

The **NEWSLETTER**

Brize Norton Parish Council

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# THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY BASH

*and Village fun day*



Sunday June 12th 2016

**2-5pm**

Village Recreation Ground

A Birthday cake, fancy dress, raffle,  
jousting, bbq, bar, music and much more...

featuring the Brize Norton Primary School and other village organisations

## Chairman's Report

Welcome to the summer edition of the newsletter. I just hope the warm weather earlier in May doesn't mean that summer has been and gone.

By the time you receive this newsletter the Annual Parish Meeting will be history and, if you attended the meeting, you will know that after 14 years on the Parish Council (Chairman for the last 12) Keith has decided to really retire. I don't think any of us on the Parish Council realised a year ago that Keith was serious when he said he was staying for ONE more year. It was therefore a bit of a shock to get an e-mail from him less than 24 hours before the Annual Parish Council Meeting at the beginning of May saying that not only was he standing down as Chairman, he was retiring from the Parish Council altogether. I am honoured, if not a little daunted, to have been elected in his place and if I can serve the community half as well as he has done, I feel I will have achieved much.

Keith, on behalf of the Parish Council (past and present) and the village as a whole, thank you for all you have done for this village over the last 14 years.

To celebrate Her Majesty, the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday we have two extra village activities this year. The first, the Beacon/Bonfire night held on the recreation ground on 21<sup>st</sup> April was a great success. I am sure that the Queen's Birthday Bash on 12<sup>th</sup> June, as advertised on the cover, will be equally successful. Thank you to all the organisations and villagers who have pulled together to bring these extra activities to the fore. I look forward to seeing you there on the day.

You will see later in the newsletter that Keith's retirement from the Parish Council is not the only change we will see this year. Tim and Judy Gush have decided to step back from organising the Annual Village Day that traditionally takes place over the August Bank Holiday week-end. On behalf of the village I would like to thank Tim and Judy for their long and sustained commitment to the village's social life, I hope they will continue to play a role in this, even if it is from a "back seat".

Despite the above changes there are plans for the Horticultural Show to continue on the Village Day over the August Bank Holiday week-end as usual. So, if you have any ideas, or would be willing to help pull together an activity on the day, please speak to/e-mail a member of the Parish Council, or contact us via the Clerk, so that we can direct you towards the right group of villagers. (Contact details are at the end of this newsletter).

The Parish Council is an elected body responsible for administering the village's assets and physical infrastructure -drains, flooding, potholes, planning etc. However, the social "heart and spirit" of Brize Norton Village lies with the you, the villagers and this is reflected by the large number of organisations who regularly report in this newsletter. Thank you to everyone who works so hard to make this village a vibrant community.

You may be wondering what is happening about the 700 houses which are to be built on village land between the village and Carterton. Although the start of the building work has been delayed, the houses will be coming. The Parish Council is working hard to ensure that the village benefits as much as possible from this development.

Finally, a request to the users of the Elderbank Hall car park. We recognise that parking in the village can be a challenge at times and that the parking in the Elderbank Hall is a convenient overflow when the local streets are full. However, it is primarily parking for the patrons of the hall, so if you do find yourself parking in this car park, please park responsibly. We have had a recent complaint along the lines of “*four vehicles that regularly park in the hall car park were taking up seven spaces, also other vehicles parked had not taken care when parking, so patrons had to park in the pub car park.*” This is not something that we can sustain so please remember other villagers when you use our amenities.

I look forward to seeing you at the Queen’s Birthday Bash or around the village in the coming weeks and months.

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## **BRIZE NORTON’S planned celebrations for Her Majesty the Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations 2016**

The date is Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016, the venue Brize Norton recreation ground, the start time 2.00pm. **BE THERE!**

The village organisations, especially the primary school, have got together to organise a magnificent day of celebration and fun for the whole village to enjoy.

