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FROM THE CLERK'S DESK...

Welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter. Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Town Council offices and public attendance is welcome. Firstly, I wish to welcome our new Councillors. Details of Councillors can be found on our website or at our Who's Who page in this newsletter.

Skatepark Update – Planning Conditions have finally been discharged. We apologise for the delay in gaining planning permission which was due to additional information being required by the Planning Department relating to drainage and contamination. MF Freeman are currently on site progressing the drainage and car park works with Mavericks (skatepark constructors) due on site shortly. Please note that whilst work is under construction the area will remain closed off for health and safety. Please do not enter the fenced area. Cinderford Town Council apologise to all residents for any impact the build works may have in the area. A public consultation with regard to the Public Works Loan to fund some aspects of the skatepark works is currently taking place. Further information on the consultation can be obtained from your local Councillor, Council offices, social media or our website.

Poppies – thank you to residents who have assisted with creating poppy displays for Remembrance in the past. If you would like to be involved in creating the displays in 2023 please contact the Town Council Offices. The Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday 12th November 2023 at the War Memorial.

Flowers – we hope you enjoyed the Summer flower displays in the Town and thank The Ground & Maintenance Team for all their work with this and to Cackett's of Little Drybrook for providing the plants. Thank you to all volunteers who help with planting, litter picking, weeding and general tidying and who help to keep an eye on areas within the community. This is much appreciated.

Public Footpaths, Alleys & Highways Issues – please report any concerns relating to trees, hedges and vegetation growing on verges, alleys, public rights and roadsides directly to Gloucestershire County Council using the Report It Link
<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/your-highways-report-it/>
The link can also be used to report potholes, road surfacing, street lighting and road marking.

Issues relating to refuse, bins, street cleaning, council tax, housing, planning, abandoned vehicles, fly tipping, noise, pests, pollution, litter and dog fouling should be reported to Forest of Dean District Council on **01594 810000** or report online at <https://www.fdean.gov.uk/report-it/#>

Vandalism, Abandoned Vehicles, Antisocial behaviour and Speeding Issues should be reported to the Police on 101@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk

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MAX COBORN

It is with the deepest sorrow and broken hearts that we learn of the passing of Max Coborn. Max was a long standing District Council member of Cinderford Town Council and a District Councillor for Cinderford East, he fulfilled these roles with a pride, dignity and sincerity unmatched.

He was a true patriot of Cinderford and was our longest serving Mayor with an outstanding 13 years of service from 2004 through to 2017. In that role, he was also Father Christmas to thousands of Cinderford Children for many years, not only for Cinderford Town Council but also for St. Whites School.



Max spent many years as an excellent School Governor for Steam Mills School, a role which he always enjoyed with pride, making the school a much safer place by turning it around and creating a car park at the rear of the School which is now classed as the schools front.

An all round builder, Max could put his hand to anything, building houses all over the Forest of Dean and in some cases labouring to himself and building properties all on his own. He was a person who helped guide Cinderford Town Council in many building maintenance issues and in his work he was a true perfectionist.

In the building trade he was very well respected
And his advice in these matters were second to none.

Max was an outstanding Rugby Player playing for Yorkley where he spent his early years, then playing for Cinderford Rugby Club when his parents became Steward and Stewardess of the Soldiers & Sailors Club, then when his parents moved across the Forest to Berry Hill, he played for his beloved Berry Hill Rugby Club where he was a local legend to this very day.

However, he always had a passion for Cinderford and when his parents moved back to the Town he became friends with the late Cllr Frank Beard who got him involved with local government, meeting up with myself a lifelong friend and together we tried our best to move Cinderford forward and as you can see by the attached photo this was done with great pride and passion.

There are no more words left to say of just how much Max Coborn will be missed in this Town, however, I do know Cinderford is a much finer place for having the benefit of Max Coborn.

Rest in Peace Max your memory will live for ever in this Town.

Graham Morgan

Chair: Cinderford Town Council.



