## Gone but not forgotten

With the Pavilion in Victory Park soon to be replaced by a brand new build, it brought back fond memories of my primary school days when the Pavilion became our school canteen. Between 1954 and 1961 I attended Cainscross Cof E Primary School. At the time it was housed in the stone building which is now St Matthew's Court Residential Home. Living in Paganhill at the time, this was our closest primary school as Cashes Green School wasn't built until later. When dinner time came at the end of morning lessons we would line up in the playground in classes and walk in line to the Pavilion. Our dinner monitor was a Mrs Gingell, quite a strict lady who kept us in order. She took no messing



and demanded we eat in relative silence. As young children no one seemed to test her but if on the odd occasion someone did they were soon told to behave. Jugs of water were placed on each table and we drank from coloured plastic mugs. Before each meal Mrs Gingell would say grace and then we all sat anxiously waiting for our table's turn to join the queue for dinner. There were rows of table's on each side of the room with a central aisle. Some members of staff would also join us for dinner, but they always sat on a separate table at the back.

We would be sent up one table at a time and queue up at the serving hatch, pick up a plate and the kitchen ladies would serve our meals. I remember our dinners were supplied by a company called Sutcliffe Catering and were delivered in their dark green van which had their name on the sides in gold lettering. The food came in aluminium pots and trays. As I remember the food always seemed tasty, nourishing and enjoyable. Two of the ladies who served out the food were Mrs Bessie Cleveley and Mrs Myrtle Scrivens. Both were friends of mums and so myself and my brother often had larger helpings. They both lived in Downfield and when I married and bought our first house there they became our neighbours. Sometimes if the food was late arriving Mrs Gingell would organise a sing song while we waited and I remember the song 'Ten Green Bottles' was always included. When we would eventually see the caterers' van enter the park there would be a loud cheer from us hungry mortals.

When we had finished eating we would spend the remainder of our dinner break playing in Victory Park - usually football despite having rather full bellies. It was certainly a safer world back then and I am sure today it would not be permitted for young children to be allowed to play in an area the size of Victory Park without very secure boundaries being put in place.

It will be sad to see the old building go but she has certainly earned her keep over many years and is now very tired and outdated. The building may soon disappear but the very happy memories of time spent in her will always stay strong.

Councillor Clive White

## Let's Play Together Consultation

We are looking to make some improvements to Victory Park Play Area. One of the first improvements we hope to make is by installing a DDA Roundabout. Play opportunities for disabled children in the Parish are very limited and we hope by installing this roundabout and improving the access, that this will be the first step.

To make this happen we are applying for grants and to be successful we need to consult with our Parishioners to make sure this is something they support.

Please offer us your support by post, email, facebook or even by phone.

Cainscross Parish Council ● www.cainscross-pc.gov.uk ● Email: newsletter@cainscross-pc.gov.uk 39 Westward Road, Cainscross (Office open Mon - Thurs 9.30am - 1.00pm) ● 01453 756036



# Pete ponders...

I am Pete Tiley, your new Stroud District Council Neighbourhood Warden, having responsibility for Cainscross Parish.

As your Neighbourhood Warden, I provide support and help with the following issues:

- Supporting Vulnerable People
- Dog Fouling
- Intimidating or Anti-social Behaviour
- Abandoned and Untaxed Vehicles
- Home Security and Crime Prevention Advice
- Litter, Fly Posting and Fly Tipping
- And much more!

If you have any concerns on these or any similar issues, you can contact me on 01453 754514 or 07876 405833 or email peter.tiley@stroud.gov.uk

#### Pick Up or Pay Up!

Winter is coming! This means it is prime Dog Fouling season!

A reminder to dog owners, please pick up after your dogs, we know the majority are responsible but a few are spoiling things for many people in and around Cainscross.

We remind you that Stroud District Council has adopted Dog Control Orders under the Clean Neighbourhood and Environments Act, 2005.

This makes it an offence if dog owners do not clean up after their dogs when the dog fouls anywhere to which the public has access.

OFFENDING OWNERS RISK A FIXED PENALTY NOTICE OF £75 FOR A FIRST OFFENCE AND A MAXIMUM FINE OF £1,000 FOR REPEAT OFFENCES.

Due to increased complaints, we have stepped up patrols in Cainscross with the intention of issuing fines to irresponsible dog owners.