The day has become THE QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY BASH AND VILLAGE FUN DAY – which explains exactly what it says on the tin! We are going to have fun and games, music and dance, stalls and jousting, tea and cakes, barbecue and the bar will be open! There will be bowling for a ‘pig’ and aunt sally, old fashion sports and a grand raffle (supporting the primary school). We have even got a birthday cake – not sure if there will be 90 candles to blow out!

We would also like to invite any villager who may have some ‘old’ royal memorabilia, this could be china mugs and plates with various royal events, photographs from the village or persons living in the village 90 years ago!

Anything that invokes the past ninety years of Queen Elizabeth’s life. If you are kind enough to bring anything along, we can exhibit the items in the Elderbank Hall. It would be nice to get some feedback on this, so if you would like to bring anything along then please contact us. Names at the bottom of the article.

We started the birthday celebrations with a bonfire and soup back in April. Thank you to all who turned up and especially those who joined in with the sing-along, making it a very pleasant evening!

Looking forward to a sunny and fun filled day. It could be one of those village days that live long in the memory...

Tim Gush, Carolyn Peach, Tony Shillingford and Jo Rushton (School)

## **Brize Norton – NGS Gardens Open Day 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

This year we have 8 Gardens, including one new garden, registered with the National Garden Scheme (NGS) to open along with the St Britius Church Flower Festival.

The NGS Charity provides support for the Macmillan Nurses, Parkinson UK, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Help the Hospices, to name but a few. Also, an allocated proportion of the funds that we collected in 2015 were also shared between our Village Church, Brownies, Over 60's and the Horticultural Club.



The Open Day this year will be on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The Gardens will be open from 2 pm until 6 pm. Refreshments will be provided by the WI in the Elderbank Hall. Lucy's at Grange Farm will also provide tea's and cakes.

The cost for entry to all 8 Gardens and the Church Flower Festival will be just £4 per adult.

So please do come along, it will be a very pleasant way of spending a Sunday afternoon, with family and friends, strolling through our Village Gardens. Knowing that you will be supporting the NGS Cancer Charities and at the same time providing some well needed funds for our Village voluntary groups.

Also, if anyone is considering joining our very worthwhile cause and has a nice pleasant Garden that they would like to display to the public, they will be most welcome. So please don't hesitate in coming forward. Just contact Jean on 01993 841347 and she will explain all that you need to do to take part.

Details and photo's of all of the Gardens that will be Open on Sunday 19th June, are displayed on the Village Web Site at: [www.bncommunity.org/ngs/index.htm](http://www.bncommunity.org/ngs/index.htm).



Referendum on THURSDAY 23 JUNE 2016  
'Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European  
Union or leave the European Union?'



Have you moved recently? Will you be 18 by Thursday 23 June 2016? Are you registered to vote? Applications must reach electoral registration office by 12 midnight on Tuesday 7 June 2016 – you can register on line: [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote). For further information please visit [www.westoxon.gov.uk/elections](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/elections) or telephone the elections office on 01993 861410.

## **BRIZE NORTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**



We started our WI year off in April with a talk by Catherine Hitchins called History observed through the Landscape. She told us of many clues to look out for including milestone posts which told us that there would have been a stage coach and post coach route passing there and our old red pillow boxes gave us the name of the sovereign who was on the throne at that time. At our May meeting we were entertained by a very enthusiastic speaker, Michael Hodges who had collected a great array of articles and artefacts from over the centuries including axe heads and arrowheads, roman pottery and lots of old coins, rings and buckles etc. which he had found over many years of collecting.

Unfortunately we lost Gill Godfrey this month, another of our committed and well loved members.

A few of our members made and served soup to celebrate the Queen's Birthday Bonfire event in the Recreation Ground which was well attended.

We have trips to Buscott Park and Aston Pottery organised including as well as a much enjoyed evening at The Chequers for a meal followed by a game of Darts. As usual we will be providing cakes and teas at the Gardens Open Day on June 19th so why not come along and enjoy a delicious piece of cake and a cuppa.

The programme for the next few months is as follows:-

June 14th Gill White on The Story of Teddy Bears.  
July 12th Angela Panrucker on The Story of Sudely Castle  
August 9th Outing to Sudely Castle.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.20pm in the Elderbank Hall and visitors are always welcome.

