



BROXTED & CHICKNEY NEWS

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Parish Correspondents are asked to make their parish news submission by **Friday 10th May**.

GOOD FRIDAY AT CHICKNEY

Chickney church was filled for the Devotional Hour to welcome again Roy Tricker who conducted the service with his usual verve and gusto and we thank him for making the long journey to be with us now that he has retired from the Churches Conservation Trust as Chickney Field Officer. The church looked wonderful in the spring sunshine, decorated with lilies and palms and with the bell tower having only just been completely renovated necessitated by the attention of a local woodpecker! The collection at the service raised £185, half of which was sent to the Churches Conservation Trust for Chickney's own account.

Following the service, everyone was warmly welcomed once again to Chickney New Hall by Terry and Sandra Reed for tea and hot cross buns. Thanks to a very successful raffle and sale of cakes, £147 was raised for the general funds of St Mary's church, Broxted. Grateful thanks go to Terry and Sandra for arranging such an enjoyable afternoon and to all those who helped and who baked the cakes.

BROXTED CHURCH

As reported in News For All Parishes, following three years as churchwarden at Broxted, Liz Porter has decided not to stand for a further term. She would like to thank everyone who has taken part in keeping the church open and helping with services during the difficult time of Jack Filby's illness and the interregnum. Church attendance has greatly increased and there have been several marriages, with more to come this year.

At the same time Julia George leaves her position as Broxted Church Committee treasurer, a post she has held for eleven years. During that time she has been involved in many changes and events, including the installation of the hostage windows in 1993.

Thanks and best wishes go to them both from everyone in Broxted and the Five Parishes. They leave the church structurally in fine shape, with finances on a sound footing, and with a churchyard that has been thoroughly overhauled.

BROXTED PARISH COUNCIL

Council Meetings

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Wednesday 8th May 2002 in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm. Residents are particularly invited to attend to hear of the activities of the Council during the previous twelve months and to offer suggestions for the future. Our designated Police Officer, PC Rout, will be at the meeting to talk about local policing issues. This is *your* opportunity to raise with him any concerns you have about local policing.

The Annual Assembly will be followed by the May meeting of the Council, to which members of the public are also invited.

Housing Needs Survey

Broxted Parish Council would like families who have a connection with Broxted to have a chance to find houses in the village that they can afford. It is concerned that because property prices have risen a great deal recently the village may now lack enough affordable houses for local people to rent or buy.

The Council has therefore invited the Rural Housing Trust to advise on how this need may be met. The Trust is a charity dedicated to providing schemes of 'Local Needs Housing' in villages and has worked successfully with nearly 300 Parish Councils throughout England.

Schemes developed by the Trust are usually small, averaging 8 homes per scheme, and great care is taken to ensure that any development blends in with its local setting. The schemes are controlled so that only people with a local connection, and who cannot afford the housing currently available in the village, can ever occupy the houses.

Any scheme proposed would need special planning permission, and for this to be granted information has to be obtained about the number of local people who might qualify for this type of housing.

The Parish Council, in conjunction with the Rural Housing Trust, is, therefore, carrying out a survey of housing needs within the Parish. The survey takes the form of a questionnaire and reply-paid envelope that will be delivered to every household during the next few weeks. When completed the questionnaire should be placed in the envelope and posted to the Rural Housing Trust who will then analyse the results and report back, in general terms, to the Parish Council on the amount of need for affordable housing present in the Parish.

Personal information will be seen only by the Rural Housing Trust - the questionnaire may be completed on an anonymous basis if so wished. It should take a few minutes only to complete and your assistance could be invaluable in helping your Council to establish the extent of need for affordable housing for local people.

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The Queen's Golden Jubilee – 3rd June 2002

Broxted's celebration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee will be a Family Fun Day on Monday 3rd June, at Moor End Farm, Broxted, by kind permission of the Burton family. The programme is:

2.30 pm	Start
3.00 pm	Parade of children's Fancy Dress (theme 'gold')
3.15 pm	Competition of adults' decorated hats
4.00 pm	Children's Sports
7.30 pm	Dance in the Marquee
late	Bonfire, Fireworks and finish

There will be a tea bar, a barbecue and a bar and other stalls including books, face painting, pony rides, bric-a-brac, plants, tombola, games, tug-of-war and side shows. There will also be a display of photographs of Broxted during the Queen's reign (please look out yours and bring them along).

If you can donate any cakes for the tea bar these would be most gratefully received. They can be left with Ann Reynolds at Bell Cottage or with Margaret Flook at 15 Cranham Road or ring Margaret on 01279 850663 to arrange collection. If you are elderly and need a lift to and from Moor End Farm, again please contact Margaret Flook on 01279 850663 and she will be happy to arrange transport. Help is needed with the provision of books, plants, bric-a-brac, and some manpower on the day itself. Also, if any local company would like to sponsor any of the activities we would be pleased to hear from them.

If you can help in any way please contact the Parish Council Clerk, Phyllis Clark, on 01279 850638 or e-mail: broxted_parish_council@hotmail.com.

Mike Clark Resigns

Having moved from the village Mike Clark has resigned from the Parish Council. In the years that Mike has served on the Council he has made a valuable contribution, not least as the Footpaths Representative, and he will be sorely missed. The council wishes him and Georgina every happiness in their new home. The Council will now set in motion the machinery for finding a replacement.

BROXTED VILLAGE HALL CLEAN UP

On 2nd March, a small group of willing workers assembled to tidy up outside the Hall.

During the morning a Christmas tree, donated by Brenda Andersen, was planted in memory of her late husband, David, who had been so involved with the Hall for so many years.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

At the coffee morning in March at Fistril, the boxes were opened and £155.83 was sent to the Society. Yvonne would like to thank everyone who has kept a box for this wonderful cause, those who came to the coffee morning and those who donated. Thanks go also to Sheila Scott who kindly counted the contents.

ROAD CLOSURE IN DUTON HILL

Would the residents of Duton Hill and the surrounding villages take note that the road through the village will be closed off between 1.00 pm and 9.00 pm on Bank Holiday Monday 3rd June 2002.

This closure will extend from Wolsey's Lane to the top of Abbey View. All emergency services have been notified of the closure. There is no bus service through Duton Hill on that day and Abbey View will have access around the crescent and along the back road. The DHCA regret any inconvenience that may be caused but it is essential to have full closure to enjoy the celebrations of the Jubilee street party.

FIVE PARISHES JUBILEE WALK

See News for All Parishes for details of a great day out on Saturday 22nd June.