



ViewPoint

June 2019

PARISH COMMENT

Thanks - The council would like to thank outgoing councillors, **Jeff Stanford** and **Sid Phelps** for their long service to the council and the community, totalling 8 years and 7 years, respectively. They have been an integral part of the council, having held the posts of Chairman and Vice Chairman during their terms of office as well as sitting on various sub-committees. The council wish them well for any future ventures they undertake.

Casual Vacancies – following the election there were 4 seats available. The parish council has been successful in co-opting two applicants at its May meeting. Newcomer Helen Medcraft of Ruspidge who has resided in the parish for 9 years and Nicky Packer who has previously sat on the parish council and has recently been elected as a District Councillor for the ward of Newnham which also includes Soudley. Two vacancies still remain to achieve a full council.

Please consider joining your Council. The council and community need you! There will be no deadline for applications. Council is happy to receive applications until all seats are taken.

Ruspidge Recreation Field - A variety of 'Allium' has been planted in the grounds of the field. Although permissible to plant in one's own garden it is a contravention of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, Section 12/14. These plants have now been removed. No flora should be planted on any council or community land without prior notification and approval of the Parish Council.

Blue Rock Trail, Ruspidge entrance. If you have any knowledge of the person/s who planted the saplings on the grass verge near the entrance to the trail would you please contact the Parish Clerk on 825343 or email info@clerkrspc.plus.com.

Play Rangers – These have been very successful, and Council will be applying for further funding for play sessions throughout the coming year.

Ruspidge Recreation Field - Dog fouling

The council is receiving complaints about dog fouling within the field, despite the fact that there is a dog waste bin and other bins within the park. **Dog walkers please scoop the poop** even in the long grass as these areas are strimmed by the grass contractor.

After all it is a play area for children and youth, and we should be protecting such from any possible infection.

The council will discuss banning dogs from the field at its July meeting. In the interim it will monitor the situation and complaints and if the problem continues it is very likely that members will approve the ban.

Highways, Temporary Road Closures.

A4151 High Street, from junction with Market Street to junction with Seven Stars Road – 1900 to 0700.

B2246 St. White's Road, from junction with Church Road to junction with B4227 Valley Road – Restricted Days 09.30 to 15.30)

B4226 Speech House Road, from junction with B4227 Valley Road to Dilke Memorial Hospital – Restricted Days 09.30 to 15.30)

The roads are expected to be closed and restricted during various times on a rolling programme commencing 1st July 2019 where the presence of approved signage will indicate whether the closures and restrictions are in force. Further advance warnings of dates/times will be displayed on site prior to the closure/restrictions taking effect. This order can permit the closure and restriction of the roads in any order, or simultaneously as required and it is anticipated all works will be completed by 20th September 2019. For further information, please contact Gloucestershire Highways on 08000 514 514 or visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk.

RUSPIDGE MEMORIAL HALL

200 CLUB WINNERS

£30

2 x £20

2 x £15

April

14 - Beryl Ayland

160 - Philip Hyndman

110 - Marilyn Meredith

81 - Pete Hyndman

128 - The White Hart

May

5 - Laura Riddell

114 - Betty Hayes

158 - Julie Taylor

166 - Huw Jones

134 - Neil Wentworth

There are nine numbers still available, at a cost of only £10 for the rest of the year.

By joining the 200 club you stand a chance of winning at least £15 (more than the year's subscription fee) and at the same time helping to sponsor your local hall.

The subscription fee is split 50/50 with the hall and the monthly prize money.

Please support Ruspidge Memorial Hall, email sallymg@live.co.uk or ring 781449

A list of recent 200 club winners and forthcoming events can also be found on the hall website at www.ruspidgehall.weebly.com

Other media include:

Next door

Facebook

Free and easy to register.

SOUDLEY VILLAGE HALL

Bluebell Teas – The May Day Bank Holiday yet again saw the Village Hall in a flurry of activity preparing for and serving light meals and tasty cakes to many visitors seeking refreshment. Some were regulars and others were trying it for the first time, but all seemed to leave refreshed and content. The chairman of the Village Hall committee described the event as a “Brilliant couple of days” and thanked all those who had helped over the weekend.

Village Fete – The Soudley Village Summer Fete will take place on July 13th starting at 1.00pm. There will be a number of games and stalls as well as entertainment throughout the afternoon.

Markets – the monthly markets continue to take place on the third Saturday of every month. The next one being held on 15th June from 0930 – 1230. This will be combined with the annual Duck Race run by Friends of Soudley School

COMMUNITY ALERTS

The advertisement features a white background with a red border. At the top left is the 'Your Community Alerts Gloucestershire' logo, which consists of three stylized human figures in blue and red. To the right of the logo is the Gloucestershire Constabulary crest, a shield with a crown on top and the letters 'CR' in the center. Below the logo and crest is the text 'Sign up today for local news and alerts in your community.' in red. Underneath this text are three icons: a location pin, a police helmet, and a smartphone. To the right of the smartphone icon is a hand holding the phone, which displays a list of alerts. At the bottom of the advertisement is a red banner with the website address 'www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk' in white text.

YOUR Community ALERTS Gloucestershire

Sign up today for local news and alerts in your community.

By registering today you will receive news and appeals, local crime information and crime prevention advice - directly to you.

Registering with us is completely free.

It will also help your local policing teams better police your neighbourhood.

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BIFFA 01594 825803

Cinderford Town Council 01594 822599

Citizen Advice Bureau 0300 330 9006

CAB Existing Clients 01594 823937

Dog/Street Warden 01594 812264

FODDC 01594 810000

Forestry Commission 03000 674800

FVAF 01594 822073

Highways 08000 514514

Police 101

Power Cut 105

Shire Hall Reception 01452 425000

Street Lighting 08000 514514

Two Rivers Housing 08003 160897

and/or 01594 546222

REGULAR EVENTS.

Every Sunday	Parish Eucharist	9.30am		St John's Cinderford
	Canine College	10.00am	- 12.00pm	Ruspidge Lower Hall
	Shaolin	7.00pm	- 8.30pm	Ruspidge Hall
Every Tuesday	Golden Oldies	2.15pm	- 4.15pm	Ruspidge Hall
Every Thursday	Walking for Health	2.00pm		Blakeney Surgery
	Brownies*	6.00pm	- 7.30pm	Ruspidge Hall
1st Tuesday	Ladies Group	7.00pm	- 9.00pm	Ruspidge Hall
2nd Wednesday	Gardening Club	7.30pm	- 9.00pm	Ruspidge Hall
1st & 3rd Wednesday	Said Eucharist	10.00am		St Stephen's Cinderford
3 rd Saturday	Soudley Village Market	9.30am	- 12.30pm	Soudley Village Hall
5th Wednesday	Said Eucharist	10.00am		St John's Cinderford

* Brownies are Term Time Only

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