

# THE COMMONER

Views and News from Rodborough

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## Rodborough Fields Forever



The Rodborough Fields & Frome Banks Preservation Group has a new badge and posters that are being displayed throughout the Stroud Valleys.

It is based on the Stroud coat of arms. The abundance of water attracted clothiers into the surrounding valleys and Stroud became renowned for cloth of exceptional quality, among them the famous Stroud Scarlet. The lengths of this cloth were dried on tenterhooks in the racking fields and defined the appearance of the landscape in and around Stroud.

The Rodborough Fields Preservation Group is opposed to any development on Rodborough Fields & Frome Banks Nature Reserve and is working with others to secure its future as a valuable community asset, green space and wildlife resource.

### How you can help save this landscape

Visit [www.stroud.gov.uk/docs/planning/planning\\_home.aspx](http://www.stroud.gov.uk/docs/planning/planning_home.aspx) and submit your objections and comments. Reference number: S.13/1183/OUT

Advice on how best to object along with example letters is available on the Rodborough Fields web site; [www.rodboroughfields.co.uk](http://www.rodboroughfields.co.uk)

### Keep in touch via;

our email news list; [www.rodboroughfields.co.uk](http://www.rodboroughfields.co.uk)  
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and follow us on Twitter; [www.twitter.com/SaveRodFields](http://www.twitter.com/SaveRodFields)

## Chips with Everything!

Do you have small tree cuttings, shrub prunings, hedge clippings or dry herbaceous plant stems you want to get rid of from your garden?

The Parish Council has arranged with Ecoarborist Ltd to provide shredding of this type of garden waste four times in this financial year.

The sessions will run on the following Saturday mornings:  
30th November 2013 at Butterrow West Car Park  
25th January 2014 at Rectory Gardens Play Area  
22nd February 2014 at Rodborough Scout Activity Field, Kingscourt Lane  
29th March 2014 at Butterrow West Car Park

Please bring along your items for shredding at 9am.

If you wish to take away your chippings please bring some strong bags to take it away. It works well as a mulch.

Please do not bring weeds, green herbaceous prunings, plants, grass mowings or compost material as this blocks the machinery.

**Rodborough Parish Council**

## Bird Boxes

Rodborough Parish Council has put up bird boxes made by local people in the parish play areas, the two churches graveyards and the scout field.

Have you seen any birds nesting in any of them? If so what have you seen?

We would be interested to hear any news about these new bird homes.

Contact the Parish Office 762686 or email: [clerk@rodborough.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@rodborough.gov.uk)

**Rodborough  
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Bird box in the Tab graveyard



Remembering Rodborough

# From weddings to funerals



Joy & Keith Thacker with Joy's dress

Our White Lace & Promises event in April was a happy weekend of reminiscences, music, photos and meeting old friends. We would like to extend our thanks to both churches and all who helped and contributed.

Moving swiftly on; we are looking towards 2014 and the centenary of

WW1. Research has begun into the lives of the 63 men named on Rodborough's war memorial and additional Rodborough fatalities who are not commemorated here.

More than focusing only on the war deaths, we hope to explore what life in Rodborough was like in 1914 and commemorate those whose lives were changed by injury, loss, work, political beliefs or nationality.

We hope that the community will be a big part of this. Do contact us if you can offer information, stories, and photos or would like to be involved.

**Julie Mountain**

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please contact the Editor.



World War One War Memorial

## Festive Feast

Whether you have a routine for Christmas and do the same thing every year because the menu goes down well with everyone or like to try something new each year we would like to hear about your favourite recipe for Christmas.

We would like the recipe and something about why it is a favourite and if possible a suitable Christmas picture to go alongside the recipe – either of people enjoying the recipe or of you cooking in your kitchen.

We hope to publish the four most interesting recipes in the November Commoner under the four headings:

- Starter**
- Main course**
- Pudding**
- Drink**

Articles should be a .doc file and pictures a .jpg file and should be sent to clerk@rodborough.gov.uk by the 23rd September 2013.

