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Dates for Your Diary

Wed 9 August Vale Vision Littlecombe Liason Meeting	10 am
Wed 9 August WM Enterprise Community Facilities meeting	2 pm
Thurs 10 August Vale Vision Town Centre Meeting	7 pm
Wed 16 August Vale Vision Board Meeting	7.15 pm
Thurs 17 August Vale Vision Town Centre Group	7 pm
Wed 23 August Vale Vision Members Meeting - Kingshill House	7 pm
Thurs 31 August Vale Vision Tourism Meeting	2 pm
Thurs 14 September Town Centre Masterplan Steering Group Meeting	2 pm
Mon 18 September Sports Partnership AGM, Rednock Drama Hall	7 pm

All meetings will be at the Vale Vision shop unless notified otherwise

TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN

This is a period of exciting opportunities for the town. The Littlecombe development will bring a large new population into the town centre. The new residents will demand facilities and services, and this creates investment opportunities. The Design Framework allows the people of Dursley to set out their physical vision of how this investment should be handled; so we can 'lever in' benefits from the town – things such as environmental improvements to Castle Street and Parsonage Street, and more choice of shops and other services. We are already speaking to representatives from Sainsbury's about their proposals, and how they might be able to create improvements around Castle Street, and make the supermarket a real part of the town centre.



Roger Evans Consultants, stated: "We hosted around 30 or so town centre stakeholders at an ideas workshop (this) week. It included local business operators, societies and Interest groups and officers and members from the district and county councils. We were surprised to see just how much consensus there was about what people wanted to see in the town; things like integrating Sainsburys with the town centre, improving the approaches to the town and Castle Street, creating more choice of things to do in town in the evening, and making something more of Broadwell – an area that is just packed with character. It gave us a lot of clear aspirations to deliver on. There will be another opportunity for stakeholders to get involved in September, before we hold a public exhibition to gather the views of the whole community on draft proposals."

FREE NVQ ACCREDITATION

Contact Vale Vision for details on NVQ accreditation at level 2 or 3. A range of different subjects and modules to suit individual requirements.

NEED AND DEMAND STUDY FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES

WM Enterprise Consultants have been commissioned to carry out a need and demand study into a proposed new multi-purpose centre within the local area. This work involves consulting the local community, local businesses and local organisations about whether they would like to see a new resource centre, what types of facilities and services they would like within it, and where it might be located. Michael Lane stated "to date we have completed a household survey with approximately 400 households. Many thanks to those who have completed this survey, we found people to be generally very helpful and willing to provide their views".

"In addition, we have carried out a separate survey with approximately 80 local businesses and organisations / groups. Again, this has sought views on what could be in the centre, as well as the potential for local groups to utilise the centre themselves, or provide services from within it. Furthermore, we have undertaken seven focus group discussions with a range of different groups and organisations, including social groups, sports groups, education groups, businesses, young people, church groups and local councillors. This has enabled us to obtain more detailed views from people and to enable discussions between different groups to occur."

He also stated that WM have found working in the Dursley and Cam area very interesting. "People have been very helpful and generally positive towards the study, and there is certainly a lot of initial interest in the potential for a new resource centre. We are now compiling our results from the research undertaken to date, and will be providing these to Vale Vision over the next few weeks."

GL11 NEWS



Students at the GL11 project have been named Gloucestershire Adult Learners of the year for 2006. The group received the accolade after completing Level 2 Diplomas in Pre School Child Care at the Centre in Cam. This will allow them to run their own childcare groups.

The course which runs every Wednesday (10am-2.30pm) will start again in September. Anyone interested in enrolling should call 01453 548530.

Course for those who are unemployed

Local people out of work who feel their chances of finding a job would be boosted if they had better English, maths or computer skills, can be referred to a free New Deal programme which will run for the first time at the GL11 Community Project in Cam.

"The programme will help unemployed people in Dursley and Cam improve those skills – potentially leading to a qualification - and give them the confidence to deal with all aspects of finding work," said trainer Matt Tope from SLS Training. "Since the Job Centre in Dursley closed, local people have had to use the one in Stroud, so SLS Training felt it was important to base this programme in Cam to help those who can't get to training elsewhere.

"To get on the programme, people have to be referred through the Stroud Job Centre – they should ask their Job Centre adviser for more information. If the adviser feels the programme is right for them, there may also be help with travel costs and childcare," added Matt.

Marilyn McKechnie, manager of the GL11 Community Project, said: "We're delighted to host this New Deal training programme here in Cam because it can be really difficult for people to get to Stroud." *Contact Marilyn McKechnie, GL11 Community Project, 01453 549542*
marilyn.mckechnie@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Marion Lloyd, Development Worker for GL11 Community Project for the past 3½ years is moving on to be a Community Development Worker with the Scarman Trust. She will not be moving too far away as she will be working in South Gloucestershire and still within the GL11 Community developing individuals. Our thanks to Marion for the work that she has done at the GL11 Community Project.

