

THE REDNOCK REVIEW

Term 6 – 2025/26

12th June 2026

Dear Rednock Community,

Although we are already at the end of our second week, it is certainly a warm welcome back to Term 6—the final, and often most exciting, term of the academic year!

I am delighted to share with you the latest edition of our Rednock Review. As always, I hope you enjoy reading about the fantastic things happening across our school community.

The formal exam season is nearly at an end, and our students have shown incredible dedication and resilience. We are immensely proud of their efforts and the focus they have maintained throughout. They are so nearly at the finish line, with the final exams taking place next week.

Looking ahead, we are excited for the Year 11 Leavers' Day on Wednesday 17th June, which will be a well-deserved moment of celebration. Of course, prom season is also just around the corner, bringing a real sense of excitement as our students prepare to mark the end of a significant chapter.

We also want to give a special shout-out to our Year 10 students, who are currently out on work experience placements. The school has certainly felt quieter without them this week! The feedback we have received from local employers has been brilliant, and it is wonderful to hear how well they are representing both themselves and Rednock in the wider community.



[Click here to view a video from Mr Stratford](#)

We have several exciting transition events taking place in the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming our new Sixth Form students for their Induction Day on Tuesday 30th June. We then look to the newest members of the Rednock Community by welcoming our incoming Year 7 students for a range of transition activities on the 2nd and 3rd July.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the invitation sent out on Thursday 11th June for our Phone-Free Launch Evening on Monday 22nd June. You can find more details regarding this initiative inside the Rednock Review.

As always, you can catch up on all of our celebrations and achievements by browsing previous editions of the Rednock Review on our [website](#).

I wish you all a happy weekend ahead.

My very best wishes,

Mike Stratford
Headteacher



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Where everyone matters



Achievement Heroes

Each week, we select new Achievement Heroes to celebrate. We've had some amazing nominees and we're proud of everything they've accomplished. They were recognised for different reasons, each one just as impressive as the last. Every nominee exemplifies what it means to be an Achievement Hero and we couldn't be prouder to shine a spotlight on their accomplishments.

This issue's Achievement Heroes are:



Emily, for consistently getting outstanding reward points and working hard in all lessons.

Tabitha, for placing 2nd in the Cotswold Cup with her horse Bertie.

Alfie, for demonstrating great leadership during the KS1 multi-skill event.

Beth, for gaining the highest word count in her Reading for Power class in May.

Myiah, for achieving gold in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge with the second highest score in the school.

Bella, for 100% attendance - she was chosen at random.

Hugo, for gaining an amazing amount of achievement points last week.

Belle, for achieving the most reward points in Hubble this week and gaining her Rednock Passport!

Maya and Safia, for walking the whole of the Cotswold Way in just 7 days, they walked 15 + miles a day.

Nancy, Elsie and Lila, for their creative homework on the nervous system

Daniel, for having the highest word count for May in his Reading for Power class.



Teaching and Learning Focus – Literature

At Rednock, we are committed to fostering a culture of reading both inside and outside the classroom, and it has been wonderful to see this passion flourish within our Sixth Form community this year.

Our Sixth Form Book Club has enjoyed another successful year, bringing together a dedicated group of book lovers who have explored a wide range of genres. Meeting fortnightly in the Learning Resource Centre as part of our Enrichment programme, students have discussed everything from dystopian fiction to books that have been adapted for the screen. Alongside lively discussions and thoughtful recommendations, meetings have occasionally included homemade baked treats, making the club a welcoming and enjoyable space for all involved.

After reflecting on their reading journey throughout the year, members voted crime fiction as their favourite genre. We are delighted to be continuing both our KS4 and KS5 Book Clubs next year, and students interested in joining can sign up in September.



Our love of reading is also evident in the classroom. To mark the end of their A Level studies, our Year 13 English Literature students took part in a book exchange, celebrating both their hard work and their shared passion for literature. It was a fitting farewell to our largest A Level English Literature cohort to date.

Despite national trends showing declining numbers in some humanities subjects, Rednock's A Level English Literature classes have grown by more than 100% over the past four years. This year's cohort has been a pleasure to teach, demonstrating enthusiasm, insight and a genuine love of reading throughout their studies. When asked what they were most looking forward to after completing their exams, many students had the same answer: reading for pleasure.

