

Shire

Your local community newspaper
with news and views from the
Shirehampton area

No. 609 - October 2022 www.shire.org.uk 5,000 copies monthly

Have you got a job that needs doing? Go to YOUR LOCAL EXPERTS section on pages 20-21 to find a local business who can help.

Elizabeth II

21 April 1926

8 September 2022

Rest in Peace, Ma'am

Following the sad news of the demise of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and the accession of His Majesty King Charles III to the throne, business of the House of Commons was paused for 10 days of national mourning. During this period of mourning, I was honoured to represent Bristol North West in the House of Commons on Friday 9th September for tributes to Queen Elizabeth's reign. On Sunday 11th September, I attended the official proclamation of King Charles III in Bristol and have signed the city's book of condolences to the Royal Family.

On Monday 12th September, I returned to Parliament to hear an address from King Charles III to both Houses of Parliament in Westminster Hall and, later that week, paid final respects to Queen Elizabeth II on the first day of the late Queen's Lying-in-State. I did so both as a private citizen and on your behalf as your Member of Parliament.

Parliament then observed a period of mourning before the State Funeral on Monday 19th September, which has been granted bank holiday status. Parliament will then resume shortly after the State

Funeral. The formal coronation of King Charles III will take place at a later date yet to be confirmed.

Lastly, as we remember the late Queen's 70-year reign, we remember her many visits across the nation and around the world, which touched millions of people across the generations. From Her late Majesty's first visit to Australia

in 1954 to her many visits to Bristol, including to Avonmouth as part of the opening of the Royal Portbury dock in 1977, members of my own family – both here in England and in Australia – lined the streets waving union flags to welcome her.

Queen Elizabeth II was not only our Head of State and Commander-in-Chief, but also a mother, a grandmother and a great-grandmother. My thoughts



WPA Pool/Getty Images

and prayers, and those of my family, are with The Royal Family at this difficult time. We now enter a new era in Britain – from the second Elizabethan age to the third Carolean age. God save the King!

From Darren Jones-MP

Go to pages 12 & 13 for our tribute with stories of Shirehamptonians meeting The Queen.

Pembroke Road Garage

A friendly, family-run business offering:

- MOTs & free retests • Servicing
- Repairs & Diagnostics
- Tyres • Aircon Servicing

All makes of cars, motorcycles and light commercial vehicles
Free estimates • Courtesy vehicles

Pembroke Road,
Shirehampton BS11 9SB

Tel: 0117 982 7396
Mob: 07798898721

A Ruby Jeans Christmas

Hampers now available for pre-order - contact us for more details!

Sweet, Savoury, Cheese, Hot Drinks and Custom Hampers



RUBY JEANS
THE PARADE
3-4 The Parade,
Shirehampton, BS11 9TS
www.rubyjeans.co.uk
Call: 0117 9824811



Scan for the full Christmas Menu

Shire

Official address: The Library, Public Hall, Station Road, Shirehampton, Bristol BS11 9TU.

Please note the Shirehampton Librarian

Telephone number is: 0117 903 8570

'SHIRE' telephone numbers for info and advice

adverts@shire.org.uk 07776 170053

treasurer@shire.org.uk 0117 938 1709

Requests for SHIRE by Post 0117 904 3037

distribution@shire.org.uk 0117 982 0478

Internet address www.shire.org.uk

Submit articles editor@shire.org.uk

Advertising adverts@shire.org.uk

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Mrs R. Slater, Chairman

Mrs J. Helme, Secretary

Mr Ed Amphlett, Acting Treasurer & Advertising Manager

Mrs. Marilyn Gorry, Social Events

Mrs. Bobbie Perkins, Distribution

Mrs. L. Bradley, Website Manager

Editors: Mrs Fiona Grinham, Mr Bill Constable,

Mrs Jill Williamson, Mrs. Sarah Matthews,

Mr. Robin Matthews, Mrs. Jackie Hares

Artwork: Iain Chaffey of Crimson Goose Design

Photographers: Kathryn Courtney, Bob Pitchford

N.B. To meet the deadline with our typesetters, all written copy should be submitted by email or to the Library by the **10th of the month** before it appears in print, or it may not be included in the next edition. While advertisements in this paper are accepted in good faith, readers are advised to make their own enquiries and assessment. We request that all adverts are supplied in the correct format and size or there may be a charge should you require artwork to be created. Price on application. Unless otherwise stated, all material appearing in SHIRE is the copyright of SHIRE Publications. Please ensure photographs submitted with articles are cleared for use and permission sought especially when featuring individuals including children. The Shire cannot accept responsibility if photos are published in error where permission for use has been not sought. The views and opinions expressed in these articles are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of Shire. All information correct at time of going to press to the best of Shire's knowledge.

