Calendar Update

Stinchcombe Calendar 2022

Time is marching on and plans for the Stinchcombe Calendar for 2022 are taking shape.

We are hoping to be able to go to press in September so that the calendars will be ready for sale in October in anticipation of Christmas and of course the New Year 2022.

The success of the calendar however will depend on you for the photographic and/or artistic contributions that you have captured or created over the year with scenes of the village and surrounding area reflecting the different seasons and months of the year.

Do you remember some of those lovely shots which you shared on Stinchcombe social especially during the winter? Now is the time to look through your pictures and send your contributions to the panel with any shots for the calendar.

The panel will be looking to create a calendar with a visual focus on this lovely area of Gloucestershire where we live and the community of Stinchcombe to which we belong.

So this article is to remind you about the Stinchcombe Village Calendar 2022 and to invite you to submit possible photographs, paintings or drawings relating to Stinchcombe for a particular month, which could be selected for the 2022 calendar.

Entries should be sent to the following dedicated email address ***pleggate@outlook.com*** as soon as possible and no later than the beginning of September 2021, ready for the panel of experts to make their selection.

All pictures submitted will be considered, but the judges' decision will be final.

The calendar will then be prepared for printing.

Guidelines for calendar submissions are as follows:

- Anyone of any age with an interest and knowledge of Stinchcombe and its surroundings is encouraged to submit an entry.
- There is no entrance charge, but if your work is selected we would expect to be able to print it in the calendar and sell the calendar on behalf of the PCC.
- There should be a title that identifies the aspect of Stinchcombe in the picture
- Each entry should be clearly marked with the month to be represented.
- There should be a clear link between the month and the subject of the picture.

Please help make 2022 a special year that captures some of the best memories of our lovely village during its different seasons, activities and events.

The Right to Roam

Rights of way and accessing land

You can access some land across England without having to use paths – this land is known as 'open access land' or 'access land'.

Access land includes mountains, moors, heaths and downs that

are privately owned. It also includes common land registered with the local council and some land around the England Coast Path.

Your right to access this land is called the ‘right to roam’, or ‘freedom to roam’.

What you can and cannot do

You can use access land for walking, running, watching wildlife and climbing.

There are certain activities you cannot usually do on open access land, including:

- horse-riding
- cycling
- camping
- taking animals other than dogs on to the land
- driving a vehicle (except mobility scooters and powered wheelchairs)
- water sports

But you can use access land for horse-riding and cycling if:

- the landowner allows it
- public bridleways or byways cross the land – horse riders and cyclists can ride along these
- there are local traditions, or rights, of access

Dogs on open access land

You must keep your dog on a lead no more than 2 metres long on open access land:

- between 1 March and 31 July – to protect ground-nesting birds
- at all times around livestock

On land next to the England Coast Path you must keep your dog under close control.

There may be other local or seasonal restrictions. These do not apply to public rights of way or assistance dogs.

Excepted land

On access land some areas remain private (‘excepted land’). You do not have the right to access these areas, even if they appear on a map of open access land.

Excepted land includes:

- houses, buildings and the land they’re on (such as courtyards)
- land used to grow crops
- building sites and land that’s being developed
- parks and gardens
- golf courses and racecourses
- railways and tramways
- working quarries

Use public rights of way to cross excepted land.

Find open access land

- Use the Great Portal at ***Natural England***
- For further information go to ***GOV.UK***

The Secret Garden

The Latest on the Hidden Gardens of Stinchcombe



Download your COPY

Just a short update, we now have around a dozen Gardens confirmed and I am hopeful of 2 more at Clingre Down.

This will be an excellent time especially for those newly moved into Stinchcombe to meet others.

There will be a “Spinney Stroll” at Street Farm and of course, Teas and Plant Sale at Church Farm.

We are now advertising with posters, flyers and posting on various Facebook Groups on the week end. We will also post on Dursley Matters and the North Nibley Group.

We are having difficulty recruiting Catering Volunteers so please step forward.

However, we appear to be progressing quite well, and Fiona will sort out some nice weather!

Charlie Oakhill

St Cyrs Bookstall

It is wonderful to have heard of so many new people moving into our beautiful village. We thought that it may be an opportune time to remind everyone that there is a Book stall inside St. Cyr’s Church.

We have some good quality books, but would be most grateful if anyone has any children’s book which they may be willing to donate. These would benefit the younger members of our parish who have arrived recently! Any donations of good quality books are very much welcomed and can be left at the back of the church. We also have a small selection of DVDs and CDs.

St. Cyr’s is open daily, so please do pop in and have a little browse if you are passing by. It is a very interesting and attractive church with lots to see inside, it is also YOUR church, so please do visit!

With many thanks, Wendy Hamilton

PC 2021 Accounts

Parish Accounts

The Parish Accounts are available for inspection, please see the Website Document and Download section under:
Parish Council Accounts 2022

These include:

- ***Accounting Statements***
- ***Annual Governance Statement***
- ***Annual Internal Audit Report***
- ***Certificate of Exemption***
- ***Public Rights***

60 New Houses in Stinchcombe?

Potential 60 House Development Taits Hill Road

by *Russell Legg*



Framework Plan, **Planning** – Application 2021/0325/EIAS

Sensitivity Assessment

Clifton Homes. (who advertise on their website a "***no win, no fee planning permissive service***") are conducting a sensitivity assessment ahead of a potential planning application in the village. At this stage the Application is for a "***Screening request for proposed 60 dwellings, public open space and ancillary works***"

We understand that at this stage this is **NOT** a planning

application for 60 dwellings. It is our opinion however that it will inevitably lead an application for such.

Stroud District Council are looking for feedback and evidence on the wildlife, flora and fauna of this ecologically rich meadow. Do you have pictures, information verbal or written to submit to prove the diversity of this rich site?

Our Reply

Please can you comment directly on the ***SDC Planning Portal against the application***. Could you also provide a copy of your submission to ***Russell Legg***.

Already, we have contacted and sought the advice of a Planning Consultant to support the local residents who would be affected by the forthcoming application. We also made the following five points to the Stinchcombe Parish Council, and the Local Councillors for Stinchcombe and Cam who have all been very supportive.

1. We already have an adopted local Plan signed off in 2015. There is a great deal of certainty as to where growth and development will go. Stroud District Council has 6.56 years forward supply of land to satisfy that plan. Speculative and unplanned development such as this scheme are contrary to the local plan and unnecessary.
2. Irrespective of this the site is in the influence of the Cotswold AONB and would significantly and detrimentally detract from this Landscape character.
3. Access arrangements are sub standard and would make safety on Taits Hill Road a major issue.
4. The lack of services and facilities mean most residents would need to use a car.
5. The Site is rich in ecology and in the absence of a more detailed survey the development would be detrimental to the Ecology of the area.



The proposed site viewed against the backdrop of the AONB

Taits Hill Action Group

We have also formed the **Taits Hill Action Group** to communicate and co-ordinate all the information and objections of the local residents in the local area both Stinchcombe and Cam.

- Clingre Down – John Delafield- 01453 544 597
- Field Lane and West End – Ken Eales – 07785 516 569
- Orchard Leaze – Heat Patel – 07425 318 461
- Taits Hill Road – Russell Legg – 07850 383 649
- Stinchcombe Village – Kath Hudson – 01453 542 132

Questions, Queries and Help with Comments to the SDC please contact your local co-ordinator please.