We are incredibly proud of the vibrant reading culture that continues to thrive across our Sixth Form and look forward to seeing even more students discover the enjoyment, inspiration and opportunities that reading can bring.



REDNOCK SCHOOL

Phone-Free Schooling Information Evening

Monday 22nd June 2026
6.00pm – 7.30pm



About the evening:

- 5.45pm – Doors open
- 6.00pm – We hear from our guest speakers
- 7.00 pm – 7.30pm – An opportunity to see the phone free equipment and ask any questions



Mr Mike Stratford

Join Mr Stratford as he introduces the school's new phone-free policy and share the vision behind this exciting initiative. Mr Stratford will discuss how reducing phone use during the school day will support in creating a more focused, positive, and connected school environment. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the policy, its benefits, and the positive impact it will have on the wider school community.



Dr Susie Davies

Hear from Dr Susie Davies, GP and founder of PAPAYA (Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adults), as she discusses the growing influence of smartphones on young people's lives. Drawing on both her clinical experience and her perspective as a parent of three teenagers, Dr Davies will examine the impact of digital technology on mental health, wellbeing, and family life.



Dr Paul Redford

Dr Paul Redford is an Associate Professor, a Chartered Psychologist member of the British Psychological Society (BPS) and a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (SFHEA). He specialises in focusing on the enablers of positive learning. He is particularly interested in the factors that can enable individuals to flourish in learning environments such as the impact of smartphones in schools.



Dr Ben Knight

Dr Ben Knight is a Senior Lecturer in Education at UWE Bristol with extensive experience as a teacher, school leader and educator of future teachers. His work focuses on educational leadership and the complex challenges facing schools today. He is particularly interested in supporting young people to thrive in education and how schools, families, and communities can work together to create positive learning environments.

Click or Scan here to book
your place at the event





Year 13 Final Day

What a wonderful send-off our Year 13 students received on 22 May!

Thanks to the glorious weather and the efforts of Mrs Traynor, Mrs Clune and the Year 12 Student Council, students enjoyed a picnic in the Sixth Form Garden alongside the Headteacher, Sixth Form tutors and teachers, who wished them every success in their remaining examinations.

The celebrations continued with a final assembly, expertly organised by Ms Hobdell with technical support from Mr Cole. Following farewell messages from Mr Stratford and Mrs Barker, students enjoyed musical bingo, heartfelt tutor messages, student-voted awards, childhood photographs submitted by parents, and musical performances from Riley and Ed. There was plenty of laughter, a few tears, and a great deal of appreciation for the friendships and memories shared over the years.

Needless to say, we will miss this year group tremendously. Despite beginning their Rednock journey during the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, they have grown into thoughtful, resilient, hardworking and wonderfully supportive young people. They are a credit to their families and our school community.

It has been a privilege to watch them develop into the remarkable individuals they are today. We wish them every success in their remaining exams and every happiness in the exciting journeys that lie ahead.





Word Millionaires

We are passionate about fostering a love of reading and celebrating the achievements of students who challenge themselves through our Reading for Power programme. One of the most impressive milestones a student can reach is becoming a Word Millionaire by reading over one million words.

This achievement is a testament to a student's dedication, perseverance and

commitment to developing their literacy skills. We are delighted to say that we have 4 more students who have recently joined our growing group of Word Millionaires. Well done, Eva S, Ben, Anya and Eva B, on reaching this fantastic milestone!

Reading plays a vital role in a student's education and personal development. It helps to expand vocabulary, improve communication skills, stimulate imagination and strengthen understanding across all areas of the curriculum.

Year 5 Open Mornings

We are delighted to confirm that we will be welcoming Year 5 parents/carers and students into Rednock School for our Open Mornings on Monday 6th July and Tuesday 7th July.

Our annual Open Mornings are an opportunity to visit Rednock to see our students and staff working together during a 'normal' school morning. All visits should take no more than an hour.

We will be running tours of the school starting at the following times:

- Tour 1 – 9.15am
- Tour 2 – 9.30am
- Tour 3 – 9.45am
- Tour 4 – 10.00am

Advanced booking is required for our Open Morning events; we will be operating at staggered start times in order to manage the large number of parents / carers and Year 5 students.

Please ensure you book one ticket per adult attendee. Year 5 students do not require a ticket. Both mornings, and all tours are identical, please only book on to one tour.