Sue Calcutt

## **BRIZE NORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**



Since my last report for the newsletter, Brize Norton Primary School has become an academy. We have a new shiny plaque in the centre of the school, but apart from that, I think the children and parents have noticed little difference. However, it has made a huge difference already to the organisation of the school: we are receiving really good-quality support in everything from premises management and finance to making sure the children's learning is of the highest standard. I am confident that being a member of the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust (ODST) will help us to ensure our little school remains the very best it can be.

As always, we have been very busy here at school. As I write, the Year 6 children have just completed their SATs tests, and I am extremely proud of how hard they have worked and the mature attitude which they have brought to their work.

Obviously, school is about very much more than school work – I always say that my aim is to get the highest standards while also having fun. Come rain or shine, Forest School continues to be one of the most popular things we do, and I am proud that it's not just our little ones who have the chance to climb trees, light fires and make things out of mud and sticks – the Year 5 children are enjoying their turn at the moment and are enjoying every minute of it. Forest School is a great way for children to learn teamwork, creativity, problem-solving skills and how to take risks.

We are also doing very well with our Kids Marathon Challenge. Back in September, the children were challenged to run a marathon in a year, by running both at home and at school. Twenty children have already completed it and one girl has now run a marathon three times. We also continue to have plenty of clubs and activities: our woodwind players have now formed a school band, and of all the clubs the most dramatic is street hockey – hockey on roller skates! Our Year 3 children have taken part in a local-area multi-skills competition, our Year 5s and 6s have taken part in a cricket programme and we have had teams participate in both tennis and rugby tournaments: in fact, our tag rugby team came first in the Burford partnership and are through to the top tier of the upcoming Chairman's Cup tournament in Oxford. Not bad for a little school. We have also had a range of events including a sculpture day (it's amazing what children can make out of sticks and string) and a visit to the RAF Falcons launch day (free ice cream – yum!).

At the end of May, I will be starting maternity leave for six months. The governors and ODS staff have worked very hard to ensure the school will be well looked-after in my absence and we have come up with a really good solution: we will have an Acting Head, Paul Atkins, who is currently Deputy Head at Bampton Primary School, supported by Mrs Helen Barker, who has been promoted to Assistant Headteacher.

Leaving for a short while seems to me the perfect opportunity to thank our parents, Brize Norton Parish Council and all our neighbours for your support. We are very lucky to have so many people who do so much for us: in this time of shrinking budgets, that is more important than ever. The School Association raises several thousand pounds a year for the school and we have a large number of parents and others who are willing to help us either in school or outside school time. In particular, I would like to thank the parish council for allowing us to use their car park and playing field.

All our neighbours and friends are very welcome to come along to the summer fete, which this year will be combined with the village celebrations for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 12<sup>th</sup> (between 2.00 and 5.00), or to support the children at Sports Day in the afternoon of Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

I would like to wish everyone in Brize Norton a very good summer.

Anna Fairhurst (Headteacher, Brize Norton Primary School)

## **ST BRITIUS CHURCH**

At our recent Annual Parish Church Meeting we re-elected Dr Phil Holmes as churchwarden. We are indebted to Phil and to Mary for all the work they do for the church.



On **Sunday 19 June** from 2pm to 6pm the Church will be host to a flower festival. Please do come and visit to view the lovely arrangements as you wander around the village gardens open that day. In readiness for this event we are having a churchyard tidy on Saturday 11 June at 10.00 am and would welcome any volunteers. Please contact Carolyn 01993 844102.

We are looking forward to taking part in the village celebration to celebrate HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on **Sunday 12 June**. Come and enjoy tea and cakes in the Elderbank Hall during an afternoon of fun being organised on the Recreation Ground. Proceeds from the teas will go towards our general funds.



In September we will again be participating in the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride,' the sponsored walk or ride to be held on **Saturday 10 September**. The Church will be open for walkers and cyclists to visit and have their sponsorship forms signed. If you would like to take part in this fundraising initiative please contact Reverend Maddern 844175.