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## I live here - JULIE MOUNTAIN

I have lived in the same house in Rodborough for twenty-five years. Does this qualify me as a local? I have never lived anywhere else longer.

After working in nursing and midwifery in various parts of the country and even Australia, I always had a thought that I would one day return 'home'.

My husband Steve was born in Stroud. He was keen to return to Stroud and, as all his family were here, I liked the feeling of returning to someone else's roots.



*Enjoying the bracing sea air in Redcar*

Living in Rodborough was more by chance than choice. It was 1988 and everything seemed to be sold before we had a chance to view it. So, when one estate agent said he had only just got the details of a property on Rodborough Hill, we jumped at the chance.

We married in The Little Chapel in 1990 and our two boys followed soon after.

I've worked as a community midwife in Cirencester for many years. I'm a fair-weather gardener, enjoy yoga at the community hall and belong to an informal knitting group.

I have always been interested in local and social history. For Rodborough School's centenary, I worked on a booklet of extracts from the school's logbooks. I was delighted to be involved in the Remembering Rodborough Project. When it was completed, I was keen that the material collected could still be accessible. With Parish Council support, we limped for a while; just two or three of us at meetings, but eventually it took off and now I chair Remembering Rodborough as an independent organisation.

We have a huge archive, a great team of volunteers and I now know many lovely people whom I wouldn't have otherwise have met. We are building on a great sense of community in Rodborough.

I can't imagine living anywhere else. We are so lucky to have both the town and the common on our doorstep. I just occasionally yearn for the sea and my own parking space!

### Julie Mountain

*Apology: The picture in the last issue alongside the I live here article should have stated courtesy of Ian Peters.*

## Sustainable Living

Are you interested in living more sustainably? Maybe growing some of your own food, or linking up with others in your community to make our community stronger?

A Permaculture Design Course might be for you. Permaculture is an integrated common sense design system for sustainable gardening and living. Rodborough resident Seb Buckton is organising a 12 week design course, which is to be held at the Rodborough Community Hall on a Thursday evening from 5th Sept to 28th Nov 2013 (with a break for half term).

The course is an exploration of the principles and practice of Permaculture. The Thursday evening sessions are complemented by a choice of guided weekend field trips to inspirational permaculture projects locally and further afield.

Last year 3 Rodborough residents completed the course, and it would be great to build the permaculture network in the parish! If you'd like to see what people who did the course last year thought, have a look at this film: [stroudcommunity.tv/stroud-permaculture-design-course/](http://stroudcommunity.tv/stroud-permaculture-design-course/)

The course will again be led by experienced Permaculture teacher Sarah Pugh ([sarah-pugh.co.uk](http://sarah-pugh.co.uk)), with additional input this year from local permaculturalists, including Helen Pitel, Adrian Leaman and Seb Buckton.

Last years course was oversubscribed, and some people had to be turned away, so it may be worth getting a booking in early. The full course fee is £330, or £230 for low waged and £120 for unwaged households. The course is run on a not-for-profit basis.

Please email Seb for more details at: [stroudpermaculturecourse@gmail.com](mailto:stroudpermaculturecourse@gmail.com)  
You can also find out more by visiting the Stroud Permaculture Group website: [stroud-permaculture.org.uk/](http://stroud-permaculture.org.uk/)

### Seb Buckton



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# 20mph is fast enough!



Pedestrian hazard!

We all drive (well, most of us). We all speed if we're rushed and think no one will notice (or catch us). 30% of Britain's school-aged children are driven to school; half of these for journeys of under a mile<sup>1</sup>. Few of us walk or cycle, let alone allow our children to. So roads are dominated by fast-moving traffic. 2012 saw nine cattle killed on the Commons – the highest for many years.

