Open 2 All Project Update 07/03/2022

We have started!

The Open 2 All project is officially underway. The oak for cladding the WC cubicle and for making two sets of new gates for the church was collected from the sawmills last Monday and is now stacked in the back of the church.

The area at the back of the church has been cordoned off in readiness for working on the WC cubicle.

All the other construction materials will be delivered on Tuesday 8th March where Derek Crocker, John Brown and myself will set-to building the stud partition walls.

Meanwhile, Will Heming and John Wallis will be re-landscaping the west approach to the church next to Heidi’s house.

Photos include the oak at the sawmills and finally on the floor in the church.

John Pinch



Royal Mail is removing post boxes again

Waterley Bottom Post Box

After a request to relocate the Waterley Bottom Post Box a short distance (to avoid it obstructing the field gateway), Royal Mail has responded to advise that they will be removing the mail box completely.

North Nibley Parish Council and Stroud District Council are fighting this decision and have support from MP, Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown who has raised our concerns with Royal Mail.

Please sign the petition to help keep this valuable service to our rural community.

Sign the Petition to show support to North Nibley

Stinchcombe – United for Ukraine

Making Donations

Stinchcombe Village Hall Committee Room will be open on **Thursday and Friday 3rd and 4th March from 1030 – 1630** for anyone wishing to make donations to help the people of Ukraine.

We will be delivering donations to two contact groups:

1. Alex is kindly taking donations to her son's school, Richard Pates School in Cheltenham. This includes the food donations and will all be taken at **3pm on Thursday afternoon**. After that time we are not able to accept

food donations for the time being.
2. **On Saturday morning** Jess will take more donations to Thornbury where they will be loaded up to go to a Polish charity in London which is shipping out to Ukraine on Sunday morning.

What to donate

Items that have been requested by the two groups are as follows:

- First aid kits
- Plasters / hand sanitiser / water purification tablets
- Bandages / wound dressings / Medical tape
- Nappies / baby wipes / wet wipes / baby formula
- Dried food / pasta / soups / rusks
- Cereal bars / energy bars / chocolate
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Sanitary products
- Toiletries such as shampoo, deodorant, moisturiser, lip salves, shower gel, soap
- Torches and batteries / head torches and batteries
- Knee protectors

Unfortunately neither group is able to accept second hand clothing or bedding, but new clothes and bedding would be much appreciated, such as socks, underwear, children's clothes, baby clothes – little things we can get in local supermarkets that could make such a difference to someone's life on the road.

Thank you so much to those who visited the village hall this afternoon to donate – it's been a great start. Please pass on this information to your friends and family and we look forward to filling the committee room with much needed items for our Ukranian friends over the next two days.

Other ways to Donate

If you wish to **Donate Funds** these organisations are collecting money.

- The ***Disasters Emergency Committee***, **The UK Government will match pound-for-pound up to £20 million donated by the public to this appeal**. DEC brings together 15 leading aid charities to raise funds quickly and efficiently.
- The ***British Red Cross***, which has launched an appeal to help the Ukrainian Red Cross to provide food, medicine, clothing and shelter, as well as first aid training in bomb shelters and, in the last few days, 15,000 litres of drinking water to villages in eastern Ukraine
- The ***UNHCR*** refugee agency, which is funding emergency shelters, repairs for homes damaged by shelling, emergency cash assistance, psychological support and warm clothing
- ***Unicef***, the UN's children's charity, which is helping to ensure families have clean water and food and that child health and protection services continue
- ***Save the Children***, which is providing cash assistance, food and other support to refugees crossing into Romanian and Lithuania, as well as in Ukraine itself.
- The ***Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain***, the largest representative body for Ukrainians in the UK, has raised more than £1.1m, which it said would fund medicine, food and other essentials.
- The ***Ukrainian Embassy*** has set up a special fund called With Ukraine for people to send funds via PayPal or bank transfers.

Ukraine Support

Ukrainian Flag

Our Telephone Box now is in the colours of the Ukrainian Flag. As a small gesture of Stinchcombe support of the people of Ukraine.

At the week-end many buildings worldwide were illuminated in the colours of the Ukrainian flag. To show worldwide solidarity against the invasion and war that Russia is pursuing against it's neighbour of Ukraine. John Pinch has decorated the Telephone Box in order to show Stinchcombe's support.

How Can You Support Ukraine

The ***British Red Cross*** is asking for donations and for people to support it's ***UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL***. As the security situation allows, the Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) will continue to respond to existing and emerging humanitarian needs.

Your donation could help someone affected get:

- food
- water
- first aid
- medicines
- warm clothes
- shelter

Friends of St Cyrs AGM 2022

Dear All

Thank you all for your continuing support for The Friends of St Cyr's Church Stinchcombe.

You are cordially invited to our AGM on **Thursday 17th March 2022 – 7pm –** in the Church and we look forward to seeing as many as possible.

You will have a chance to hear what we have achieved in the past year and about our forthcoming ***Open2All Project*** which starts in the next couple of weeks and our aims for the coming years.

Any nominations for the committee should be sent in writing with a proposer, a seconder and the permission of the nominee, to reach the Chair by the 3rd March 2022

We are grateful for your help in these difficult times as every contribution is valuable to us.

Russell

Russell Legg.

Chair

Junior Golf Coaching

Half Term Golf Coaching at Stinchcombe Hill Golf Club

February Half Term Golf Coaching for Age 5+ Boys and Girls.

- £12 per child
- Thursday 25th February
- 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

For further information and to sign up contact ***Mark Pitcher***. Mobile 0779 485 7807

Playground race night

Night at the Races

So for those who don't know what a race night. It is a great fun night like being at the races but from the comfort of the village hall, and helping to fund a community space! During the evening there will be 8 video horse races to bet on. If you bet on the winning horse you get your share of the pot.

Have you ever want the thrill of owning a race horse, without the expense now is your chance. In every race there will be 8 horses, and if the one you own wins you win a bottle of bubbles! Also all owners get entry included in their

ownership! All for £10 per horse. It is effectively an 8 person raffle for a bottle of bubbles and covers cost of your entry. You would be crazy to miss out on this!

Now I know you are asking how do I get involved. Well it's easy. First come up with the name of your horse and then you can either buy it with cash from our ticket sellers or you can ***email*** and send the money via bank transfer. A/c 51928263 s/c 309897 and use your surname as reference.

DATE: **Saturday 19th March**
Doors Open **7.00 pm**
Till 11.00 pm

Tickets are limited so you don't want to be the one missing out! If you don't want to own a horse there are £5 entry tickets available.

This is an over 18s event. Cash bar and betting.

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- ***Neil Forsyth***, based at Park house, Echo lane
- ***Naomi Heming***, based at Overend Cottage, The Street
- ***Paul Chamberlain***, located at Pentire, Wick Lane

All tickets are digital to reduce environmental impact. So please give the names of people in your group or the party leader for entry.



All funds raised at the Race night are for the ***Stinchcombe Playground and Community Space***