EDITORIAL POLICY

We welcome contributions for publication in 'SHIRE' but reserve the right to edit any copy received.

Any material published is at the editor's discretion and may also be included on our website www.shire.org.uk unless the copy is clearly marked 'not to be included on the world wide web'.

Contributions submitted to: editor@shire.org.uk

For our current privacy policy visit our website at www.shire.org.uk/privacy_policy

ADVERTISERS!

Contact: adverts@shire.org.uk

Telephone: 07776 170053



SHIREHAMPTON PUBLIC HALL

Station Road, near shops

**HALL, LARGE AND SMALL
MEETING ROOMS FOR HIRE**

For availability and bookings contact

The Hall Manager 0117 982 9963

www.shirepubhall.org.uk

PUBLIC INFORMATION FOR OCTOBER

NOTICE OF AGM - SHIREHAMPTON COMMUNITY ACTION FORUM (SCAF)

Will be holding its AGM on Wednesday 5th October 2022 at 7pm. At Shire Public Hall, Station Road, Shirehampton, Bristol, BS11 9TU

Everyone welcome

AVONMOUTH LADIES CLUB

We meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7pm at Avonmouth Community Centre, (but not in Jan and Feb).

We listen to a variety of speakers, as well as having occasional outings. A warm welcome awaits

For any information – contact Julia Jarman on 0117 9829390

Diary of Events: September - December 2022

4th Oct - 'Scams' Information

18th Oct - To Be Arranged

8th Nov - Origami

15th Nov - A.G.M.

2nd Dec - Christmas Meal at Shirehampton Golf Club

6th Dec - 'In House' Christmas Party

ARTICLES NEEDED FOR PUBLIC HALL NEWSLETTER

Thank you so much to everyone who has submitted a short article for our newsletter in the **Shire Paper** recently. I have just collated October's issue, but have now run out of articles for future newsletters! If you would like to submit a short article and a photograph of your group in action for **November's newsletter** please send it to me **before the end of October**. It doesn't have to be detailed, just a short history of your group, how long you have been using the Hall, and perhaps why you like being here! I would really love to hear from you!

Amanda Parsons (Hall Manager) Manager's usual office hours: 9am-3pm Tuesday and Wednesday, 9am-1pm Thursday. **Shirehampton Public Hall, 32 Station Rd., Shirehampton, Bristol BS11 9TX**
Tel: 0117 982 9963 • e-mail: bookings@shirepubhall.org.uk, • web: www.shirepubhall.org.uk

GET READY FOR BRISTOL'S CLEAN AIR ZONE

Bristol City Council will be introducing a Clean Air Zone on Monday 28 November 2022 to reduce harmful pollution from vehicles. Poor air quality has a major impact on the health of everyone in the city and the Clean Air Zone will help us tackle this issue and meet government targets for cleaner air in 2023. The zone is in the central area where air quality is poorest. No vehicles will be banned from driving in the zone, but older and more polluting vehicles will have to pay a daily charge to drive in the zone.

71 per cent of vehicles already meet the zone's emission standards. The council is offering financial support and advice to help people upgrade their vehicles or switch to a cleaner way of travelling.