## Why 20mph?

This is as fast as anyone can run. The human body has evolved to (largely) survive impacts up to this speed. Go much over 20mph and you'll kill whatever child, pedestrian or cyclist you hit. Last year the number of fatal and serious accidents on minor roads and roads in built up areas rose by 5% from 2011 and the number of pedestrians and cyclists killed or seriously injured also rose (by 6% and 8%)<sup>2</sup>.

## Why 20mph now?

New Government guidance<sup>3</sup> asks local traffic authorities to "consider the introduction of more 20mph limits and zones, over time, in urban areas and built-up village streets that are primarily residential, to ensure greater safety for pedestrians and cyclists". Lots of towns and cities are doing it. Brighton & Hove have – not just on back streets, but on all roads throughout the city, including the main A23. Portsmouth and Oxford have done the same. And Stroud hopes to – on all roads except Dr Newton's Way.



Traffic hazard

## Should Rodborough join them?

The Parish Council Planning & Transport Committee generally thinks so, but with some possible exceptions, e.g. Dudbridge Road, Bath

Road, the roads over the Commons. Other councillors agree with Stroud Town Council and would opt for 20mph throughout – this could mean joining up with Stroud to form a bigger zone.

1. <http://zipcar.uk.mediaroom.com/walktoschool>
2. [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/83000/road-accidents-and-safety-quarterly-estimates-q3-2012.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/83000/road-accidents-and-safety-quarterly-estimates-q3-2012.pdf)
3. [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/63975/circular-01-2013.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/63975/circular-01-2013.pdf)



### HAVE YOUR SAY

Email us ([clerk@rodborough.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@rodborough.gov.uk)) or cut out this slip, tick a box & send it to us at Rodborough Community Hall, Butterrow West, Rodborough, Stroud GL5 3TZ) or go online and take the survey: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/GPY5WBZ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GPY5WBZ)

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## Kingscourt Educational Charity



*Rodborough Scouts have been helped with their fundraising for their Orkney Trip*

The Kingscourt Educational Charity was initiated by the members of Rodborough Tabernacle United Reformed Church in the 1970s, when Kingscourt School in Bowl Hill was closed and the building sold. The Church believed that a portion of the proceeds

should be placed in trust for local educational needs thereby continuing the vision of the earlier church that built the old school.

The trustees promote education in its broadest sense, for the benefit of people living in the parish of Rodborough, or attending Rodborough Tabernacle United Reformed Church or St Mary Magdalene Church.

Projects supported have included educational trips, specialist equipment and clothing, student books, school leavers' booklets, educational toys and materials and musical instruments. Awards are usually £50-£100. The Charity is not permitted to subsidise public funds.

Enquiries to the Secretary, Bob Tiley  
Tel: 01453 765842

## Rodborough Consolidated Trust

Many reading this title may think it is very unusual and may wonder how it began. The following may explain about the beginning many years ago and who felt their generosity could help others in need.

The first Charity - as it was known - was set up on 27th October 1854 by a gentleman named James Flight, thought to be of this area. The second charity was also set up by Josiah Greethead Stracham on 6th October 1892. We think that he also lived in this area. The last Charity was set up in 1908 by Thomas Cam but we are not able to say where he was living.

Monies were invested in separate Charities by the said gentlemen for the relief of the poor who were living in the area of Rodborough.

The Charity Commission agreed in November 1975 that the above were to be named and administered as one Charity, and in the future would be known as Rodborough Consolidated Trust (or Charity).

In the early days money would be offered to any who were in need.

However years have passed and needs have changed and the charity now uses its income to enable young people of the Parish of Rodborough to undertake educational or cultural activities by payments of small grants.

It is amazing that the small gifts invested by generous gentlemen about 160 years ago are still able to help the young people of the Parish of Rodborough.

### **Mavis Buxton - Trustee**

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# Hobbies & Interests

## Art in glass



*A colourful welcome designed by Mary*

the round trip in an afternoon. One Sunday I arrived early and was invited by the instructor to view the projects and completed works. Through observation and questions I decided it would be a cracking idea for me to apply for a residential course there. One weekend there gave me the confidence and training to want to learn more.