- To book for Monday 6th July 2025 please use [this link](#)
- To book for Tuesday 7th July 2025 please use [this link](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to Rednock School.



Community Support

We are delighted to share the success of a fantastic community project that has brought together local organisations, students, and staff to support our school's commitment to keeping our environment clean and welcoming.

Working in partnership with GL11 and the Men's Shed, a number of litter-picking stations have been designed and built for use around the school site. These stations will be positioned in key locations, giving students easy access to litter-picking equipment during their social times. The initiative aims to encourage students who would like to make a positive contribution to their school environment by helping to keep outdoor spaces clean and tidy.

The project is a wonderful example of the power of community collaboration. By working together, Rednock, GL11 and the Men's Shed have created a practical resource that will benefit students and promote a sense of pride and responsibility within our school community.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone involved in the initiative. Their time, skills and generosity have made this project possible.

A special mention must also go to three of our students who are currently completing work experience placements with GL11. They were delighted to be involved in the project and helped with the delivery of the boards, gaining valuable experience while contributing to an initiative that will have a lasting impact on the school.

We look forward to seeing students make use of the new litter-picking stations and continue to take pride in keeping our school clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone.





Success in Rounders

Our Year 9 and Year 10 girls' rounders teams recently enjoyed a busy week of fixtures, demonstrating excellent skill, teamwork and determination throughout.

The teams began the week with matches against Maidenhill, where both year groups produced strong performances to secure convincing victories.

The teams then faced Archway in another set of competitive fixtures. The Year 10 team played exceptionally well, displaying some excellent fielding and batting throughout the match. Annabelle, Freya and Eve were outstanding in the field, making several important plays, while Charlotte and Evie impressed with some powerful hitting. Their all-round performance earned them a fantastic 15–5.5 victory.

The Year 9 team faced a strong Archway side with some very capable batters. Despite working hard and showing great resilience, they were unable to match Archway's scoring and were defeated 12.5–6.5. However, the team remained positive throughout and continued to battle hard until the final ball.

Congratulations to all of the girls who represented the school this week. Their commitment, sportsmanship and enthusiasm have been excellent, and we look forward to seeing both teams continue to progress as the season unfolds.





Fantasy Football Champion

Congratulations to Henry (Year 10 and Darwin) for winning this year's Rednock Fantasy Premier League challenge. Students compete each week to put together a team in an attempt to earn the highest number of points.

This competition takes place over 38 gameweeks. Every term the top 20 students earn points for their community and the weekly winner wins a prize. Keep your eyes peeled for next year's competition and get your teams organised early!

Year 9 Boys Softball

On Tuesday 9th June two Year 9 softball teams (below) attended the district softball tournament held at KLB school. In really tough condition both teams played some fantastic softball and finished 5th and 9th place respectively.

The students are learning the game really well and continue to develop and improve their skills. Some standout performances from Lincoln, Jimmy, Jacob, Ruben and George. The teams look forward to more softball fixtures against KLB in the coming weeks.





Sporting Success

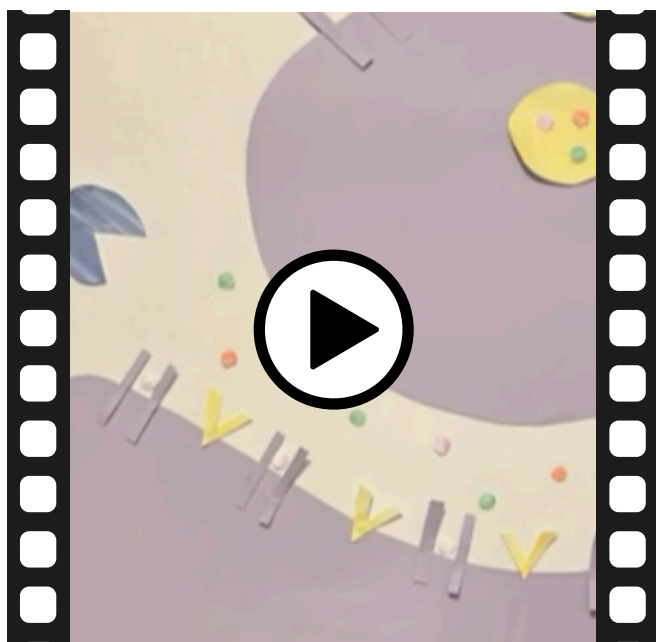
Tabitha, Year 8, has enjoyed an outstanding couple of weeks in competition, along with her horse Bertie, achieving success across both equestrian and multi-sport events.