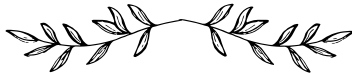
www.cinderford-churches.org.uk



St John the Evangelist Church

St John's Square, Cinderford, GL14 3EX

9.30 am Sunday - Parish Eucharist



St Stephen's Church

Belle Vue Rd, Cinderford, GL14 2AA

11.00 am Sunday - Morning Worship

(once a month will be Holy Communion)

Messy Church, 3.00 pm - 5.00 pm

2nd Sunday of every month



LUNCH CLUB

1st Wednesday of each month

12 noon - 2.00 pm

St John the Evangelist

St John's Square, Cinderford, GL14 3EX



A chance to meet people & make friends.
Please come along and bring a friend.

£5 cost per meal to
include main course,
sweet and tea/coffee



WHAT DOES A SUSTAINABLE HOSPITAL LOOK LIKE? A CLOSER LOOK AT THE FOREST OF DEAN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

When we think of sustainability, the concept can be somewhat vague - perhaps images of 'green initiatives' and 'environmentally friendly' practices coming to mind. But what do these really mean? And how do you apply 'being green' to building a hospital?

The Forest of Dean Community Hospital, located in Cinderford, serves as a prime example of sustainable healthcare. Commissioned by Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust and delivered by contractor Speller Metcalfe, it has been designed to achieve the sustainable BREEAM Excellent certification and showcases various features that make it a model of sustainability and environmental best practice.

A nice thick jumper'

At the heart of the hospital's sustainable design lies a focus on energy efficiency. The building features extremely thick, 250mm insulation in its walls and roof – essentially enveloping the hospital in a nice thick jumper, which significantly reduces the energy needed for heating and cooling. Compared to a typical new build home which may have 100mm insulation, this is extremely energy efficient. Moreover, in 2021 the government announced a pledge to ensure that Britain's homes, services and businesses are powered by affordable, clean and secure electricity by 2035 – a commitment to ultimately decarbonise the UK's electricity system. The Forest of Dean Community Hospital relies solely on electricity (i.e., no gas or fossil fuels), and uses alternative air source heat pumps, mechanical ventilation recovery systems and on-site renewable energy sources to offset its energy consumption. In fact, the hospital will be a net contributor of electricity to the national grid, so its carbon footprint will decline over time, which could lead it to achieve net zero in the future.



Overcoming challenges of redevelopment

A testament to sustainable redevelopment, the scheme has been built on what was historically a coal mine and a post-industrial site. The construction team faced the challenge of investigating the location of coal seams and mine shafts, undertaking extensive probing and remediation strategies to ensure the safety of the site prior to laying the foundations - ultimately transforming a site with complex requirements into a sustainable community asset.

Achieving BREEAM Excellent

Prior to construction Speller Metcalfe, Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Trust and our wider project stakeholders worked together to explore areas of carbon reduction and focusing on the building's lifecycle, with a target of achieving a BREEAM Excellent certification.

BREEAM is a sustainability assessment method that sets standards for the environmental performance of buildings and infrastructure. It takes account of a wide range of factors, including energy, water, health and wellbeing, transport, materials and waste.

Sustainable materials

The team is committed to identifying materials that meet the green credentials of the BREEAM assessment. This uses a 'cradle to grave' approach which considers the raw materials, their manufacturing processes, embodied carbon and ease of recycling. The Forest of Dean team has achieved the maximum score for the material section of the assessment.

Preserving ecology and biodiversity

The project demonstrates a commitment to both preserving and enhancing local ecology and biodiversity. Extensive consideration has been given to the surrounding wildlife, such as dormice and bats, to ensure the hospital does not encroach onto their existing habitats. As an example, prior to construction the team was on site overnight to carry out light level surveys to understand how the design would impact on the bats' flight path and are now installing dimmable night-time lighting at the hospital entrance. Additionally, the hospital incorporates bat and bird boxes throughout the site, while also committing to planting of significantly more plants and trees than were previously in situ, which will ultimately enhance its biodiversity by over 10 per cent.