Elizabet Morris writes in her book:

“Natural glass is as old as the universe and the use of glass in a building goes back to Roman times. It is difficult to imagine a home without the benefits of glass, the natural light and protection it brings.”

Even panels that I have in our garden change with the temperature. It is a delight to look at them especially on cold winter mornings. The colours are so vibrant.

The making of a stained glass window has changed little over the years, though the types of glass developed and used since Roman times have changed. Much is for the better as present day glass is easily purchased and like all crafts there are many help books available. Once the pattern is designed, a full cartoon (a working drawing of the window) and the colours chosen, the cutting begins.

Personally, I like leaded light windows, not only because they tell a story as depicted in many churches, but for the colours used and the calmness the pattern brings.

Mind you, there is not much calmness when a piece breaks while cutting or when framing the window with lead for completion.

I do not paint on glass, stain or fuse as one needs a kiln for those permanent effects. My hobby from home working in a covered area on our house is relaxing and gives me great pleasure as does the completed windows I have done for others.

I do not see myself being employed as a glass restorer in the great churches of England. On a day trip to Sailsbury

I was introduced to Stained Glass in the late nineties by my mother in law. She attended residential courses at Urchfont near Devizes on a regular basis. As she was not too happy about driving there I became her designated driver. I grumbled about the traf-

fic to and from as I did

Cathedral during one of my residential courses at Urchfont, we were being shown around the workshop where repairs were done. I leaned on a panel, to this day I don't know what precipitated me doing so. A loud cracking noise echoed through the room followed by silence. Mercifully, it was a panel of plain cheap glass that was being practiced on by an apprentice.



*Window with it's own view*

I still cringe at the thought of what the panel could have been.

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**Mary Jones**

## Busy Bee



I have kept bees for thirty or more years. The hobby started when a colony of bees had to be poisoned out of an old building to make room for new construction.

If you watch bees and get to know how to handle them it can be a very interesting. For example, I notice the colour of the pollen that the bees are bringing into the hive. I like to try and find the source, to see what flowers are producing the nectar.

It's not about making lots of honey because, at times, even in the Summer, you need to feed the bees. I had to feed my bees for a lot of last Summer because of the constant rain.

Keeping bees will help the environment for everyone. By getting the flowers pollinated we get the seeds and fruits that result. This is all part of the wonderful circle of nature that benefits us all.

If anyone is interested in bee keeping they could not do better than starting by joining a bee keeping club.

**Graham Peglar**

# Hobbies & Interests

## Crafty Pastime



I have always loved creating things, even when I was a child. Shoebox houses for my sylvanian family characters, knitted wristbands to share with my primary school friends or cross stitch greetings cards - I'm probably never happier than when I'm making something. My interest comes from my mum and grandmother, the latter of which is still happily knitting at 90. Over the years I've dabbled in a number of

successful), tapestry (I have yet to finish the tapestry cushion I started over ten years ago), Lino printing, wet felting, dry felting and patchwork to name just a few.

I have baskets of 'stuff' squirrelled away in case I might need it for my next project. My most recent favourite discovery is crochet, I am continually amazed at how a length of wool can create such beautiful designs, patterns and shapes.

I've discovered that even though I enjoy the process, I am rather impatient and like to see a finished result quickly and therefore small projects are best! Saying that though, I've just embarked on a crochet throw for the sofa. Hopefully, because the throw is made up of fairly simple squares it'll be finished quite quickly - maybe in time for next winter?!

I also enjoy sharing my love of crafts during monthly meet ups with friends and a regular craft club at work. There's definitely been a resurgence in interest in all things home made recently and whether that's down to the popularity of tv shows such as Kirsty's homemade house or to do with the financial climate or as a reaction to our modern hectic lifestyles who knows? In my mind, It can only be a good thing.

**Hannah Gray**

## Songs for Change



Songs of Change is a community choir from the Stroud Valleys, including six Rodborough residents, that has come together over the last year. We are learning and singing songs about people's struggles for peace, justice and freedom. These drawn on diverse traditions including the peace movement, green movement, women's movement and labour movement.