The weekly 'Pilgrim Lunch' group continues at 12.30pm to 1.30pm on Mondays (however there will be break over the summer from 20 July to 4 September). Come and enjoy a light lunch and join in the weekly discussions. All are welcome.

Now that summer is (almost) here why not join us at Forest Church, an outdoor worship held on **Sunday 5 June** and **Sunday 3 July** at the Kilkenny Country Park; meet at the iron horses for 2.30pm to 3.30pm – come suitably dressed in the event of bad weather. The themes for June and July respectively are 'Forest Art' and 'Mini rafts'.

Tuesday mornings during term time we continue to run a buggy club/coffee morning time from 9.30am to 11am. Come for a coffee and a chat whilst the pre-schoolers are kept busy with a range of toys and activities.

As a reminder, the first Sunday in the month is our All Age Family communion service which starts at 10am. There are activities organised for the children attending and refreshments served. On the remaining Sundays in the month the 9.15am Holy Communion service takes place.

For further details of the church services refer to the notices on the church door or log onto the website - [www.bncommunity.org](http://www.bncommunity.org).

## **Brize Norton School Archive**

A number of items have been added to the Brize Norton School Archive which can be found at [www.bncommunity.org/bnschool](http://www.bncommunity.org/bnschool) These include a description of Life in Brize Norton written in 1953 by Joy Pinnigar (now Joy Douglas) which makes interesting reading. It includes a section about the school. We also have a pictorial scrap book prepared to mark the centenary of the school in 1976.

For those who have not visited the website you will find old pictures, a school magazine dating from 1922 and Dick Prints History Exercise Book from 1930. There is also a wealth of more recent material from 2003 to date.

Thanks to Joy for searching out the newly added material. If any readers can add to the collection please contact Dr Phil Holmes (843856). In the meantime please enjoy these memories of our village school and life.

## **BRIZE NORTON HORTICULTURAL SHOW**

This is to let you know that myself and Bev will not be running the Horticultural Show this year. However, we will be supporting the new team who are taking on the running of this event.

Thank you for all your support over the last 40 odd years.  
Judy Gush and Bev Tyrell.

## **WITNEY AND CARTERTON HEALTH WALKS**



**Witney** - We meet at Witney's Windrush Leisure Centre at 10 am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. There is no charge. We do two walks; one is 1-2 miles long, the other 2-3 miles both ending up with a cup of coffee. For more information ring Joy on 01993 842373.

**Carterton** - On Monday, Thursday and Saturday we meet at the Town Hall, Carterton at 10am. The walks are 1-2 miles long. For more information contact Barbara Goudal on 01993 845923.

## **ALLOTMENT NEWS**

The allotment tenants meeting in April was well attended and three new allotment tenants have been welcomed this season. All tenants were reminded that the water troughs are only to source water and not to wash off vegetables or implements in. The troughs had been cleaned out for the new season.

Currently there is no one on the waiting list but there is one ½ size plot that is available. If you would be interested in taking on a tenancy of an allotment please contact the clerk, or speak with Wendy Way or Fred Bellenger.





## **BRIZE NORTON BADMINTON CLUB**



We meet every Monday at The Elderbank Hall and play from 8.00 pm until 10.00 pm; all ages from teenage to active retired are most welcome. It cost just £2.50 per session. For more details ring Tina on 842268 or Laurence on 07771 998821, or just come along to the hall.

## **BRIZE NORTON FOOTBALL CLUB**

It was a very tough season for both teams and now it is time to look forward to the next one.

The 1sts finished bottom of Division 1 with 6 points. It took a long time to come but they eventually got a win. Their final league record read Pld 20 W1 D3 L16 F27 A93 PTS 6 GD -66. Pawel Bronk top scored with 7 goals.

The Reserve team finished 10th out of 13 with 7 wins and 3 draws. The league record was P24 W7 D3 L14 F51 A84 PTS 24 GD -33. Chris Mayhew was top scorer with 9 goals.