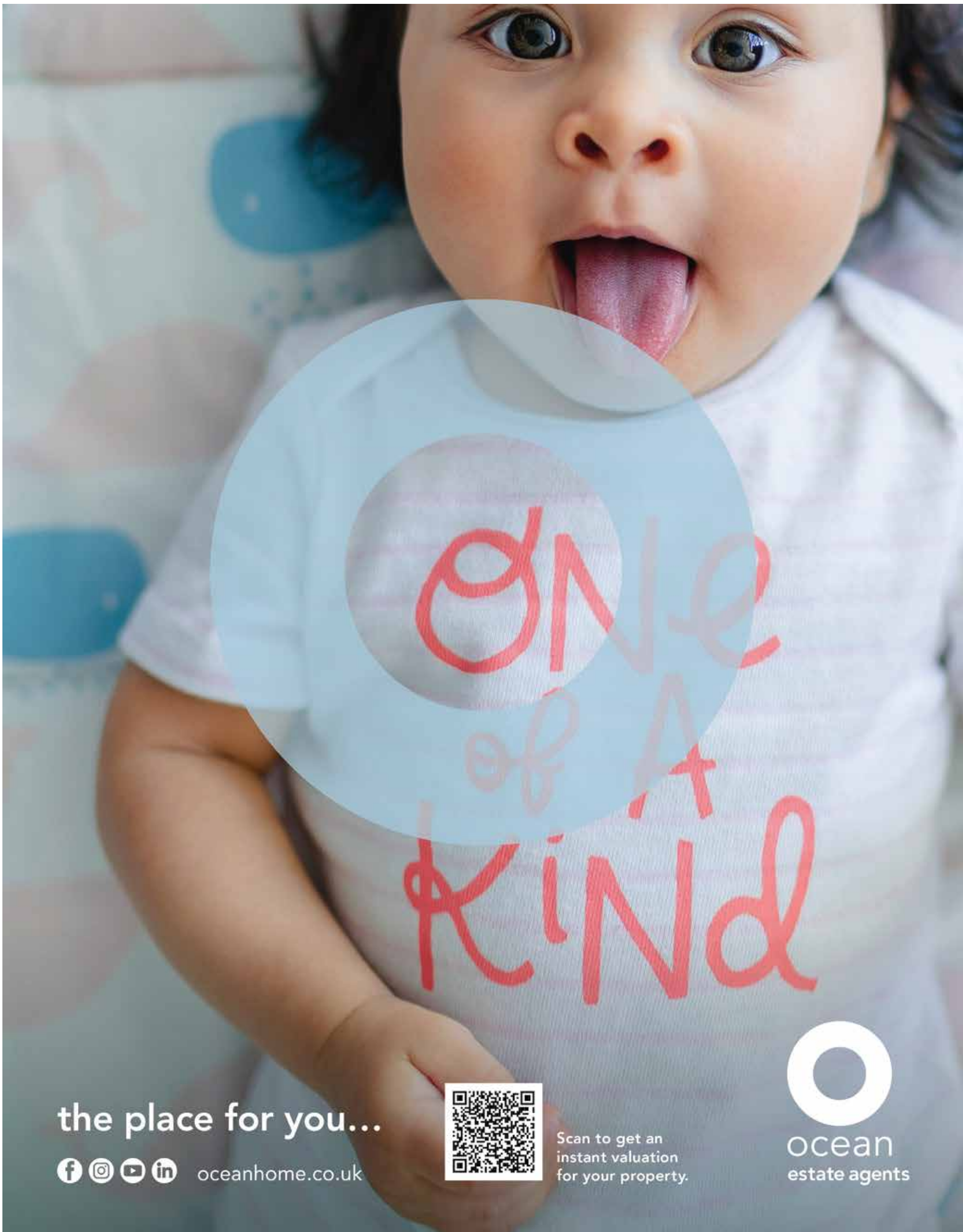
How to Prepare for the Clean Air Zone

Get ready for Bristol's Clean Air Zone by following our three easy steps:

- go to the government's clean air zone pages to check if your vehicle will be charged
- check our interactive map to see how the zone affects you
- find out if you are eligible for financial support or an exemption on our website

Reducing air pollution is everyone's responsibility so please consider how you travel. Most people can travel into and around the city centre without using a car at all. Visit the active travel pages on Travelwest to see how we can support you to take more journeys by public transport, cycling and walking.

If you want to find out more about the Clean Air Zone visit our website (www.bristol.gov.uk) or email CAZSupport@bristol.gov.uk



the place for you...



oceanhome.co.uk



Scan to get an instant valuation for your property.



ocean
estate agents

The *Shire* Community Pages

Painting Poppies Sessions Returns

Every year Painting Poppies Sessions make a return to enable the community to be part of the 'Poppies On The Green' by adding even more painted plastic poppies to the display.