We urge everyone to be responsible at all times and always clean up after their dog, fouling is both unpleasant and a health risk, particularly to children.

Please always carry a bag to pick up your dog's mess.

If you have any dog related queries or if you have information regarding offending owners please contact either myself or the Environmental Health Team on 01453 754478. We need your help to solve this problem and to help Keep Britain Tidy.

## News from your local PCSO's

#### PLEASE BE AWARE

We are drawing into the season of Autumn which means the clocks will have changed and the nights will draw in.

Sadly, your home will be more vulnerable and this will be the opportunity for criminals to 'try their luck' and enter your home. Not only your home but your car.

Please do not leave your house in complete darkness, use a timer switch that you can buy from a local hardware store. This will give the criminal the impression that you are at home when you are actually out. Buy two, and set them to come on at different times.

Leave a radio or television on - it may make a criminal think twice about breaking into your property.

Try and remember to lock all your doors and windows when you leave your house. Make sure your garages and sheds are secure.

Ensure you lock your vehicle, don't leave anything visible inside, like a laptop, phone, sat navigation or even some small change, criminals may take this opportunity to break in.

Try to keep yourself and your property safe.

#### **Jayne Fellowes**



Community Wellbeing Service - Stroud and Berkeley Vale

Many things affect our health and wellbeing, such as where we live, how we spend our time, our financial situation and our relationships with friends and family.

Sometimes, we need a bit of help, for example, when coping with a short or long term health situation, or when life throws other challenges our way. This is where we can help! Our Community Wellbeing Agents (you may remember them as Social Prescribers or Village Agents) are part of a county wide service who tailor their advice to your needs.

The Community Wellbeing Service is a free and confidential service for anyone over the age of 16. The aim of the service is to connect you to local services, organisations and groups that can help you to improve your general wellbeing and meet your wider social needs.

How do I refer?

Contact us at your local GP Surgery or call us directly on **0345 863 8323** (press option 2) or visit



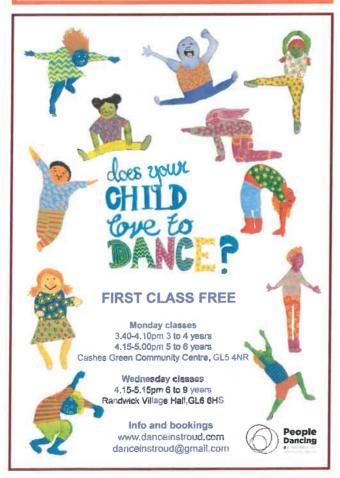
### AJ's Unisex Hair Salon

Emily Thomas has joined our friendly team. We offer a full range of treatments for ladies, gents and children.

#### **Opening Hours**

Tues & Weds 9am - 5:00pm Thursday 9am - 6:00pm Friday 9am - 6:00pm Saturday 8.30am - 2:00pm

Facebook: AJs unisex hair salon 52 Westward Road, Cainscross Tel: 01453 763875



# Update of conservation work at Queen Elizabeth II Field

Since September 2016, Stroud Valleys Project has been working with Cainscross Parish Council to improve Queen Elizabeth II Field for both people and wildlife. The work has mainly been carried out by local people and our volunteers.

We had a busy summer at the field. The hot, dry weather had a real impact on the area, with many of the wildflowers we planted last year not coming up. The water level in the pond also dropped considerably. Fortunately it didn't seem to affect the amount of wildlife living there although we will have to wait until next year to see its full impact. In an evening newt survey they found over 70 adult newts and when we ran some holiday pond dipping we had more water scorpions than I've ever seen anywhere! Water scorpions (Nepa cinerea), despite their name, are not scorpions but insects. They get their name because of their front pincer-like legs and long tail, which they actually use for breathing rather than as a sting! Once the weather had cooled down, the water level rose a little and we tried planting some new, bigger wildflowers on the ramp bank and fingers crossed they will be more successful.

This autumn we be will be getting the wildlife area ready for winter, so if you'd like to join us, please get in touch (details below). Volunteering is a brilliant way of not only practically helping the environment, but also helps to keep you fit, reducing your stress levels and bringing people together. If you are not free during the week, but would still like to be involved in the project in some way, we are still hoping to start a Friends of QE II Field Group.

If you would like to volunteer or for any more information, please contact me at Stroud Valleys Project on tamsin@stroudvalleysproject.org /01453 753358.