Both teams went out of the various cups at the first hurdle.

A BIG Thank You to Rob Hook (1sts) and Mark Carpenter (Res) for all their efforts in difficult circumstances.

The Clubs AGM will be on Tuesday 7th June at 20:00 at the Pavilion and all are welcome. We are always on the look-out for new players...please check the Club Website for details of training and other Club news.

[Www.pitchero.com/clubs/brizenortonfc](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/brizenortonfc)



## **CARTERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM**

The Thames Valley Police Non-Emergency number is **101** **but always call 999 in an Emergency.** E-mail the team at [cartertonbamptonburford@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cartertonbamptonburford@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

## **BRIZE NORTON DANCE CLUB**

We meet in Elderbank Hall every Thursday evening from 7.30-9.30pm. We dance ballroom, Latin American, and sequence dances to CDs. We have tea and biscuits in the interval. Our club has increased in numbers so we have had to close membership for now. Any further information please ring Joy on 842373

## **BRIZE NORTON OVER 60's CLUB**

We are sad to announce the death of Gill Godfrey, one of our founder members. We are a village group of 26 members; we meet twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays of each month with either a speaker or an outing. Meeting take place at 2pm at 4 Squires Close. After the meeting we enjoy a chat over homemade cakes, sandwiches and tea,

thanks to June, Connie and Benita. Our future programme is as follows:

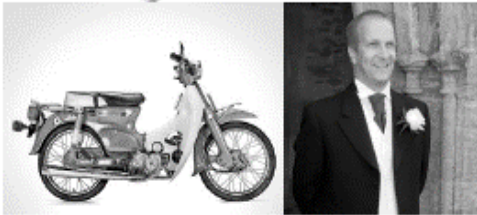
7 June: Cream tea and bowls  
21 June Outing to Coventry  
5 July Meal at the Rose Revived  
19 July Cream tea by the river at The Trout, Lechlade

2 August: Outing to Windsor

We have already enjoyed talks by Jane from Witney Museum, Jess from Age UK, a coffee morning and tea by the canal at Thrupp.

A programme is on the village notice board. For more information ring Joy on 842373

# WE'RE GOING THE DISTANCE




**3rd - 9th JULY**


A group of family and friends are riding Honda C90's from John O'Groats to Lands End in memory of Kevin Bull who passed away aged 47 in February 2015 from Small Cell Lung Cancer.

## WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

Organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (694). Also operating in Northern Ireland.



**BULLY'S MISSION FOR MACMILLAN**  
Find us online 'Kevin Bull Tribute Fund'  
Text code 'KPBU67'  
then £5 or £10 to 70070 to donate



If you would like to donate see Joy Douglas or the Spar Shop in Minster Lovell.

Report a problem



**FixMyStreet**

## **FIXMYSTREET**

You can now report potholes or other damage to be repaired using 'Fix My Street'. Go to [fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk), enter an Oxfordshire

postcode or street name, locate problem on a map of the area, enter details of the problem, confirm report and OCC will investigate. You can attach photos of the damage and follow up on progress. You can continue to report damage online at

**YOUR VILLAGE POST OFFICE (AT YOUR SERVICE)**

Did you know that your village Post Office provides all of the services listed below and lots more?

- Traditional letter and parcel posting including next day deliveries and eBay services.
- Taxing of vehicles.
- Banking – (Cash/Cheque/Bank card deposits and withdrawal) if you bank with the following banks: Bank of Ireland, Barclays, Cahoot, Clydesdale, Co-op, Lloyds, TSB, Nationwide Building Society, NatWest, Santander, Halifax, RBS and Smile.
- National Savings & Investment including Premium bonds.
- Bill Payment – Most household bills including BT phone bills can be paid free of fees.
- Foreign currency – generally commission free with 3 days' notice, MoneyGram.
- Travel Insurance – Inland and overseas (provided on the spot).
- Home Phone – Incentive to transfer your current home telephone service.
- Household Home Insurance – Competitive.
- Car Insurance – There is £50 cash back on take up.
- Mobile phone Top-up.
- Health Lottery
- Groceries – limited quantity of snacks and groceries too.