This poppy display is placed on **The Green** in Shirehampton for 7 to 10 days during **November**, dependant on when **Remembrance Sunday** occurs. The **11th November** is **Armistice Day**, when the agreement of peace was signed by the allies and Germany in **Campiegne, France**, marking the end of **WWI**. Remembrance Sunday also encompasses **WWII** and subsequent conflicts since then to remember the armed forces members who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Each year the display grows with poppies of red and purple - the latter remembering the animals that took part in conflicts - displayed around the trees, across the grass, included in poppy wreaths and showcasing our two silhouette soldiers **Reg and Les** who lived in Shirehampton. They represent World War I and World War II.

From children to octogenarians, each paint the plastic poppies with great care and excited that 'their poppies' form part of the display.

Painting Poppies sessions are taking place at the **High Street Market on Thursday 6th October**, **Autumn Community Fayre on Saturday 15th October**, the **Craft Exhibition at the Public Hall at the end of October** - date to be confirmed



© Kathryn Courtney

- and the **High Street Market on Thursday 3rd November**.

The display will be put up on **The Green** the following week and volunteers are needed to help with this. If you can volunteer, please email: poppiesonthegreen@gmail.com For updates please go to: www.facebook.com/poppiesonthegreen and you can also check out the notice boards on the High Street.

Kathryn Courtney

Yoga Classes

Mondays 6.00 to 7.15pm
Shirehampton Public Hall
Other classes available

YOGA friendly

Safe, effective and suitable for all. Yoga promotes well-being in body and mind

Contact **Suzi Griffin** (CYS, AYS, BWY)

07776 321 989 suzi@yogafriendly.co.uk

Slimming World

taste the *freedom*

Contact your local Slimming World Consultant and join a warm and friendly group today!

Groups are open, no need to book

NEW VENUE

Social Club - High Street - Shirehampton - BS11 0DG
Thursdays 9.30am and 6pm Saturdays 9.30am
 For details - Contact Kelly 07751 846308

slimmingworld.co.uk

touching hearts, changing lives

Andrew Pinn OPTOMETRIST

- Eye Examinations • Spectacles
- Contact Lenses

Complete Professional Eye-Care

Andrew Pinn Bsc MCOptom
 Optometrist

12 High Street
Shirehampton

0117 9822269

We enjoy spreading community news especially at this time and we love to hear from all our readers of both the online and printed versions. Please, send in your letters and stories to editor@shire.org.uk.

If requested, we will not print the name of a letter written to the Editor, but we cannot accept an anonymous letter.

Many thanks.



NOISE POLLUTION

Dear Editor,

I would like to draw attention to the horrendously loud music on Bank Holiday Monday that we had to endure all afternoon from the Shirehampton Workman's Club new carpark seating area. We did phone to ask them to turn it down but were told they couldn't. We couldn't sit in the garden with visiting family, or inside the house with windows closed, as it was still too loud. We also now have to put up with piped music played into the carpark area at various times of the day and evening, when at times, no one is even sitting there. I know of no other club or pub that feels this is necessary. The total disregard for the local community is disappointing with many other local residents echoing this concern.

Name and address supplied.

Knife Incident in Shire

The following is a statement by Avon & Somerset Police about an incident that occurred in Shirehampton on the Portway:

"At around 5.30am today (Tuesday 13 September), the ambulance service informed us they were treating a man with a suspected stab wound at an address on the Portway, Bristol.

The victim, in his late 20s, was subsequently taken to hospital. His injuries are not thought to be life-threatening or life changing.

Officers attended and a 20-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of causing grievous bodily harm with intent. He has been taken into police custody where he will be questioned by officers.

If anyone saw or heard anything, please contact 101 and quote reference number 522220965."

Family Announcements

Do you want to announce a family celebration, marriage or death?

To book contact: adverts@shire.org.uk

Small text box = £10.

Larger picture box = £15.