Efficient operations and connection to nature

Efficiency plays a vital role in the sustainable operation of the hospital, but not just in terms of energy. The layout has been designed that corridors were minimised to reduce staff walking distances, and as a result maximising their day-to-day efficiency. Additionally, a crucial aspect of the design has focused on the connection to nature, so all 24 in-patient rooms have a view directly out to the forest or the surrounding environment. The therapeutic benefits of connecting patients with nature are well-documented, and this deliberate design choice aims to positively impact patient recovery rates and overall well-being.

Integration with the community

The Trust recognises the importance of community integration as part of its sustainability strategy, both in the way that it serves the local area and how it employs local people and procures local goods and services.

For example, an analysis was done of the Forest of Dean area, calculating the commute times and carbon footprint of different journeys. Another example being that over 70 per cent of the supply chain for the hospital build has been procured from within 30 miles of the site, and many from the Forest of Dean itself.

The Speller Metcalfe team was also recently awarded its first ever 100% score through the Considerate Constructors Scheme – an independent organisation that audits construction sites and focuses on: 'Respecting the community, caring for the environment and valuing the workforce.'

Throughout the construction, the site team has made efforts to engage with the community, held educational events and promoted a sense of ownership among local residents. The NHS intends to continue this approach, whether that's through volunteer involvement in the grounds and gardens, art projects or community use of meeting spaces within the hospital.

ROYSTON MILLS HONOUR PARADE



It is with extreme gratitude that Cinderford Town Council had the greatest pleasure of inviting Royston Mills his family and guests to the naming ceremony of this room in the Belle Vue Centre Cinderford. We did so to Honour Roy Mills the last survivor of the Battle of Imjin River, South Korea.

The Korean War was often referred to nationally as the forgotten war but we are determined here in Cinderford to make sure our hero Royston Mills and his comrades' brave actions are never forgotten.



Serving with the Glosters, Roy Mills and Forest friend Dave Gardiner and their comrades took on the might of the 250,000 strong Chinese Army. In a fight to preserve democracy, they bravely held on until they ran out of ammunition with fellow National Serviceman Anthony Shepard covering their withdrawal in A Company, using the last of his ammunition and losing his own life in the process as they made good their escape from Castle Hill back to Hill 235 now known as Gloster Hill.





At Gloster Hill they bravely fought on for a further three and a half days, eventually running out of ammunition. The surviving 450 Glosters were captured and force-marched for hundreds of miles and then held as prisoners of war for two and a half years at brutal camps up near the Yalu River.

I remember Roy telling me "the worst thing was being tied down at night, and when the rats came and crawled all over you there was nothing you could do about it!"

The Glosters Regiment therefore earned the name 'Glorious Glosters' from the heroic actions that they displayed, with these brave Foresters right in the thick of it. We honour them today, so their names will live forever in this place of democracy and will never be forgotten in this town.

Graham Morgan

Chair, Cinderford Town Council.



CINDERFORD BOWLING CLUB



Cinderford Bowls Club cannot boast a history going back centuries, but we can boast a proud heritage as a progressive, forward-thinking club.

We offer a friendly environment for social and competitive bowlers.

With a 6 Rink outdoor green and a licensed Bar, we offer the perfect environment to enjoy a game of bowls.

Available to both Male and Females of all ages, abilities and agilities-from juniors to grandparents, multiple leagues, friendly matches, and excellent club facilities with Free Coaching on Wednesday Club Evenings 6pm -8pm for all experience levels.

In addition to bowling we have an active social calendar with regular events ranging from BBQ's to Parties throughout the year.

Whether you are a visitor or a prospective member, you can be sure of a friendly welcome.



Have-A-Go

If you are thinking of taking up Bowls and would like to try it out before joining, we can arrange for you to have a "taster session" by contacting the club and we will sort out everything you need.

Contact: Cinderford Bowls Club, Treasurer, Email: rossiters21@gmail.com

Join our active community in Cinderford



Why should you join?