We started life as a workshop run in April last year. We are now led by our inspiring music director, Sophie Strerckx, who is a local singer, choir leader, performer and composer. Our aim is to sing songs with passion

and meaning that can uplift the spirit and nourish the soul. We are singing both for pleasure and to support local campaigns, events and causes with which we have an affinity.

We have sung peace songs at Armistice weekend, against the Javelin Park incinerator, about workers struggles for International Workers Day, on green themes at a local café and at a recent conference held at Marling School. We are keen to hear of events that we could support. We meet on Tuesday evenings 7.30 - 9 pm at Paganhill Maypole Village Hall - just off Stratford Road (near Tesco Express).

New members are welcome. We run workshops as well as a weekly (term time) group. This is an open choir with no auditions. Teaching is aural so there is no need to sight read music. Our evolving repertoire connects us to key times and struggles in our history, is sung with purpose and is above all aimed to uplift and be fun!

For more information contact John on 01453 766 529 or [john.bloxsom@btinternet.com](mailto:john.bloxsom@btinternet.com)

**John Bloxsom**

## Beating the hills

The five valleys of Stroud are obviously a defining feature of where we live, offering great character, charm and postcard qualities to the place we call home. Everyone in Rodborough will no doubt appreciate the beauty of where we live, all perhaps that is, except cyclists.

The steep hills maybe one reason for not seeing a huge number of cyclists. We might see the occasional enthusiastic amateur, with all the kit, brightly coloured, leaving us with the expectation it took them 20 minutes to squeeze into the tightly fitting apparel, designed to ward off passing motorists, which is likely to scare off much more, including those who might entertain the thought of riding a bike themselves.

It's easy for us to quickly list half a dozen reasons for not riding a bike, and perhaps come back with some health and cost saving benefits, but how about offering a solution to all the rejecting factors that also embrace the not insignificant benefits. That solution is an electric bicycle.

There are a few people riding electric bicycles around Stroud, but should there or could there be more? Pay closer attention to the cyclist next time you drive past one coming up Dudbridge Hill with their Sainsbury's shopping in a pannier. How easy are they making it look? Steve Lund, a Stroud resident bought his first electric bicycle only a month ago and he now rides it everywhere. To work, to the pub, to shops, the car does not get a look in anymore. "The reason for me buying an electric bike was to cut down on the costs of running a car and also get some exercise without busting a lung. The bike certainly takes care of that but the unexpected bonus is that it's such fun to ride, you actually want to get out on it every morning. Hills are no longer a challenge, I even cycle home coming up the 'W'. A breeze, I highly recommend it".

While Steve is enjoying riding his electric bike and saving money by not using his car, he is also losing some weight through the exercise he gets. It is a common misconception that an electric bicycle means you avoid any possible health benefits. This is far from the truth. After all an electric bicycle is still a bicycle. You need to pedal; the electric assistance simply offers a means of managing how much effort you put in.

Perhaps this summer two wheels can be a new way for you to enjoy and conquer the 5 valleys.

**Daniel Robinson**

## Introducing our new PCSO



I would like to introduce myself to you, your local Police Community Support Officer, Beverley Owen. I joined Stroud Local Policing Area in April 2013 after transferring from the Force Control Room. I worked there for four and a half years as a Radio Dispatcher and Call Handler, including 999 emergencies. In addition to this, I have served as a Special Constable since 2003, covering Dursley, Berkeley

and Wotton-Under-Edge.

Although I enjoyed my time as a Special Constable, I wanted to be more involved in the Community and to be able to spend more time listening to members of the public, to address their concerns. I am actively on foot patrol in Dudbridge and Rodborough. Please do not hesitate to approach me if you have anything you would like to discuss. I also cover Stroud Town Centre, assisting PCSO Gary Lynch, so I have plenty to do!