Tamsin Bent Stroud Valleys Project









# **Parish Council News**

We are pleased to announce that after many years of hard work and setbacks, the final phase of the Pavilion build has started. The next six months will see the demolition of the old rugby rooms and hall to create new changing rooms and offices for the Parish Council together with refurbishment of the old football changing rooms to create a multi-purpose hall.

We will keep you updated on progress and if you would like to register to use the hall in the future, please let us know. We would also like to thank Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association for a grant of £2000 awarded to help with the new Pavilion.

On a less positive note, there has been a rise in vandalism in our Parish and lately it has been particularly targeted at our bus shelters. If you should see anyone acting suspiciously or causing damage in the Parish please call 101.

Finally, we are now beginning to set our budget for next year and would love to hear from you if you have any ideas that you feel would improve where we live. Remember however, the Parish Council only has certain powers and unfortunately fixing potholes is not one of them!

Slightly early I know - but on behalf of Cainscross Parish Council, may we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Jeni Marshall



Sally Jones

### Quiz

- Q1. Which bird appears in the logo of Cainscross Parish Council?
- Q2. Which year was Cashes Green Primary School opened?
- **Q3.** In which year was the building of St Matthew's Church, Cainscross, completed:

A1837 B1855 C1829

**Q4.** What is the approximate official recorded acreage of Selsley Common?

A 110 acres B 135 acres C 160 acres

**Q5.** Which local establishment has the following motto 'With love and faith, we aspire and achieve'?

**Q6.** Gloucestershire physician, Edward Jenner, created the world's first vaccine against which disease?

**Q7.** How long is The Cotswold Way National Trail which runs between Bath and Chipping Campden and passes very close to the Parish boundary?

A 95 miles B 98 miles or C 102 miles

**Q8.** Where in Gloucestershire is Katherine Parr, former wife of Henry VIII buried?

**Q9.** Each year, hundreds of which species of bird migrate from Arctic Russia to Gloucestershire's Slimbridge Wetland Centre?

Q10. In which year was Victory Park Bowls Club formed?

### Playboat fundraiser wins award

It was lovely to hear that eight-year-old Edie who involved her whole school in a project to raise funds to rebuild the playboat in the QEII Field after it was burned down, was awarded Child of the Year 2018 at the recent 'Pride of Cotswolds' award ceremony.

Diagnosed with end-stage kidney disease at the age of four, she has had to endure years of dialysis, continuing medical treatment, scans and assessments as well as a kidney transplant two years ago.

Even when she was in hospital for almost a year after she was diagnosed, she used the time to draw pictures that were made into postcards, tote bags and prints to raise money for Wallace and Gromit's Grand Appeal for Bristol Royal Children's Hospital. Well done Edie!



Edie receiving her award. Photo courtesy of Stroud News and Journal

# Severn Trent Upgrade Works

Severn Trent water has recently started a large project in and around Stroud to ensure local people have a reliable supply of water for years to come. The project will lay around 10 miles of brand new modern pipes from Whaddon near Gloucester to a reservoir on Minchinhampton Common. Work has already started on Culver Hill in Amberley, and then work will continue in various locations for the next 12 months. During Spring 2019 work will be needed to install pipework under the railway line close to Renard Rise and Ebley Road. Severn Trent will let you know more about this work in more detail closer to the time.

You can find out more about this project at: www.stw.works then search for the Stroud project. You can also ask any questions you may have on the submit feedback section of the webpage - make sure that you leave some contact details with your question.

Regards
Gareth Mead
Sevem Trent Water
Capital Communications



## Fly Tipping

Since 2016, the Legal and Community Services teams have been working together to address the ongoing problem of fly-tipping across the district. In summary, the work has included introducing and implementing procedures to effectively investigate reports of fly-tipped waste and taking steps to identify individuals responsible wherever possible, to enable culprits to be issued with fixed penalty notices (FPNs) and in more serious cases prosecuted.

Income has been used to cover costs of promoting good practice and deterring prospective offenders, for example signage and CCTV surveillance equipment. To illustrate the value of such expenditure, in the past waste was often deposited next to the recycling containers at Cainscross car park. By deploying CCTV cameras, officers were able to identify a number of offenders by obtaining their names from the DVLA with reference to the vehicles they were driving. This has resulted in FPNs being issued and a marked decrease in incidents of flytipping at that site.

