? Well it's coming! Black is the Colour of My Voice is a one woman tour de force, with powerful acting and singing from Apphia Campbell in a show inspired by the life of Nina Simone.

There's theatre and comedy, a great tribute band for those of you who remember the 70s, our second Americana festival, free events in Mr Twitchett's including music and live sport, classes, a mysterious bread oven on the forecourt and more. Why not drop in to Mr Twitchett's for a relaxing drink and take your time perusing your brochure. As ever, I'm always keen to hear what people think about our programme, our building and what strange new things we could do! Web address:

www.subscriptionrooms.org.uk

Workshops & Classes

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th April 10am – 4pm **WORKSHOP WEEKEND**

All workshops £70. Booking essential contact the Subscription Rooms on 01453 760900

TWO DAY MOSAIC WORKSHOP with Robin James

Create a decorative mosaic panel full of character and texture. A broad range of mosaic materials will be available at a cost of approximately £15 per person. Bring your own bits of tile, crockery, pebbles etc to add your own personality. This is a relaxed day where you can get help with your own piece or get inspiration from Robin. All tools and basic materials are provided. Suitable for beginners and more advanced mosaic artists. www.robinjames.com or for info call 07974 674 985

TWO DAY STAINED GLASS WORKSHOP with Caroline Lambert

Create something stunning for your garden with Stained Glass. With a simple approach to design and using traditional and contemporary techniques, all you need to bring is your imagination and enthusiasm. Materials can be bought at a cost of approximately £40.

TWO DAY PASTEL PORTRAIT WORKSHOP with Katherine Bryan-Merrett

This is an intensive two day workshop about using pastels in portraiture. Katherine shows you some of the techniques she uses to create pastel portraits and tonal studies. On Day one you will be looking at tonal studies using charcoal and chalk pastels. You will need sketch books, charcoal and chalk pastels. On Day two you will be looking at the colours in portraiture using chalk pastels. The technique involves layering and blending pastels directly onto MDF board. You will need clothes you don't mind getting messy, a variety of pastels including (cheaper pastels are better for this technique - inscribe are ideal) and a large sheet of MDF 2ftx2ft or 2ftx3ft. www.katherinebryan-merrett.com

Café Bar



A warm welcome awaits you in Mr Twitchett's Coffee House and Bar. Named after a former caretaker of the Subscription Rooms, this cosy little bar offers light meals, delicious coffee and a selection of teas and other hot drinks. We also have beers, wines and spirits, including local ale and lager from Stroud Brewery. There is regular live entertainment, featuring the best of local acoustic and electronic artists, actors and poets, and the bar is the social hub of the theatre and folk festivals for artists and customers alike. For sports fans, all free to air major sporting events will be shown on our 40" screen. The main door to the Mr Twitchett's is on the lane between Bedford Street and Kendrick Street, or you can come in through the Sub Rooms front doors. We're here from 10am Monday to Friday and 9am on Saturday. The bar is also open before and after all our performances and in the evenings on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Contact: [Paul McLaughlin](#), General Manager (760991) ([back to index](#))