Please be aware that we are continuing to receive reports of shed and garage break ins. I would urge you to protect your property by:-

- Keeping your shed and garage locked – even if you are at home.
- Ensuring your lock is well maintained and sufficient for the job.
- Putting valuable items out of view.
- Marking your valuables so they can be identified.
- Are you going away on holiday?  
If so, let neighbours know you are away.

Do you own an oil tank? I can provide you with an oil tank sticker and advice leaflet to help prevent oil theft.

I aim to be in the mobile Police station at Rodborough Community Hall, at least once a month, with a view to an additional stop in Dudbridge in the future.

I will keep you updated and look forward to meeting you.

**Beverley Owen**

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# Winners - Rodborough Fete 2013



One of the winners in the produce show – David Pugh with his biscuits

## DOG SHOW WINNER'S LIST

	1st
Prettiest Dog	Gussie <i>Danile Blackstone</i>
Most Handsome dog	Brynn <i>Sally Spiter</i>
Dog with waggiest tail	Verity
Best rescue	Kip <i>Isaac Thurston</i>
Golden Oldie	Otis <i>Jane Chamberlain</i>
Best six legs (fancy dress)	Bodkin <i>Poppy Wynter</i>
Best in show	Brynn <i>Sally Spiter</i>

## PRODUCE COMPETITION WINNER'S LIST

	1st
Chocolate cake	Debbie Evans
Fruit or vegetable cake	Clare Skivington
Victoria Sponge	Sue Kilminster
Men only: biscuits	David Pugh
Jam	Louise Ratcliffe (blackcurrent & Lavender)
6 eggs	Jane Ansell
Herbs on a plate	Wendy Farmer
<b>UNDER 7 YEARS</b>	
Vegetable character	Daisy Meggs
<b>UNDER 11 YEARS</b>	
Miniture garden	Jack Farmer
<b>UNDER 14 YEARS</b>	
4 small decorated cakes	Sophia Purves

## PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION WINNER'S LIST

	1st
Rodborough Scenery	Golden Leaves by Will Harris
Rodborough Wildlife	A many angled tree fungus by Liz Bailey
Rodborough People	Is that me? by Barbara Cook
My Faithful friend	Otis: Master of all he surveys by Jane Chamberlain
<b>UNDER 14'S</b>	
Rodborough Scenery	Sunset over Rodborough and Stroud by Helen Rogers
Rodborough Wildlife	Cows on the common by Helen Rogers
My Faithful friend	Chloe by Helen Rogers



Best in Show – Brynn with Sally Spiter

## Is your local litter bin full?



In recent months I have noticed that the litter bins on Rodborough Hill get full well before they are due to be emptied on a Friday. It is good that people are using the bins, but what can they do when they are full? A full bin may deter people from keeping Rodborough tidy.

The officer at the council who is responsible for seeing that the bins are emptied has agreed to monitor the situation, but there is no way in

which she can do this for all bins in Rodborough. If you know of a bin that often gets filled well before emptying day, please contact me on (01453) 758 138 or via cllr. [stephen.moore@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.moore@stroud.gov.uk).

Problems of this kind and many others can also be reported online, using the council's website: [www.stroud.gov.uk](http://www.stroud.gov.uk). Click on "Do it online" and follow the link for "Report it online" or call (01453) 754 424.

