

April 2025 Newsletter

Go Wild Play Session

We have organised a fun Spring event for the Easter school holidays, free of charge to all. Come and join us for some wild play, arts, circus skills and giant bubbles in the Bussage Pleasure Ground, 2.30pm to 5.00pm, Friday 25th April.

Composting Scheme

We have been working closely with a community group who proposed starting a community compost scheme in Chalford. Following detailed investigation, the Works Committee decided that the Middle Hill Allotment site is not a viable location for the scheme. We are very keen to find an alternative site as this is such a brilliant and much needed scheme. We are therefore appealing to all local landowners – do you have a piece of land that could be used by the local composting group? Please contact us if you would like more details.

VE Day Event/Annual Meeting of the Parish

This year we are combining our Annual Meeting of the Parish with VE Day celebrations. This event will be held at Chalford Sports & Social Club, Thursday 8th May 2025. Doors open from 6.00pm and the Annual Meeting starts at 6.30pm. This part of the event is open to all and free of charge. We are hoping to include some talks, music, and there will be presentations of Small Grant awards. We would love to see as many of you as possible.

At 7.30pm the VE Day celebrations start. This is a ticketed event £5 - tickets are available from either CSSC or the Parish Centre. Food and drink will be available to purchase at the bar. Look out for posters around the parish which will provide more detail nearer the time.

Footpath work in Blackness and on Rack Hill

Your Footpath Volunteers have been busy recently. In Blackness we've put a safety fence on the path into the nature reserve from Brownhill Road (really a steep track blocked off by bollards) where there's a steep drop down to the track, and we've removed a tree that was blocking the steps down to the track at the end of the Public Right of Way that runs along the side of the Toadsmoor Valley. We're planning to repair the steps and install a handrail in the next few months to make the descent to Brownhill Road easier. On Rack Hill, we're replacing nearly 40m of decaying safety fence above Sunny Bank, for which the materials have been provided by Gloucestershire County Council Public Rights of Way.

May Elections

Have you got your photo ID ready to be able to vote? The Gloucestershire County Council Elections will take place on Thursday 1 May 2025. All voters are required to show an accepted form of photographic identification (photo ID) to be able to vote at a polling station. For more information about the upcoming elections and for a full list of accepted photo IDs, please go to the website www.stroud.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections or call 01453 766321.