- ✓ Workout in our fully equipped gym
- ✓ Swim and relax in our pool
- ✓ Choose from a wide range of fitness classes
- ✓ Get fit and socialise with racquet sports



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by calling 01594 824008**

www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/cinderford



LEVELLING UP FUNDING

As a beneficiary of Levelling Up funding, the renovation and refurbishment of Cinderford's buildings is progressing.

Rheola House has received an external facelift and, with the addition of Solar Panels and Electric Vehicle Charging Points, the building provides cost effective office and co-working spaces for businesses across The Forest of Dean.



For the first time in nearly 120 years, **The Wesley**, Forest of Dean Community and Arts Centre, has a new Theatre Hall roof. Solar Panels have been added and the historical integrity of this much valued local asset has been preserved and its future secured.



**LEVELLING
— UP —**

Grant applications are in the process of being submitted for additional funding to repair the stage, install new lighting and electrics, hang new drapes and refurbish and redecorate the internal spaces. Community use has increased and, as the reputation of the building grows, a diverse cross section of users throughout The Forest continue to be welcomed.



After a complete external and internal refurbishment, new tenants of **No.6 Market Street** are due to "move-in" at the beginning of 2024. The addition of insulation, a new roof and Solar panels are only a few of the improvements being made to provide a hub for learning and creativity.

If you have any questions about Cinderford's Levelling Up projects, please don't hesitate to ask ...or if you would like to arrange a visit to any (or all) of the buildings please contact the Council offices to make arrangements.

les.love@cinderfordtowncouncil.gov.uk or telephone **01594 822599**

IMPORTANT COUNCIL INFO & CONTACTS

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Your Parish Councillors:

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Cinderford West: - mark.turner@fdean.gov.uk and jacob.sauders@fdean.gov.uk

Your County Councillor: graham.morgan@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Cinderford Town Council are responsible for:

Children's play areas • War memorial • The Town Hall • The Wesley • 6 Market Street (former HSBC building) • The Triangle • Steam Mills & Miners Welfare recreation area •

Community grant scheme • Statutory consultee for planning matters • Civic & community events

Telephone: 01594 825599 or email clerk@cinderfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

Forest of Dean Council is responsible for:

Rubbish collection • Street cleaning • Planning & Planning Enforcement • Housing • Housing grants • Environmental health • Licensing • Elections • FODDC Car parks • Tax collection • Building Control • Public Conveniences

Telephone: 01594 810000 or email www.fdean.gov.uk/report-it#

Gloucestershire County Council is responsible for:

Education • Roads and Traffic • Footpaths • Libraries • Social Services • Bus Passes • Recycling • Street Lighting • Trading Standards • Births, Marriages, Deaths & Civil Partnerships

Telephone: 01452 425000

General Enquires Form is available at - <https://forms.gloucestershire.gov.uk/GeneralEnquiryForm>

Highways Report It - <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/your-highways-report-it/>



CINDERFORD CHRISTMAS CONVOY 2023



SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

We welcome highly decorated vehicles to join our Cinderford Christmas Convoy.
Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd + Wild Card to be presented in the Triangle.
Decorate your gardens & yourselves to be part of this Fabulous Festive Community Event.
Enjoy the Triangle with Cinderford Brass Band and much more.

Meet at 4.00pm for 5.00pm
Start from Forest Vale Ind. Est. GL14 2YD
No entry fee, No collections.

Hosted by Annie Gwilliam & Colin Staker on behalf of
Forest Vintage Vehicle & Machinery Club with
grateful support from Cinderford Town Council

For further information and this years extended route,
visit us on Facebook or contact colinjstaker@outlook.com





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CINDERFORD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

& SANTA



SANTA, STALLS & FAIR 2pm - 7pm
LANTERN PARADE 4.30pm - 5pm
LIGHT SWITCH ON 5pm

**Dean Radio will be in attendance 2pm - 7pm
and counting down the switch on at 5pm**

**SAT 25th NOVEMBER
in the Triangle**