**Stephen Moore**

# EVENTS DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Contact
Monday 5th August	18:30	Planning and Transport Cmmt	Community Hall	Parish Council 7626s86
	20:00	Amenities and General Purposes	Community Hall	Parish Council 762686
Saturday 10th August	14:30	Cream teas at the Tab	Tabernacle	Agnes Arkell 873072
Thursday 15th August	15:00	Mobile Police Station	Community Hall Car Park	Police
Friday 23rd August	18:00	Guided Walk – Railways and canals	Meet Community Hall	Parish Council 762686
Monday 2nd September	16:30	Commoner Editorial Group	Community Hall	Parish Council 762686
	18:30	Planning and Transport Cmmt	Community Hall	Parish Council 762686
	20:00	Fete Committee	Community Hall	Parish Council 762786
Thursday 5th September	18:30	Permaculture Course begins	Community Hall	Transition Stroud
Saturday 7th September	time tbc	Theatre production	Butterrow West Field	Joan Moore 758138
Saturday 7th September	19:30	Dursley Male Voice choir, with instrumental solos by Patsy Gamble	The Tabernacle	Carole Oosthuysen 872446
Monday 9th September	19:30	Road Safety Working Group	Community Hall	Parish Council 762686
Thursday 12th September	09:30	Upholstery am Course starts	Community Hall	Daphne 883404
	13:30	Upholstery pm Course starts	Community Hall	Daphne 883404
Saturday 14th September	14:00	Table Top Sale	Community Hall	Eric Massey 766389
Monday 16th September	19:00	Parish Council Meeting	Community Hall	Parish Council 762686
Wednesday 18th September	19:00	Remembering Rodborough	Community Hall	Remembering Rodborough
Friday 20th September	17:30	Guided Walk – Wander round Rodborough	Meet Community Hall	Parish Council 762686
Monday 7th October	18:00	Finance Committee	Community hall	Parish Council 762686
	18:30	Planning & Transport Cmmt	Community Hall	Parish Council 762686
	20:00	Amenities and General Purposes	Community Hall	Parish Council 762686
Friday 18th Oct	19:00	Quiz and supper	Tab Church Hall	Agnes Arkell 873072
Monday 21st October	19:00	Parish Council meeting	Community Hall	Parish Council 762686
Monday 28th October	18:30	Staffing Committee	Communtiy Hall	Parish Council 762686
Monday 4th November	18:30	Planning and transport Cmmt	Communtiy Hall	Parish Council 762686
	20:00	Fete Committee	Community Hall	Parish Council 762686
Monday 18th November	19:00	Parish Council meeting	Community Hall	Parish Council 762686
Saturday 30th November	09:00	Chipping service	Community Hall car park	Parish Council 762686
Saturday 30th November	10:00	Christmas Fair Tab	Tabernacle	Carole Oosthuysen 872446
Saturday 25th January	9:00	Chipping Service	Rectory Gardens	Parish Council 762686
Saturday 22nd February	9:00	Chipping Service	Kingscourt Scout Field	Parish Council 762686
Saturday 29th March	9:00	Chipping Service	Butterrow West car park	Parish Council 762686

