

## CLERKS REPORT – JULY 2023



**AGM 22 July**

**Guest speaker Gayle Boyle on PLANNING**

Taking place at Highnam Community Centre, GL2 8DG From 10.30am - 1.30pm



Residents and community groups are being urged to come forward with ideas to improve their local area.

Crowdfund Cotswold, the Council's award-winning crowdfunding platform, is gearing up for its next funding round and we are hosting a free virtual workshop on Monday 17 July at 1 pm. Anyone eager to improve their community is invited to join us to find out more. [https://news.cotswold.gov.uk/news/unleashing-the-power-of-community-with-crowdfund-cotswold?mc\\_cid=ff2f0189dc&mc\\_eid=d01fbd2939](https://news.cotswold.gov.uk/news/unleashing-the-power-of-community-with-crowdfund-cotswold?mc_cid=ff2f0189dc&mc_eid=d01fbd2939)

## GRCC AGM and Centenary Celebration 20 July 2023 at Maisemore Village Hall

3.30pm registration and refreshments for 4pm start

To celebrate our 100th birthday this year, we will be holding our AGM and Centenary Celebration Event at Maisemore Village Hall on Thursday 20th July 2023 from 4pm to 6pm. A celebratory Cotswold cream tea and refreshments will be available on arrival, with registration at 3.30 pm for a 4 pm start. An interactive celebration of GRCC's work in Gloucestershire over the past 100 years will follow the AGM.

I would be delighted if you could join us as we look back over 100 years of working with Gloucestershire's communities.



**The Summer Holiday and Activity Food (HAF) programme** will be running from 26 July to 31 August during the summer school holiday and will include a range of activities such as horse riding, holiday camps, adventure sports at the Cotswold Water Park, tickets to Cotswold Falconry, art and crafts, and much more!

The programme, which has strict guidelines on eligibility, is only accessible for those who are in reception up to year 11, and receive benefits-related free school meals. There are limited referral options for those families who do not meet the criteria.

However using additional funding we are also able to run the Holiday Activity Programme (HAP). This programme of free holiday activities is offered to all children between the ages of five and sixteen across the district, regardless of free school meal eligibility.

To sign up to the Children's Activity Booking system: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf/>

The activity bookings are now open. If you'd like to book your family onto an activity or event in the Cotswolds, please visit: <https://www.haf.worldjungle.org.uk/>

Family support is also available through our Community Connectors, Bloodhound Education, as part of the Summer Holiday Activity and Food Programme 2023. They are on hand to help with booking activities, organising transport to attend activities and signposting families to other agencies where a need has been identified. To get in touch with Bloodhound Education, please email [accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com](mailto:accounts@bloodhoundeducation.com) or phone 0208 150 3767 (Monday to Friday, 9:30am - 2:30pm).

We will be offering a number of food hamper deliveries again this summer, working with the Coop Midcounties supermarket and Cotswold Veg Box to support our families. Register for a food hamper: <https://cotswolddistrict.coordinate.cloud/project/45763>



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## **An evening with CPRE Forest of Dean at the Hartpury Orchard Centre**

**6pm, Wednesday 12th July 2023**

*CPRE Forest of Dean District invites members and non-members to an evening event at the Centre which is home to the national perry pear collection as well as many other fruit trees.*

*There will be an introduction to CPRE and the work in which we are involved by Simon Murray who is Chair of the District, but also chairs CPRE's national organisation and was previously a senior member of the management team for the National Trust. There will then be an opportunity to look around the orchard and learn about the work being undertaken.*

*The event is free to all attendees, including light refreshments. There will be an opportunity to sample perry or cider (which will be chargeable).*

*Please use the Eventbrite booking system to register your intention to attend. Although the event is free that will help us to assess numbers for whom we need to cater*