We have also taken proactive steps to work with private land owners and make prosecutions on their behalf. Black bags of waste were found at Cashes Green Allotments in June. These bags were investigated as a fly tip by the Parish Council and evidence passed to the District Council with a view to prosecute. The individual named on the evidence attended an Interview Under Caution and explained her connection to the waste. Officers were then able to address the issue with the relevant homeowner and issued a warning letter.

## **New Councillors**

We would like to welcome our new Councillors who were co-opted on to the Council in October.



Ros Scott-Hodgetts Cainscross Ward



David Dale Cashes Green East Ward

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### Cainscross WI

We have had a busy and happy Summer at Cainscross WI with our annual outing in July where we travelled to The Suttons in Hereford. We had a lovely evening with supper prepared by the WI ladies there and we had a warm evening, so it was a very pleasant time enjoyed by all including some new ladies who have continued to join us for recent meetings.

In August, we heard from The Wandering Cook (aka Richard Burton) who gave us a good demonstration using various culinary knives! Early September was our usual Craft Evening with the chance to learn a new craft or two.

In October our guest was Anne Weare, who gave us a very good demonstration of Bookbinding and also brought along a selection of her work for us to look at.

I can't believe that we are nearing the end of the year, with only two more meetings for 2018. Our AGM took place on

November 6 followed by Patrick Howell of the Cotswold Players entertaining us.

On Tuesday 4 December we have our usual Christmas Party to look forward to.

We still meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.15pm in St Matthew's Church Hall, Cainscross, although in January we have decided to meet one week later, on Tuesday 8 January, 2019 as the first Tuesday falls on New Year's Day.

New members/visitors are always more than welcome to join us to see what we get up to and for more information on any of the above, please call 01453 762812.

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#### **Mary Jarrett**

Cainscross WI

## **SAVINGS OFFER FOR NEW MEMBERS**

#### A £25 WINDFALL FOR NEW SAVERS THIS AUTUMN!

Stroud Valleys Credit Union is Stroud's own community bank, a co-operative that is run by local people for local people. It's 20 years old this year and to mark this anniversary, is offering a special bonus for anyone opening a savings account before 30 November - save at least £10/month for 3 months and £25 will be added to your savings, free of charge!

Anyone who saves or borrows from the Credit Union becomes a member and has a share of its profits.

Because the Credit Union is small, we can be peoplefocused, getting to know our members and adding a friendly face to finances. We're really keen to help members build their financial resilience so they can deal with the unexpected and also enjoy the nice things in life like a holiday. Hence this special savings offer to give a boost to new savings accounts opened by anyone over the age of 18. The £25 is being supplied by the 'Stop Loan Sharks' team as part of their work to help people avoid getting trapped into the neverending cycle of debt caused by borrowing from these illegal money lenders.

So make the most of this autumn savings windfall by visiting www.svcu.org.uk, ringing 01453 298785, emailing admin@svcu.org.uk.

## **Ebley Allotments**

After an indifferent start to the growing season in 2018 – cold, wet Spring, followed by a long hot dry spell, the late rain and mild weather helped the allotments to recover.

Let's hope the 2019 season is rather more kind.

Overwintering onions should be planted by now, as the ground is still fairly warm, and broad beans (Aquadulce Claudia or Valenciana are my choices) can be planted within the next 4 weeks.

Any tools not required during Winter should be cleaned and wiped over with oil ready for next season and don't forget to sharpen shears and secateurs!

Would -be plot holders should telephone the Hon Sec on 01453 751483 for details.

**Tony Wyatt** 

## Quiz Answers

**Q1.** Kingfisher | **Q2.** 1957 | **Q3.** 1837 | **Q4.** 160 acres | **Q5.** St Matthew's C of E Primary School **Q6.** Smallpox | **Q7.** 102 miles | **Q8.** Sudeley Castle | **Q9.** Bewick's Swans | **Q10.** 1919



## Cainscross Rugby

Cainscross Rugby Club has played four matches to date in the newly formed "Gloucestershire 2nd North" division. The division consists of ten teams and we are in mid table at the moment.

The season began well on 22 September with a hard fought home win against Westbury-on-

Severn, Cainy squeezing home 7-5. The following Saturday we travelled to Cheltenham Civil Service where the home side prevailed with a winning score of 39-10.

Fairford visited Victory Park on 6 October and played with their signature brand of open and attractive running rugby. Cainscross struggled to cope with this style of rugby in the first half but found their form after the break. Cainscross came close to parity with Fairford but eventually the away team pulled away from their hosts to register a win by 45 points to 22.