She was delighted to finish 2nd in the Cotswold Cup, missing out on the top spot by just a single point. The Cotswold Cup is a one-day event where horse and rider compete across dressage, showjumping and cross-country, with the highest overall score taking the title. Riding Bertie, Tabitha produced an excellent all-round performance to secure her impressive runner-up finish.

Tabitha then proudly represented Central England in the International Tetrathlon, competing in shooting, swimming, running and riding. Although she was not placed individually, she played an important role in helping Central England secure 3rd place in the team competition.

Tabitha was particularly pleased with her riding performance and thrilled to achieve a personal best in the 1500m run, crossing the line in an impressive 5 minutes 52 seconds.

Congratulations to Tabitha on a fantastic fortnight of competition and achievement.



Nervous System Stop Motion

Lila, Elsie and Nancy, Year 12, recently demonstrated their creativity and scientific understanding by producing an impressive stop motion animation as part of their homework for Psychology.

The stop motion video showcased not only their knowledge of the nervous system but also their teamwork, problem-solving skills and creativity. The students invested significant time and effort into planning, filming, and editing the animation to ensure it accurately reflected the scientific concepts they had been studying.

Click on the video to see their hard work in action.



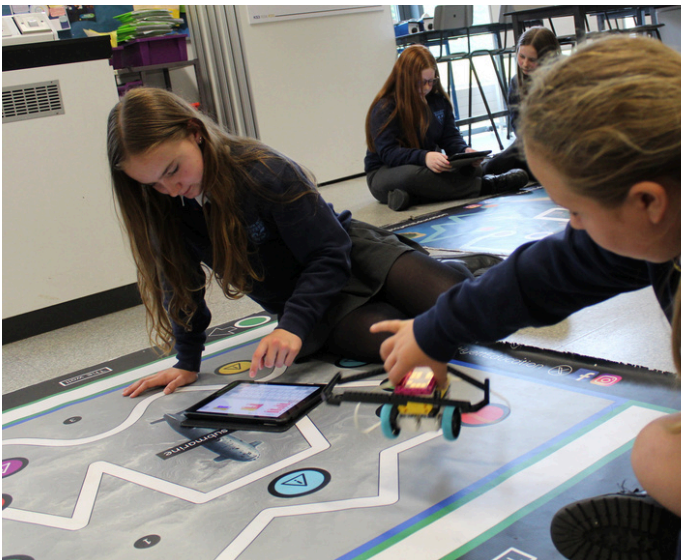
Year 7 STEM

This Thursday, all Year 7 girls took part in an exciting STEM taster day focused on robotics. The students were challenged to design, build and programme their own robots, using problem-solving skills to help them overcome a range of obstacles.

The girls were fantastic throughout the day, demonstrating excellent teamwork, creativity and perseverance as they tackled each challenge. They worked collaboratively, supported each other and showed the determination needed to succeed when things didn't go to plan.

The aim of the event was to raise awareness of the opportunities available in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) careers. There is still a shortage of women and girls choosing STEM pathways, and the day was designed to encourage students to explore new areas, even if they don't immediately think they are interested in them. Trying something new and developing skills such as communication, resilience and problem-solving are all valuable skills for the workplace.

A number of students have already been inspired to continue their robotics journey and have joined the Lego Robotics Club, which runs every Thursday after school. If you would like to get involved, please speak to Mrs Parker in room 207 – new members are always welcome!





Rotary Club Young Photographer

You may remember the news that one of our students was awarded the top prize for the Regional round of the Rotary Club Young Photographer competition. Well, further success has followed for Iris and we are delighted to share that she has now been crowned winner of the District round!

Iris, in Year 10, first impressed judges with her beautiful photograph of her young cousin, capturing a special moment with outstanding composition, natural lighting and genuine emotion. Having already won both the local and regional rounds of the competition, Iris' photograph has continued to gain recognition at the next stage of judging.

Winning the District round is a fantastic achievement and a testament to Iris' creativity, technical skill and photographic eye. Everyone at school is incredibly proud of her success and we wish her the very best as her photograph continues its journey through the competition.

