

The Gretton Gazette

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GVA News

The GVA have had a very busy time since the last Gazette was issued. The Glitter Ball was once again a wonderful evening and a great start to the Christmas festivities. My grateful thanks go to everyone who helped to make the evening such a success and especially to Jan and Dave Charlton for their stunning masquerade themed decorations.

Gretton Festival 21-22 June

The Festival will be held on June 21st and 22nd this year with all the usual attractions of gardens open flower displays and much more. Please see the details overleaf. All offers of help will be very welcome.

ACTION DAY 18th April

On Saturday 18th April we shall be holding an Action day to tidy up the playing field and do some small odd jobs in and around the hall. The grass in the field is cut regularly under an arrangement with Gretton School but the boundaries and edges of the field and all the play equipment is the responsibility of the GVA to ensure that it remains in a good and safe condition for our children to enjoy. So, if we can do our own small painting and repair jobs it really helps. Similarly, odd repair jobs such as mending a window catch in the hall can be done by a volunteer (if only we can find one!) If you can spare an hour to help please come along to the hall at 10am on Saturday 28th. There is no pay but we always have a very social ploughman's lunch afterwards.

Science Day

16th May (more info below)

If you haven't already booked Saturday 16th May in your diary please do so now, as the annual Science Day grows bigger and more exciting every year. More details will follow shortly please watch for the posters etc.

Coffee morning 28th March

We would like to invite you all to a coffee morning on Saturday 28th March. This is really a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours and to bag some bargains at the book or cake and produce stalls. For those who could not make the AGM last October, there will also be a chance to see how the GVA have been running the hall, the costs and fund raising efforts etc.

Classes at Gretton Hall

Just a reminder that we now have three regular evening classes at the hall. On Tuesday evening we have **Yoga** (7-8pm), Wednesday, **Zumba** (6.30 -7.30pm) and Thursday **Pilates** (7-8pm). Please contact me for more information or just come along to the class.

Contact: Jan Taylor
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The 5th Gretton Science Day

May 16th - 11.30am to 4pm

Who would have thought we would be in our 5th year! The GVA and Gretton School are working together to run another fun day for budding scientists and their families on May 16th this year.

The activities are taking shape at the moment and will be a mix of old favourites and new surprises so put the date in your diaries.

But we need lots and lots of helpers it takes about 70 people to run the Science Day but you don't need to be a rocket scientist to join in. It's fun doing a stint on one of the stalls, so if you would like to help out, please contact:
Judith Woodlock - Tel: 01242 620474
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or Chris Vickery - Tel: 01242 602880

School Report

We ended last term fantastically with a wonderful Christmas production, which all of the children took part in; we received several positive comments about the new arrangements using the Village Hall as a venue.

We were very proud of two of our pupils who performed in professional shows at Christmas – one in the Nutcracker at the Birmingham Hippodrome and another in Sleeping Beauty at the Everyman Cheltenham.

We have been really busy since our return though with our children enjoying educational, cultural, musical and sporting opportunities!

Able Writers

Some of our children went on an ‘Able Writers’ workshop where they met fiction author David Gatward. Our Eagles pupils took part in the Primary Maths Challenge where they sat a test of 25 questions. A score of over 21 would put them into the national finals and whilst none of our children achieved this we did have some very close results! All children received a certificate and additional awards were presented. Some of our Y4/5 pupils will be taking part in another Maths challenge at Cheltenham College this week.

Music workshop

Music has been high profile with our children being treated to a music workshop demonstration involving the double bass and ‘cello – some were even chosen to play a duet with the teacher. Encouragingly, it inspired one of our Y6 pupils to join a Gloucester music group where she is now learning to play the double bass! Also in a new venture, Owls and Eagles have been learning to play the Ukulele in whole class lessons.

Sessions are going very well, with lots of enthusiasm from the children. We now have a Gretton Choir which has grown to 27 strong! We are planning to put on a Music Gala just before the Easter break to showcase to parents the children’s achievements in music including individual instrument lessons, choir club, ukulele and percussion club.

Nepal connection

We have made a special link to a school (Shree Jandeep School) in Nepal through our new teacher Mr Bridges who worked there in the summer. We plan to exchange letters, photos and other information, to help raise awareness of other cultures. We also hope to arrange some fundraising opportunities in order to support the school’s development.