On Saturday 29 October Cainy travelled to division strugglers Gloucester All Blues. A strong and proud club in past times All Blues are at the moment finding life hard and succumbed 0-48 to a Cainscross side who, by their own admission, need to improve if they are to move up the table.

This new division is proving highly competitive and Fairford are the current leaders closely followed by our close neighbours Painswick. Cainscross and Painswick are collaborating to provide game time for players who would otherwise be missing out. It is proving to be very successful and is a welcome break from the parochialism that is sometimes prevalent between our supporter groups.

If you have just started at secondary school or are in Year 6 and therefore due to start next September, you might consider coming to Victory Park each Sunday between 9.30am and 10.30am. Our Cainscross RFC Youth section is for boys and girls and will prepare you for the wonderful game of rugby which you may well have the opportunity to play when you move to your new school.

Dave Roberts
Cainscross Rugby Football Club

# Remembering the Armistice and the end of The Great War 1914 -1918

It is 100 years since the conclusion of the horrific conflict and hardship endured by our local community. In the Parish office we have a framed Commemoration listing the 56 Service men 'Who gave their all', mostly young men with varied occupations. It is with this in mind that we need to remember them and their families who may still live within our Parish. We are pleased to honour them at this time.

We must also remember those on "The Home Front" men, women and children who worked on the farms to produce food, the Girls at Quedgeley working to make the cloth for uniforms, and men producing aeroplanes. We will never know how much effort was put in by them all.

Extracts from Stroud News and Gloucester County Newspapers indicated the relief and gratitude when the War ended.

The sounding of the horn at the factories at Dudbridge welcomed home the men from Cainscross and Ebley and made it known that the Armistice had been signed and flags flew on dwellings.

The papers then captured the service men being reunited with families and returning to normal working life..

This is similar to recollections that I have of my father's absence and his return with the lights going on again after WWII. At this distance in time we cannot fully appreciate what this past generation went through and likewise we hope for a peaceful and settled future.

#### Councillor Peter Berry





St Matthew's Church - Cainscross **CHRISTMAS FAIR - Saturday 24 Novmber** 2- 4pm in the Church Hall Lots of Stalls including Cakes- Tombola - Books - Cards & Wrapping Entrance 20p

# **Charity Calendar**

A group of women from around the five valleys have taken a brave step in order to raise money for charity. The women, who call themselves Stroud Stragglers, have taken the body positive step to pose for a naked calendar in order to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

Members of the group were motivated to undertake the extraordinary fundraising initiative after several family members and friends were affected by different types of cancer.

'We've all been touched by cancer, either ourselves or people close to us,' explained Wendy Old, one of the women involved. To purchase a calendar email Stroud.Stragglers@gmail.com or search Facebook for Stroud Stragglers or contact Wendy Old on 07825 953588.



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#### St Matthew's Cainscross Church

St Matthew's at Cainscross Facebook Page

Regular Services/Events

First Sundays 8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Lay led Morning Praise

Third Sunday 3.30pm Messy Church Second, Third & 9.30am Parish Communion

Fifth Sunday normally a united service in one of the Stroud

Christmas

Sunday 16 December 6.00pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve

Monday 24 December 4.00pm Christingle with

11.30pm Mid-night Communion

Christmas Day 9.30am Parish Communion

### **Ebley Chapel Christmas Events**

Singing every month on a Sunday afternoon down on the Wharf, talking and getting to know many of you out for a Sunday stroll along the canal.

Ebley Chapel members love singing so November and December will be a busy calendar of events leading up to Christmas. Please join us for this special time of year.

Saturday 24 November 7pm

An evening with Terry and Mike and Guests

Saturday 15 December 3pm

Carol Singing around Ebley meet at Ebley

Chapel

Saturday 15 December 6.30

(Film starts at 7pm)

Christmas Film Night and Carols

Sunday 16 December 6pm

Ebley Chapel Carol Service

Wednesday 19 December 4pm

Mosley Road Carol Singing meet

Malvern Gardens

Sunday 23 December

Celebrating our Saviour's Birth

Tuesday 25 December

10.30am 45 minutes of Christmas Joy

and Thanksgiving

Jam Club (Jesus and Me (3-10yr olds)

during service

6pm Evening Service