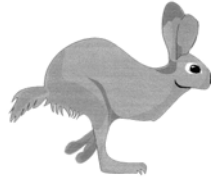




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### HOPPER SERVICES UNDER REVIEW



Recent surveys have shown that the Hillesley/Tresham and North Nibley routes are very expensive in terms of the subsidy per passenger. Consultation on whether to continue these will take place soon. **There will be no changes before September.** In addition, new routes may be considered. Services between Wotton and Kingswood and within Wotton are comparatively well used and are not under threat.

- June Cordwell raised £52,000 in grants to start the service. Very little of this came from Stroud District Council's Tory administration, despite their election claims. Currently the Hopper is subsidised by the County Council, but they have been cutting spending on public transport in favour of road repairs.

- **We would welcome your comments** on the existing services, particularly the ones under threat, and any modifications or additions you think should be considered. We will pass them on to the County Council. Please use the Action Sheet overleaf or write separately to the FREEPOST address.

#### School Road, Wotton

The road will be closed from 24th to 30th July to rebuild a retaining wall. The alternative route is via Mount Pleasant.



#### Wickwar Road, Kingswood

The B4060 is to be closed near the first railway bridge south of Kingswood for road repairs from 24th July to 4th August. The alternative route to Wickwar is via Charfield and the B4509.

- Unexpected circumstances might cause the dates above to change: look out for notices on site.

- Footways in Wotton's Long Street and High Street are going to be resurfaced in August. The Chamber of Trade agreed this was the least worst time to do it.

#### Symn Lane Play Area

Over time all the equipment here is to be renewed. Users will be consulted by the Town Council on what they would like to see.

### NHS PROPOSALS

Stroud District Councillors are helping local groups in their fight against the cost-saving cuts proposed by the Gloucestershire Partnership NHS Trust and the Cheltenham & Tewkesbury PCT. Local District



Councillor Paul Smith says "A leaflet being sent out by 'The League of Friends of Stroud Hospitals' explains which hospitals are affected and the dates of the public consultation. It is

very important that as many people as possible write in giving their reasons for objection."

"Department of Health research shows that mental health treatment in the Stroud District is already significantly worse than the English average. How much worse will it get with the closure of Weavers Croft in Stroud and Tyndale Centre in Dursley?"

- Follow what is happening locally on: [www.savestroudhospitals.org](http://www.savestroudhospitals.org)

#### An outline of the proposals:

- no more in-patient surgery at Stroud General Hospital
- closure of Stroud Maternity Hospital with all maternity services being merged with Gloucestershire Royal Hospital.
- the closure of Weavers Croft, Stroud with patients being transferred to Cheltenham.
- the closures of the Tyndale Centre, Dursley.
- a reduction in services, eg memory clinics.
- a review of older age services in Cheltenham.
- 60% of cuts would affect services to elderly people,
- a review of patient transport services.
- changes to the services provided at Berkeley Hospital, with eventual closure once a new facility is built in Dursley.

#### Youth Liaison Group

Summer "break-out" activities will run from 24th July to 6th August operating from the Youth Centre. Contact June Cordwell for information.

## Liberal Democrats care most about climate change

The result of a recent public survey by Friends of the Earth on "Which of the 3 main UK parties do you think cares the most about climate change?" was:

Liberal Democrats: 83%  
Conservatives: 12%  
Labour: 6%

### SDC ELECTION

Many thanks to all those in the Wotton ward who voted for June Cordwell in May's elections. The intervention of a Green candidate resulted in a very narrow win for the Tory candidate. It seems that was the Green Party's intention.

☹ For the first time in many years none of our local councillors serve on Stroud District Council's planning committee.


### POLICE CLINIC

Wotton Police Station will be open for Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Reduction information only on:

Tuesdays: from 9:00 a.m. to noon

Thursdays: from noon to 3:00 p.m.

Police Non-Emergency number: 0845 090 1234

● Nosey Parker Initiative: neighbourhood wardens will be looking to see what people leave on view in their cars and the owners will be contacted. Thieves are currently targeting Volkswagens in particular. 



### CLARENCE ROAD PETITION

Residents of Clarence Road have sent a petition to local County Councillor John Cordwell complaining about the condition of the road. John has hand-delivered it to the County

Council Director responsible for roads, adding that the bottom end of Symn Lane is also in need of attention.



Thank you to the incredible number of people who donated books, tapes and videos to our book fair in May and of course to all those who came along on the day and bought them. It was a great success and we will hold another in the autumn.

### ACTION SHEET - Tell us what needs doing!

If you know of a local problem which needs attention, or if you have a good idea for our area, please get in touch with your local Liberal Democrat action team, using this space to have your say.

Name.....

Address.....

Phone.....

e-mail.....

Your opinion:

#### CAN YOU HELP US?

helping deliver Focus (just a few helps!)

displaying a poster at elections

making a donation

join the growing number of local members (minimum £6)

TO HELP YOU

Please return to John Cordwell,  
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