After school clubs

Our children have been enjoying lots of after school clubs such as Library, Cross Country, Dance, Percussion, Pet & Football Clubs this term.

Members of Dance Club are busy preparing for the Feet First festival in Cheltenham. They have chosen to perform in the style of a national dance from Nepal to link with our new partnership.

We have also been doing some fundraising – we collected 26 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Some of our pupils took part in bag packing at the Winchcombe Co-Op raising £267.64 and the Children’s Society received £207.19 from the Christingle collection.

Gretton Parish Council



Annual Village Clean Up Day

Sunday 22nd March 2015

Meet at the Royal Oak Car Park
at 10am

(equipment will be supplied)



CHRIST CHURCH

Usual weekly SERVICES at 10:00 am:

Morning Worship - 1st and 3rd Sundays

Holy Communion - 2nd and 4th Sundays

(Modern language - 5th Sunday

– Special Morning Worship or Songs of Praise)

EASTER SERVICES

April 3rd – Good Friday: 2:00 pm

(Short, quiet reflective service)

April 5th – Easter Day: 10:00 am

(Family Communion)

Other services at St. Peter's Parish Church in Winchcombe are outlined in the leaflet distributed to all houses in the village.

Please come and join us – you are sure of a warm welcome!

CHRIST CHURCH NEWS:

On 1st February, John Partington left his position as Rector of the Winchcombe parishes to take up a new appointment in Coln St. Aldwyns, Cirencester. This means we are now in an interregnum period – a new Priest-in-Charge will be selected, probably in June, with a view to commencing his/her duties in September. Part of the selection process is creating a Parish Profile for the four churches in the Winchcombe parish – St. Peter's, Christchurch Gretton, Sudeley and Stanley Pontlarge. Christchurch – and Gretton village – have been asked for our thoughts on the kind of person we would like to have as our community's Vicar. If you have any questions, or if you would like to express your views on this very important appointment, please email Sue at susan.fleck@fivecounties.com or Kate at kfstebbing@gmail.com.

Hiring the Village Hall



Are you looking for a venue for your party or event ?

Please consider Gretton Village Hall. The charge for use of the main hall is only £12 per hour or £10 per hour for hirers who live within the Area of Benefit of our charity. (Gretton, Gretton Fields, Alderton Fields, Greet, Littleworth, Stanley Pontage and the neighbourhood.) It is a wonderful modern venue why not come and have a look around?



For details contact:
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GRETTON FESTIVAL 2015

June 20th & 21st

We would like the Festival on June 20th & 21st to be a real community effort. Plans are being made and it would be very helpful to know what support and help we might expect. So if you would like to make the Festival a really special one this year please complete the list below and either post in the Village Hall post box or e-mail the following:- jankingsmead@btinternet.com or gam.c@btinternet.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

Name:

Tel. no:

Address:

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I am interested in: *(Please tick)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Doing a flower arrangement in church theme 'Icons of Britain'	<input type="checkbox"/> Entering the Scarecrow Competition
<input type="checkbox"/> (long list of ideas available!)	<input type="checkbox"/> Joining the Teddy Bears Family Picnic
<input type="checkbox"/> Opening my garden	<input type="checkbox"/> Joining the Family Treasure Hunt
<input type="checkbox"/> Being a steward in church 2hrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Entering something into the Arts,Crafts & Hobbies Exhibition
<input type="checkbox"/> Being a steward in the Hall 2 hrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Give details of item(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Entering the Photographic Competitiion Adult class	<input type="checkbox"/> Joining a Fun Run
<input type="checkbox"/> Entering the Photographic Competition Under 16 class	<input type="checkbox"/> Joining a guided walk
	<input type="checkbox"/> Joining a Saturday Dinner Dance at Gables Farm. <i>Tickets £12.50</i>



Gretton WI

The WI centenary baton comes to Gloucestershire in March and arrives with us on Thursday 19th. The baton will arrive at 3.45 and will be handed over from Greet, and we shall take it to Beckford. We hope as many of you as can will come and see the baton and hand over. We will give further details soon.

We have a varied programme this year, with something for everyone, we have been from Darwin to Perth, with our first speaker of the year, and we look forward "A look at life" with Jean Ford. Later in the year we have our garden party and harvest supper, and an open meeting which will interest anyone who battles with their lawn, husbands and guests welcome. We look forward to seeing you on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30. at the village hall.