A huge thank you to our local Rotary Club for their ongoing support and for giving our students the opportunity to participate in various competitions such as the Young Photographer Award. These experiences allow students to celebrate their creativity, build confidence, and share their talents with a wider audience.

Congratulations, Iris, on this remarkable achievement!



Bikeability

This week, some of our Year 7 students were able to join in with the Bikeability cycle training which equips children with vital life skills. Students not only learn to cycle, they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing. The students that took part this year were joined by their instructor, Stuart. All students involved really enjoyed their sessions and came away with new confidence and skills. They were looking forward to using their new knowledge on the road.



Live Lunchtime Music

On Friday 19th June live music comes to Rednock in the form of The Allstars (pictured below) for a Live Lunchtime event in the main hall.

Following the huge success of last year's similar event featuring The Anti-Romantics in February 2025, Mr Mee has been working with a new troop of musicians ranging from years 7 to 13 in his regular after-school club called 'Pop In, Rock Out'.

In spite of some being new to live performance, or even to playing with others, and others having to juggle rehearsals with GCSEs and A Levels, the band have been working hard on a set of songs that we hope will breathe new life into a main hall which has been locked down for weeks for the exam season.

So, let's dust off the dancing shoes and get down to the main hall for a Live Lunchtime of banging beats and rocking tunes!



School Tie Update

We would like to inform parents that from Monday 15th June, the school will only be stocking and selling traditional tie-ties.

Clip-on ties will no longer be available to purchase from the school. Instead, they will be stocked by Bateman's Sports in Stroud, alongside all other school uniform items. The cost of a clip-on tie will be £7.50.

Thank you for your support and cooperation. If you have any questions regarding school uniform, please contact the school office.



Chess Championship

The Intercommunity Chess Showdown is back for 2026! Put your strategic skills to the test and represent your community in this exciting competition. Whether you're a seasoned player or simply enjoy the challenge of chess, we'd love to see you take part. Sign up in the LRC by Wednesday 17th June to secure your place.

The Rednock Intercommunity Chess Showdown

2026



Prizes! Prestige! Reward points!



Chess In Literature

Want to sharpen your game or learn more about the world of chess? Visit the LRC, where you'll find a range of chess-themed books:

- The Queen's Gambit by Walter Tevis is centred on competitive chess and the journey of a chess prodigy.
- Check Mates by Stewart Foster features a young protagonist who learns chess from his grandfather, with chess playing a significant role in the story and its themes.
- The First Move by Jenny Ireland is a young adult romance novel in which two teenagers connect through online chess.



CAREERS CORNER

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL APPRENTICESHIPS

Stroud District Council is offering a range of apprenticeship opportunities starting in September 2026. There are seven apprenticeship vacancies available across a variety of departments. The apprenticeship vacancies will be advertised from Thursday 4th June, with applications closing on Sunday 12th July.

The available apprenticeships are:

- Business Administration Level 3 – Planning Strategy
- Business Administration Level 3 – Museum in the Park
- Business Administration Level 3 – Elections and Democratic Services
- Customer Service Specialist Level 3 – Customer Contact Centre
- Housing and Property Level 3 – Housing Services
- Business Administration Level 3 – Asset Data and Compliance
- Multi-Trade Apprenticeship



SPORT UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE DAY AT HARTPURY UNIVERSITY

Year 10 students with an interest in sport are invited to apply for a Sport University Experience Day at Hartpury University on 27th July 2026.

The event will run from 9:30am–3:00pm and is open to all Year 10 students. Places are limited to 30 students, with a waiting list operating once capacity has been reached.

*Students can apply via **this booking form**, which includes a few short questions about their interest in sport and reasons for wanting to attend. Please click [here](#) to complete the form. The application deadline is 10th July 2026.*

EXPLORE YOUR STEM FUTURE

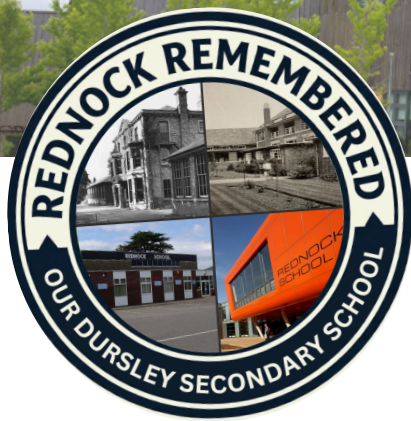
STEM learning's free national online mentoring scheme, in partnership with [The Brightside Trust](#), is designed to help 13-to-19 year olds explore their future career options. By chatting with trained and experienced STEM professionals, young people can:

- ask for careers advice
- learn more about potential careers
- consider life after school, including education at university, apprenticeships, or preparing for employment

The programme is fully funded so participation is free for UK students.

