

People Against Bureaucracy Group



Members' News Sheet

Dear Members and Supporters,

October 2024

Best wishes to all our readers.

OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPICS 2024.

Congratulations and well done to all our competitors who took part in the recent Olympic games in Paris. They did exceedingly well in every respect.

IDSALL DRIVE CAR PARK.

Prestbury has lost a useful community asset, much to the dismay of local residents. The site has now been sold for re-development.

HILL TOP STORES PRESTBURY

Following extensive changes to the convenience store in Hilltop Road the brand-new One Stop shop was officially opened by the Mayor in August.

Apparently, the first 50 customers were given bags filled with One Stop products.

PITTVILLE PARK.

Good news to hear that the Green Flag judges returned to Pittville Park to see if the park still reached the standards needed for the Green Flag award - and of course, the park has done that with 'flying colours' on several occasions over the years.

Cheltenham has been entering its parks in the competition since 2005 and has consistently won green flags for the state of several of its parks as well as the Winston Churchill Memorial Garden for the first time in 2018.

CAERNARVON ROAD – UP HATHERLEY.

Caernarvon Road from its junction with Salisbury Avenue down to Hatherley Road is being resurfaced this month, which is good news.

The section of road is about half a mile long.

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

As mentioned in the August News Sheet, TBC has agreed, but not unanimously, to change its name to North Gloucestershire Borough Council.

Apparently, the council feels that the new name will reflect its ambition to attract jobs and investment to the whole borough and better reflect their key strategic location.

From December 2024, the phased introduction of their new brand will commence.

It sounds interesting!

NEW SHOPS FOR CHELTENHAM HIGH STREET.

Several new stores have been opened in the town centre, which is good news for the shoppers. Traders announce increased activity and several shop owners claim that Cheltenham is 'a great place to do business'.

CHELTENHAM HALF MARATHON.

The half-marathon began and ended at the Cheltenham Racecourse.

Prestbury residents noted the huge amount of preparation, the signage and the staffing required, but the marathon was as popular as ever.

A little disruptive for a few hours on the Sunday morning, but refreshing to see so many people out in the fresh air enjoying themselves. A big boost for the town.

NEW CHARITY SHOP IN PRESTBURY.

The Dearly Pre-Loved Church Charity Shop opened in May 2024 on the previous Badhams pharmacy site in Prestbury Hight Street.

The 'Charity Shop' came out of a vision for Christian outreach and is run by a team of 15-20 volunteers ensuring all the shifts are staffed.

A sensible pricing policy is in place offering low cost and good value items.

The Badham pharmacy has now relocated to the new Wilson Health Centre in Prestbury Road.

THE BANK – PRESTBURY.

We have been informed that there are plans for double yellow lines to be installed on the Bank along the stretch of road that runs past the war memorial in the centre of the village.

We are waiting to hear when the work will be started.

MORETON-IN-MARSH EXPANSION.

We understand that there are plans for a large scale development on land at the old Fire Service College in Moreton, which has not been welcomed by the local residents.

It is estimated that around 300 more houses are needed for the whole district.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE CYCLE SPINE.

The B4063 Cycleway, when finished, will link Cheltenham to Gloucester via Longlevens, Churchdown and Staverton, providing a new and improved walking and cycling route.

It will form part of the wider Gloucestershire Cycle Spine linking Cheltenham and Bishops Cleeve and other localities.

The Cycle Spine is 26 miles long, cyclists will be able to enjoy their new facility soon and be able to travel about more safely.

FEAST ON THE FARM – HUNTING BUTTS FIELD, SWINDON LANE.

A brand new event for the area, which ran all day from Thursday to Sunday throughout August and it was aimed at the whole community.

It was an outdoor event, but with plenty of cover, if needed.

Good food and drink was available and there was plenty of space for the children.

The Organiser hopes to repeat the event next year, which will be welcomed by local people and hopefully by people further afield.

RUN CHELTENHAM 2024.

More than 300 charity runners took part in the iconic Run Cheltenham 2024 event raising funds for the event's charity partner, Sue Ryder.

Now in its eighth year partnering with Sue Ryder, over £80,000 has been raised so far.

JOTTINGS.

We are warned that Mopeds and Motorbikes are being stolen in the Cheltenham area.

Sandford Park Lido to be rebranded Cheltenham Lido in 2025.

'A tornado' was sighted causing damage as it swept through Tewkesbury.

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