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1st Rodborough Guides	charly.boileau@gmail.com		Rodborough Tabernacle URC Minister	Eric Massey	766389
3rd Rodborough Brownies	Jane Ansell	07847391172	Rodborough Youth Football Club	Neil Cuddihy	07508117230
Art Class (Endowed School)	Cyril Corio	765649	Rodborough Youth Project	Dawn Quest	07855426554
Art Class (Community Hall)	Steve Smith	752159	Rugby Rascals Toddler Group	Sandra Ashenford	750124
Astrology Classes	Polly Wallace	753017	South Cotswold Ramblers	Richard Davis	762373
Buqi Treatments	Poh-Eng	836425	St.John's Ambulance		01452 858220
Cappella Singers	Ken Lawrence	759634	Stroud Ramblers	Ann Copeland	752654
Circle Dancing	Chrissie Grice	07814011980	Stroud Rugby Club	Gordon McDowell	765695 or 07766763476
Commoner - Parish Magazine		762686	Stroud Sea Cadets	Paul White	755141
Community Hall - Bookings	Joy Jackson	762686	Tabernacle - Bookings	John Rohrbeck	01452 812934
Croc N Roll	Stephanie	07957235413	Tabernacle Choir	Di Davis	762373
Croquet Club	Richard Way	833762	Toddler Group (Endowed School)	Ellen Edwards	07958134873
Dance Pointe	Rhianna Banyard	07854298847	Transition Stroud	Seb Buckton	07557 508025
Fitness Class (Rodborough School)	Julie McNally	750628	Truly Madly Stampin	Alli Cook	07791807748
Five Valleys Bridge Club	Vesta Rock	886404	Upholstery Class (Community Hall)	Daphne Hook	883404
Friends of Gastrells School	Simon Collingridge	765959	Wednesday Fellowship (Tabernacle)	Dorothy Ede	765978
Friends of Rodborough School	Deborah Evans	762050	Womens' Institute (Rodborough)	Diane Cooper	764871
Gastrells Primary School Governors	Amanda Baker-Dibley	765959	Yoga Class (Community Hall)	Amanda Sultan-Black	755635
Gastrells Primary School Headteacher	Kate Merriman	765959	Yoga Class (Rodborough School)	Karen Saunders	07773215870
Glebe Allotment Association	Bob Tiley	765842			
Hayward for the Commons	Mark Dawkins	762054			
Jolly Stompers Line Dancing (Gastrells)	Julie Cole	752480			
Kingscourt Educational Trust	Bob Tiley	765842			
Lightpill Allotment Association	Ernie Majors	765815			
Mid-Cotswold Tracks and Trails Group	Pat Harris	823841			
Model Engineers (Secretary)	W.P. Phillips	883438			
National Trust (Common Ranger)	Richard Evans	01452 810056			
Old Endowed School - bookings	Louise Ratcliffe	752265			
Parish Church Newsletter	Pam Sparrow	759540			
Parish Church Vicar	Peggy Ludlow	752659			
PIPS After School Club	Jane Burrow	07971737863			
Rainbows	Debbie Wood	840006			
Remembering Rodborough	rememberingrodborough@gmail.com				
Rodborough Beaver Scouts	Mary Jones	766745			
Rodborough and Bownham Commoners	Bill Powell	885507			
Rodborough Cub Scouts	James Lynn	753864			
Rodborough Fields Preservation Group	www.rodboroughfields.org.uk				
Rodborough Friendly Circle	Olive Heskins	765379			
Rodborough Old Boys FC	Stuart Thompson	07800589173			
Rodborough Playgroup	Nicola Hurford	07759099360			
Rodborough Poultry Club	Kirsty Tallon	07751181076			
Rodborough Primary School	Mrs M Halsey	763159			
Rodborough Scout Troop	Theresa Mansbridge	762686			
Rodborough Tabernacle Events	Carole Oosthuysen	872446			
Rodborough Tabernacle Lunch Club	Barbara Cook	763026			
Rodborough Tabernacle News	Brian Oosthuysen	872446			
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Holding hands

# Circle Dancing

Whenever I am asked to describe Circle Dance I find myself hesitating; such simple action embracing for me

a complexity of experience. As the title suggests we are in a group, in a circle, dancing.

Traditional dances are formed from ancient steps generally European in origin. The steps which make up a traditional circle dance embody centuries of the telling and retelling of stories; a particular nation's identity and history. These dances have been collected by the present day circle dance network together with largely original music and they tell of love, marriage, fertility, joy, loss of homeland and renewal. The dances can be cross-referenced with art forms such as painting, ceramics and embroidery. Festivals and seasons are celebrated by use of certain dances - this brings a real warmth and familiarity as the year moves around - Dances move around the year and come around again like old friends.

Modern choreographies are equally inspired - put together with creativity - a genuine feel for the combination of steps, gestures and chosen music. Music for modern choreography is particularly eclectic, ranging from world music to classical, from ragtime to Van Morrison. The best of all music genres is there. Some of the layers of circle dance can be experienced at a single two hour session.

Circle dance is good for the health. The dance is excellent for joints and muscles and for the brain/mind/body, connections and coordination. Dancing is good when we are feeling energetic and also good when we are feeling low and tired. You will always feel better for dancing.

There are evening groups in the area. I have recently started dancing in the afternoon, in Rodborough, at the Tabernacle. You don't need to know any of the above, in fact - just come along and enjoy. No partner needed and no experience needed.

**Chrissie Grice**

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