CHAPEL STREET DEVELOPMENT - CAM PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Despite the lack of support from Tesco this project is once again on the move. Slightly scaled down but still providing more Shops, Offices, a Community Cafe and a Village Square together with some housing this new scheme will help in developing the "centre" of Cam. The Parish Council has agreed an outline brief for the community building, smaller than previous aspirations but still including the cafe. The developer has produced revised plans and is in preliminary discussions with Stroud District Council Planners. Legal opinion is being obtained on various aspects of the site, in particular access, so as to ensure that once a new planning permission is obtained we can proceed quickly. There is great reluctance to put a start date to the building, there have been many disappointments in the past, but realistically we should see a start made in early 2007.

COTSWOLD CANAL CONSULTATION

As part of the initial evidence gathering for the production of the Cotswold Canals AAP we would like to receive your views on what you think are the most important aspects of the canals project. The Council wishes to know your thoughts on how the regeneration of the area around the canals should be handled.

What is **your** vision for the District's canal corridor and what do you see as a **Threat** or an **Opportunity** for the restored canal area?

Consultation Date:	Issues & Options	August - September 2007
Public Participation:	Preferred Options & Proposals	January - February 2007
Date For Submission To Secretary of State:		April 2007
Examination by an Independent Planning Inspector:		October 2007
Estimated Date For Adoption:		March 2008

For further details, contact Mark Newcombe, Senior Planning Officer, Stroud District Council
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Visit the Council's Websites at: www.stroud.gov.uk and www.visitthecotswolds.org.uk

VALE VISION MEMBERS' MEETING

Vale Vision became Vale Vision Development Trust Ltd in December 2005, and as such, has a Board of Directors a membership of those who are interested in its work and being involved. Membership is growing monthly and the second members meeting will be held on Wednesday 23 August, the Eyre room, Kingshill House, 7 – 9.30 pm. This meeting is open to all who are interested in the work of Vale Vision and who would like to get more involved.

What does involvement mean – it means contributing 2–4 hrs per month to local Projects. Being a member, you will have the opportunity for regular updates on what Vale Vision are doing, what they are planning for the future and the current situation with projects that we are working on from the Community Plan. We have many exciting projects to develop, covering a wide range of interest but need your help to make them happen.

How do people work – each project has a small group of people with like interests working together to plan and manage the project. They meet on a regular basis, generally monthly, to discuss how things should be done, who should be involved, where funding can be sought to fund the project and to work up the project plan. This then goes to a funding bid and if successful the group manage the project.

Your involvement – you can become involved with a project in which you are interested and that may be your only commitment, or you can become enthused as other groups have by their success and continue with the group planning the next project.

How can I get involved – come to the members' meeting and if interested, contact us – see back page for contact details.

SPONSOR OF THE MONTH

Part-Time Courses Enrolling now for September



Stroud College delivers adult education in Dursley, Cam, Berkeley, Sharpness and Wotton-Under-Edge. Courses fill up fast so enrol early to ensure your place.

From September; English, Maths, Computing for Beginners, Internet and E-mail, Drawing and Painting, Stained Glass, Floristry, Spanish, T'ai Chi, Shiatsu, Counselling Skills and lots more.

Construction skills – Management/Supervisory course, OSAT (on-site assessment and training and CSCS card accreditation). Free courses coming to Dursley soon. Call Roger Powell at Stroud College on 01453 763424 for details.

Want to move on with your life? Improve your confidence, get the skills you need and plan for a better future with our **Move On** course. You'll gain recognised English, Maths and IT qualifications and get lots of advice about jobs and courses. One day a week from 28th September.

Summer IT courses – Learn IT at your own pace at the Dursley Flexible Learning Centre. Open all Summer for beginners to advanced learners.

For more information contact Paula Atkinson at Dursley Education Centre on 01453 542060 or paulaatkinson@stroudcol.ac.uk.

Visit www.stroud.ac.uk for more details on any of our courses.

HOLIDAY EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

No need to be bored this summer - join one of the holiday activities this summer. Some are free others at minimal fee.

GL11 - a range of activities for 6-12 year olds, Wednesdays 10-12 and 2-4 to include African Drumming/Photography/Computers/Art & Craft/ Circus Skills

Telephone 01453 548530, email: office@gl11.org.uk

TLC - presents **world jungle** Events at Dursley Recreation Ground, Woodfields Park and Highfields Park, to include Games, Music making, Sports, Cartoons, Circus skills and Fire juggling display.

Tel: 01453 548189/07816 381498 or email: ben@worldjungle.org.uk

Dursley Swimming Pool and Dursley Sports Centre -

A Full range of holiday activities for children.- Wet & Wild fun sessions.

Programmes from the Dursley Pool reception Telephone 01453 543832 for further details

A PLEASANT VENUE FOR YOUR EVENT

The Vale Vision premises is well equipped and could be the right venue for your meeting or training event. Comfortable surroundings, equipped for 12 people with flip chart and digital projector, tea/coffee making facilities and reasonable rates — contact Vale Vision for details.

Vale Vision Sponsorship

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Only two advertisements per copy.

Circulation: Parish, Town, District and County Council, community venues, Vale Vision shop
Current and back copies will be posted on our website.

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