Long Newton Wildflower Verges

How to stop the traffic on a busy main Road

Between Tetbury and Malmesbury on the busy B4014 is the village of Long Newton. According to Wiki it has “between 30 to 60 houses”. It does however, have the B4014 which runs through it and a traffic speed problem.

These days it has a a strict 30mph on the main road, but it is a busy road…

The Local Parish council came up with the idea to Wildflower the verge of the main through the village and raised over £7000 to do the work.

“The ultimate aim was to create a beautiful wildlife habitat within the village, and in addition try to slow down the speed of traffic through the village.” **Long Newton Parish Council**

I urge you to ***Read the article here***. It shows how the project came about and was funded.



Yesterday, going through the village, we just had to stop and

take pictures both ways going in the morning and coming back at night. So I guess, THIS traffic calming worked!

Richard Bartlam

Dursley Rocks Feedback

Feedback: Dursley Rocks at Dursley Rugby Club
Friday & Saturday 9th & 10th June

The Rugby Club are holding a review in connection with the club hosting the Dursley Rocks event during the weekend of 9-10th June and have invited Stinchcombe residents to contribute regarding their experience of the event. If you have any comments, positive or negative, and/or suggestions for how things could be structured or managed better or differently, I'd be pleased to collate them and pass them onto the Club for their consideration.

I'll be happy to coordinate the feedback and will ensure all feedback is anonymous in order to protect privacy. You can contact me in any of the following ways:

- E-mail me at: *dr.a.macfarlane@icloud.com*
- Text me on: 07976 353325
- Written feedback dropped into my letterbox at: The Barn, Townsend Farm, The Street, GL11 6AP.

Charlie Macfarlane.
Parish Councillor.

News from the SSG – May 2023

News from Berkeley & Oldbury Site Stakeholders Group

Magnox Ltd, based in Berkeley, are responsible for decommissioning the old Magnox nuclear power stations, including the local Berkeley and Oldbury stations. This brief has been extended by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) to include Sellafield and Dounreay, and the Advanced Gas Cooled Reactors (AGRs) which will be closing down over the next 10 years. It is probable that all nuclear establishments will also come under the same umbrella company. As the company will have a much-increased portfolio, a rebranding project is currently being undertaken

Berkeley & Oldbury Site Stakeholder Group

Magnox have formed Site Stakeholder Groups (SSGs) for each site. These hold quarterly meetings outlining decommissioning progress and regulatory reports. I attend the Berkeley & Oldbury SSG meetings as representative for Stinchcombe Parish Council.
Details of SSG activities can be found at ***https://magnoxstakeholdergroups.com/*** . In future the minutes of the SSG meetings will be added to this website

SSG Meeting on 11th May 2023

The meetings do not only discuss decommissioning, but also wider issues as in the examples below.

Proposed redevelopment of silt lagoon

One of the silt lagoons at Oldbury is now under consideration for change of use. When the station was running is was required to settle silt out of the water to be used for cooling. The most likely outcome is a change to a wetlands reserve for birds.



Free wetland image from Rawpixel

New nuclear build

The government is in the process of setting up a new flagship body, Great British Nuclear (GBN), to enable nuclear projects and support the UK's nuclear industry. It is envisaged that GBN will help projects through every stage of the development process and develop "a resilient pipeline" of new builds.

New large scale nuclear power stations are either under construction (Hinkley Point C, 3.2 GW) or planned (Sizewell C) by client EDF. More may be built, but also under consideration is the development of small modular reactors (SMRs), typically with capacity up to 500 MW per unit. The main components will be factory built and assembled on site. This will reduce the construction period and facilitate high quality workmanship under factory conditions.

GBN are currently reviewing six designs for SMRs, including by Rolls Royce ***https://www.rolls-royce-smr.com/*** and a company supported by Bill Gates ***https://www.terrapower.com/*** . SMRs are pressurised water reactors (PWRs), in line with most new nuclear power stations. The Rolls Royce SMR derives from established technology used in nuclear submarines.

