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The Newsletter for

Brookthorpe-with-Whaddon

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**Wishing You All A
Happy New Year!**

Village Newsletter!

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Next Event at the Village Hall!

Kit Holmes

Friday 31st January

7.0 pm for 7.30 pm

If you haven't already purchased your tickets please contact any of the people listed below or your nearest Committee member. Thank you!

Please support all of our events-all profits from which will help us to achieve our future ambitions.

Tickets/Entry - 

Nigel 01452 812628

DO NOT MISS OUT!

Future Events?

Quiz Night?

Abba Night?

May Celebration?

KIT HOLMES

with Al Greenwood

'Blues-driven roots with a soul sensibility'

JANUARY DATE

FRI 31 JAN - 7.30

BROOKTHORPE

Village Hall

GL4 0UR

Tickets: £15 inc.

Hot snack + tea/coffee

Please bring soft or alcoholic drink

01452 812628



'Impressive...
all the makings of a new British guitar heroine'

★★★★

The Guardian

kitholmes.co.uk

Brookthorpe Christmas Fayre - 2019



Our Annual Fayre took place on Saturday 14th December and despite the unsettled weather including high winds, the event was a big success. Stalls selling jewellery, bird tables and Christmas treats, as well as the obligatory food, drinks and sweets and of course the raffle was enjoyed by everyone. We were also pleased to be visited by Father Christmas who handed out presents to some 30 children!

Thank you to everyone who came and especially those who helped make this event such a great success.

Victoria Smart - Brookthorpe



Exploring Around Brookthorpe Village Hall

Having obtained Planning permission for the extension to the Hall in late October 2019 work started to establish the make up of the ground in the location of the extension last December.

There are a number of large mature trees close to what will be the Hall's new perimeter. Samples of the soil/clay were sent away for analysis to a laboratory, the results of their findings will dictate the size and type of foundations required before final details of the construction can be submitted for building regulation approval.



Approved building regulations ensure that the construction details are safe and legal and having established approval formal quotations for the build can be obtained. This is the final hurdle leaving us with the great task now of raising the necessary funds to make our plans a reality within the next three years.

Eric Hibbert

Stroud District Council - Draft Local Plan Review - Whaddon

Stroud District Council have now published their Draft Local Plan for consultation. See " Stroud District Local Plan Review " and open the Draft for Consultation. Page 112 shows Whaddon and while it says that it is not considered for development by SDC it will be offered to Gloucester City for their housing needs.

We have to wait for Gloucester City to produce their Draft Local Plan and also announce any decisions they make in conjunction with the other two councils in the Joint Core Strategy, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury. At the moment there are no firm indications of the sites which are being actively considered apart from the Innsworth/Twigworth and Winneycroft Lane sites which have planning consent. Various figures ranging from 700 to 6,000 have been mentioned as the likely shortfall in Gloucester available housing units and although Councillors in Gloucester have said that Whaddon will not be considered there are no firm decisions yet.

While this is going on Black Box Planning of Bristol are carrying out more work for Taylor Wimpey to support their plans for 2,000 + houses at Whaddon. They have said they have a scheme to improve traffic flows at St. Barnabas without demolishing houses there and it is thought this is a plan for traffic lights costing £6 -£7,000,000. Black Box are waiting on traffic modelling statistics before giving any firm details.

In the last week engineers with theodolite's have been seen at St. Barnabas measuring the road widths at the roundabout. They may have been instructed by Atkins Global who are working on a report for Gloucestershire County Council which is awaited later this year. Referring to that report GCC Planning have said that they are will be considering it when submitted but there are no indication of any firms plans for that roundabout. They stressed that there is no funding for any major scheme at the roundabout leaving the impression that it will be for the site developer at Whaddon to provide the money for any work. Whether GCC would be prepared to consider a traffic light scheme is not known. The Sec.106 money from the Persimmon site in Grange Road has not been taken up as the rest of the funding of about £1,000,000 for alterations to St. Barnabas was lost.

The Parish Council is now preparing a response to the Draft Local Plan and there is time for you to make any representations to SDC by sending them direct to them or to the Parish Council. The final Draft Local Plan will be published in the autumn and should be adopted in late 2021 or early 2022. It is then that planning applications are going to be made for any major developments affecting Whaddon Fields or elsewhere.

Concerned Local Resident

SDC - Stroud District Council

GCC - Gloucester City Council

Parish Council Matters!

Precept Justification for Financial Year 2020/2021

On 3rd December 2019 the Council set a budget of £32,901 and a precept of £18,300. This is in fact a decrease of £4,259 on the budget but an increase of £3,300 on the precept for 2019/20. The remaining money of £14,601 will be paid from reserves.

£5,000 has been set aside towards payment for an impact statement regarding the possible building 3,000 new homes new schools and industrial facilities on Whaddon Fields. The Parish Council is committed to obtaining the best possible outcome for the Parish as a result of the Local Plan consultations.

The Council is also committed to providing the same level, or if possible increasing, Village Enhancements and Community Events and Grants to local organisations over the year

While the Council's finances are healthy, at present, the Council has to look forward and would not like to see a time when the reserves have been so depleted that the Council does not have the money to provide the things that it believes are essential for the well being of the Parish.

The extra £3,300 on the precept will mean an increase of £15.70 per year for the average band D home in the parish. The Council feels that this is justified for the above projects to take place.

Vacancies for Parish Councillors

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor there are currently several vacancies. No experience necessary and only one regular meeting a month in the evening for ten months of the year.

If you are tempted/interested please call Anne Szabo on 01452 536940

Give it a try, you can help support and influence decision making in the Parish!

Anne Szabo - Clerk to the Parish Council

Phone Box Refurbishment

In 2019 the Parish Council purchased the phone box at Brookthorpe with a view to refurbishing it.

It will be moved from its current location to a new one within the grounds of the Village Hall. A new concrete base is about to be constructed complete with an electrical supply.

The box will be stripped and repainted and then the defibrillator fitted inside it. The top glass panels will be printed to read, **DEFIBRILLATOR** and lit up at night. The work will be completed by early Springtime.

Eric Hibbert



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Village Hall

Tuesdays	Yoga	1.30 – 3.00pm
Wednesdays	Yoga	2.15 – 3.15pm
	Gloucester Brass Band	7.00 – 8.30 pm
Thursdays	Crazy K9s – Dog Training	6.00 – 9.30 pm
Fridays	Jazz Friday Big Band	7.00 – 9.30pm

**Don't forget – You can hire out the Village Hall for your own events.
For price list and T&Cs, see our website.**

We even have Table Tennis tables that you are welcome to hire in the hall.

Contact Nigel Bone on 01452 812628

St Margaret of Scotland Church - Whaddon

Sundays 1 st in the month	Family Praise Specifically geared towards children – plenty of noise and fun!	10.30 – 11.10am
1 st and 3 rd in the month	Evensong	5.00 – 6.00pm
2 nd , 4 th and 5 th in the month	Parish Communion Holy communion with hymns	9.00 – 10.00am
Thursdays	Said Communion	10.30 – 11.00am

Tuesday 4th February 8.0 pm

Parish Council Meeting