The next programme of Online Mentoring will run from 22th June – 31st July – sign up [here](#) by 17th June to take part!





Rednock Remembered

This week's Rednock Remembered takes a look at two familiar faces who once walked the corridors of Rednock as students and have since returned as valued members of staff. We have lots of staff who were previous students but we'll be looking at just two today.



First, we have Mr Dessi, (pictured left. Front row, left) our DT Technician. The photograph featured this week shows him in 1972, when he joined Rednock in Year 7. More than fifty years later, he remains an important part of school life, supporting students and staff in the Design and Technology department for nearly 20 years. It is wonderful to see how Rednock has remained a part of his journey for so many years.

We also feature Miss Tritton, (Pictured right. Front of the queue!) one of our Languages teachers. The photograph shows her during her time in Year 12, long before she returned to Rednock as a member of staff. Having once been a student here herself, she now inspires the next generation of learners in the classroom.

These photographs are a reminder of the strong connections that many people have with Rednock. For some, Rednock is not just a school they attended - it becomes a

community they choose to return to and help shape for future generations.

We hope you enjoy this week's trip down memory lane and celebrating the unique stories of staff who were once Rednock students themselves.





Dates for your Diary

Date	Year Group	Event
13/06/2026 - 15/06/2026	Specific Students	Silver Final DofE Expedition
17/06/2026	Year 11	Year 11 Celebration Day
22/06/2026	Year 9	Year 9 Vaccinations
22/06/2026	All	Phone-Free Schooling Information Evening
25/06/2026	Year 9	Year 9 Report 3 Due Home
27/06/2026 - 28/06/2026	Specific Students	Bronze Practice DofE Expedition



Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

Volunteer Opportunity: School Admission Appeals Panel Members

Gloucestershire County Council is currently recruiting volunteer Panel Members to support virtual School Admission Appeals for Gloucestershire schools.

This rewarding role offers an opportunity for parents, grandparents and members of the local community to contribute to the education system by helping to ensure admission appeals are heard fairly, independently and impartially. Full training and support are provided, and panel members play an important part in making sure families have access to a transparent appeals process.

Click [here](#) to find out more.



Have Your Say – The Big Future Survey

Students are invited to take part in The Big Future, a national survey run by the Children's Commissioner for England. The survey gives young people the opportunity to share their views, experiences and hopes for the future, helping to shape decisions that affect children and young people across the country.

Students can also become Student Champions, helping to promote the survey and receiving recognition from the Children's Commissioner's Office for their contribution.

Make your voice heard and help shape the future.

Click [here](#) to take part.



THE GREAT BIG CLIMATE CIRCUS

CREATIVE CLIMATE YOUTH-LED PROGRAMME
GATHERING YOUNG PEOPLE, ARTISTS, ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS THROUGH CIRCUS, MUSIC, PERFORMANCE AND HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

FREE WORKSHOPS APRIL - JUNE 26
DANCE / ART / CIRCUS / PROP-MAKING / COSTUMES / SCULPTURE / MASK
MAKING LEADING-UP TO 2026 EVENTS

FOOD PROVIDED

EVENTS THIS SUMMER 2026 - ALL WELCOME
STROUD STRATFORD PARK 20TH JUNE
DURSLEY RECREATION GROUND 11TH JULY
GLOUCESTER THE VENTURE COMMUNITY HUB, WHITE CITY 18TH JULY

TO BOOK WORKSHOPS



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!

**THE CHANTRY CENTRE
DURSLEY**

CABARET NIGHT

SATURDAY 27 JUNE 2026
7.30pm - 11.00pm

**DRESS CODE
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ATTIRE**

Live music by Trip For Biscuits
covering all decades

TICKETS £10 PER PERSON
Including arrival drink of choice!

OPTIONAL COLD PLATTER - £25 FOR TWO

Under 18s are welcome when accompanied by an adult
Tickets on sale via
www.chantrycentre.org