It is probable that Oldbury will be selected for development of a new SMR. This should be largely welcomed in the local area for the job opportunities and involvement of local industries.

Chris Davies

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

St Cry's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

In advance of the APCM next month we are required to review the Electoral Roll.

If you wish to vote at the APCM or stand for PCC you must be on the church Electoral Roll. If you are not currently on the Roll and wish to be, then please complete a form and return to Joan Jelfs.

The Church Electoral Roll in the Parish of of St Cyr Stinchcombe will be revised by the Parochial Church Council beginning Sunday 16th April ending Sunday 30th April .If your name is not already on the roll and you wish to have it added please contact Joan Jelfs Electoral Roll Officer or a church warden.

Only those whose names are on the Church Electoral Roll may vote at the APCM later in May and be eligible for election to the PCC

The current Electoral Roll Form

The deadline is 30th April

Any queries please ask a member of the clergy, a church warden or the Electoral Roll Officer, ***Joan Jelfs***

Annual Parish Assembly

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STINCHCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH
WILL BE HELD ON WENESDAY 3RD MAY 2023 AT 7.00PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL

ALL MEMBERS OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

AGENDA

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 30th May 2022**
2. **Matters arising from the Minutes**
3. **Annual Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council**
4. **Reports by County and District Councillors**
5. **Presentation of Annual Accounts**

- **Parish Council**
- **Stinchcombe Village Hall Trust**
- **Stinchcombe United Charities**
- **Dursley United Charities**

6. **Reports by Parish Councillors**
7. **Matters Raised by Parishioners**

E. N. Bradley

Clerk to the Parish Council

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60 miles in a coracle

60 Miles for 60 Years

As well as being Stinchcombe's toad patrol warden, Jayne Kirkham is also a Canoe Safari Warden at Slimbridge Wetland Centre. Next week she will coracle 60 miles down the river Severn in April to raise money for the UK's leading wetland

conservation charity – WWT.

The coracle adventure will begin at ***Upper Arley*** in Worcestershire, on Monday 17 April. Jayne aims to carry out 5 legs of roughly 12 miles by coracle, stopping overnight, until she reaches the Shepherds Patch Bridge at Slimbridge, by an aimed date of Friday 21 April.

In 2021 Jayne took part in the St Cyr's sponsored walk along the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal, but Jayne completed it in a canoe. As a seasoned canoeist this wasn't much of a challenge so thought – next time let's try it in a coracle, the traditional boat of the Severn.

And one thing led to another and, as Jayne turns 60 this July, the challenge escalated into a fundraiser of a 60 mile journey down the river Severn and finally finishing the last leg on the canal.



Jayne explains:

I love birds and I love boats – little ones: canoes, kayaks and coracles. So being one of the Canoe Safari Wardens at WWT Slimbridge is a bit of a dream job for me.

When I started I definitely knew more about boats than birds. But time spent at Slimbridge has allowed me to witness the comings and goings of so many different species and over the years I've realised just how essential wetlands are for life on this planet.

So I hope you will support me and make a donation to the ***Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust****."*

If you would like to support WWT's work, you can donate via

Jayne's Just Giving page

Emergency Alerts!

The Emergency Alerts service

The UK government's new Emergency Alerts system is now live.

- The system will enable people to be contacted via their mobile phone when lives are in danger.
- It will be used to warn you in the event of emergencies, such as severe flooding.
- If you receive an alert, read the alert carefully and follow the instructions.

On Sunday 23 April 2023 at 3pm, there will be a national test of the Emergency Alerts service.

Emergency Alerts are sent to all compatible mobile phones within an area of risk. They don't track your location, need your phone number, or collect personal data. Only the government and the emergency services will be able to send them. If you don't have a mobile phone, you'll still be kept informed through other channels.

If you get an Emergency Alert on your phone:

- You'll hear a loud, siren-like sound.
- A message on your screen will tell you about the

emergency and how best to respond.

You'll be able to check an alert is genuine at ***gov.uk/alerts***
You can opt out of receiving emergency alerts; for more information on how to opt out please go to ***gov.uk/alerts***