**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POST OFFICE**

We have an ageing cliental at present and would very much welcome young parents to use our facilities; at a time when the post office network is under threat we need your support. Michael your postmaster attends the Sports Pavilion on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS** – please refer to newsletter for further information

Calendar of events

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| 6 June   | Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm Sports Pavilion                                 |
| 7 June   | Football club AGM, 8pm Sports Pavilion   |
| 12 June  | HM The Queen's birthday bash and village fun day 2.00-5.00pm Recreation Ground |
| 19 June  | NGS Village Open Gardens and St Britius Flower Festival 2.00-6.00pm            |
| 4 July   | Brize Norton Primary School Sports Day, Recreation Ground                      |
| 4 July   | Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm Sports Pavilion                                 |
| 1 August | Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm Sports Pavilion                                 |

All entries for inclusion in the September 2016 issue should be received by Garry Griffin at [garry.griffin@tesco.net](mailto:garry.griffin@tesco.net) by 8 Aug 2016.

**BRIZE NORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Chairman: Philip Squire (867666)**

**Councillors: Tony Shillingford (vice Chairman) , Stuart Guest, Laurence Taylor, Wendy Way, Andrew Ball**

**Clerk to the Council: Carolyn Peach, 52a Station Road, Brize Norton. (844102)**

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**[www.brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.brizenortonparishcouncil.co.uk)**

**Parish Representatives:-**

**OCC: Neil Owen, 'Robinswood', Frog Lane, Milton-u-Wychwood OX7 6JZ**

**WODC: Alexander Postan, Wheelwright Cottage, Bridge St, Shilton OX18 4AA (842740)**

**Meetings held in the Pavilion, first Monday every month at 7.30 pm, all are welcome to attend.**

**USEFUL CONTACT NAMES**

<b><u>Organisation</u></b>	<b><u>Contact</u></b>	<b><u>Telephone No</u></b>
The Church	Rev James Maddern	844175
The School	Anna Fairhurst	842488
School Governors	Miranda Mowbray	842488
Football Club	Simon Cook	841096/07825 002298
BN S&SC/Cricket Club	Tim Gush	846730
Elderbank Hall	Diane Davies	843430
Women's Institute	Susan Cotterill	823188
Over 60's	Joy Douglas	842373
Open Gardens	Jean Butcher	841347
Post Office Sports pavilion	Tues & Thurs 9.30 am – 12.30 pm	
Police (Carterton)	Mon-Fri 9.30 am - 12.30 pm & 1.00 pm - 3.30 pm	101

**ELDERBANK HALL ACTIVITIES**

The following table lists only the regular events. There will be other bookings and readers **should not** assume that the hall is available without reference to Diane Davies (see below)

Pre-school	Mon-Fri 9 am-12.00 pm	Claire	07769617696
	Mon, Tues & Wed 12.00 pm – 3 pm	(pre-school opening hours)	
Brownies	Mondays 6.00-7.30 pm	Barbara Thorne	842013
Badminton	Mondays 8.00-10.00 pm	Laurence Taylor	07771 998821
		Tina Claridge	842268
West Oxfordshire	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday in the month	David Spittles	776036
Woodturning Assoc	8.00-10.00 pm		
Women's Institute	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month	Susan Cotterill	823188
	7.30-10.00 pm		
Rainbows	Wednesday 3.30-4.30 pm	Barbara Thorne	842013
Gym ball	Wednesdays 7.15-8.00pm	Bampton Physio	851753
20:20:20	Wednesday 8.00-9.00 pm	Steph Hill	07970831061
Dancing Club	Thursdays 7.30-9.30 pm	Joy Douglas	842373
Karate	Fridays 6.00-7.00 pm	Tracy Haley	700464
Judo club	Saturdays 9.30-11.30 am	Jonathan Germans	01865 884339
<b>The Hall is available for private hire</b>		<b>Diane Davies</b>	<b>843430</b>