Hello there! **Would you like to improve your well-being?**

I am a local Shire resident and a Personal Trainer who can help you to achieve your goals without the need to attend a gym. Whatever your age or ability I can help:

- Improve health and fitness level
- Improve muscle tone and bone density
- Improve mobility and coordination

Strongfirst Kettlebell Instructor.
Specialist wellness coach for perimenopausal and beyond females.

Individual programme to suit you, your goals and your level of fitness. Hope to see you soon!

Linda x x

Weekly classes - just come along - no need to book:

- Kettlebells are Monday 5.15 - 6.15pm and 6.30 - 7.30pm, Wednesday from 5.15 - 6.15pm and Thursday from 6.30 - 7.30pm at the Cotswold Community Centre. Message for 1:1 technique session.
- Bootcamps: Monday and Wednesday 6.15-7.00am. Please message for details.



For a free initial consultation in your own home or mine. Telephone: **07875 054 292**

Email: t.linda1206@gmail.com

www.shirestrong.co.uk



Shire Door To Door Shopping Trips 2022

These trips are organized by SCAF especially for Shire residents Aged 60+, **COST FREE!**

Lawrence Weston Community Transport (LWCT) are providing this door to door service in fully accessible minibuses. Booking on a first come first served basis. Please book your own trips, you can book to go on all of them, but no block bookings will be accepted. Additional pilot programme for concessionary fare holders only.

Every week these **Monday trips** will go to **ASDA & MORRISONS at Cribbs Causeway.**

There are 2 trip options every week:

Option 1: Pick up time 9.30am
Return pick up time 11.30

Option 2: Pick up time 10.30am
Return pick up time 12.30

Monday 3 October

Monday 10 October

To book contact LWCT on 0117 329 4647



REGULAR EVENTS

- MONDAY** Pilates 9.30-10.30am
Kettlebells 5:15-6:15pm & 6:30-7:30pm
- TUESDAY** Film Night 7:30pm* (1st & 3rd of month)
Shire Climate Emergency Group 7:30pm (2nd and 4th of month)
- WEDNESDAY** Keep Fit 10:30-11:30am
Kettlebells 5:15-6:15pm
Pilates 6:30-7:30pm
- THURSDAY** Bingo 2pm
Kettlebells 5:15-6:15pm & 6:30-7:30pm
Table Tennis 8pm
- FRIDAY** Trainmaster North Somerset 10-11am (1st of each month)
Contact Sophie on somersetnorth@trainmaster.co.uk
- SATURDAY** Coffee Morning 10:00-11:30am (2nd of month)
Bingo 7:30pm
- SUNDAY** Soul Space 12:30-3pm (1st & 3rd of month)
Cotswold Christian Community Service 4:45-6pm (2nd of month)

*Booking must be made, either by email: cotswoldca@gmail.com or leave a message on **07943 401575**

For more details and regular updates, join our mail list by emailing cotswoldca@gmail.com

Shirehampton Markets Celebrate Their 3rd Birthday



The High Street Market was the place to be on September 1st where they celebrated Shirehampton Market's 3rd Birthday. The market was busy with plenty of market stalls to choose from as well as a choice of Jamaican and Sri Lankan hot food to eat in or take-away. The Market Kitchen served 'cream teas' including fruit scones as well as a selection of cakes and, of course, birthday cake that was shared out.



There was garden snakes and ladders, bounce and buzz wire games for all to play. Bubbles, card games, colouring pictures, sudoku and word searches as well as D.I.Y face painting which showed how talented parents were following designs from a face painting

book and trying them out on their children. There was also a special 'Find The Sunflower' hunt which included many of our High Street shops taking part, throughout the day. Feedback was positive from parents and children saying it was fun to do and discovering the shops we have on our High Street. One highlight that was constantly mentioned was **Stadon Pet Supplies** where Gail made 'Find The Sunflower' fun to do. The shops and businesses are looking forward to taking part in the next picture character hunt which will be part of the **Autumn Community Fayre** being held on **Saturday 15th October at Shirehampton's Public Hall in Station Road**. And you may be wondering what the prize was for completed 'Find The Sunflower' sheets? Everyone was a winner, and each child was given a mixed bag of sweets to take away with them.



Shirehampton Markets survived the Coronavirus and will adapt and survive the cost-of-living crisis too. It is very much community orientated and for the 4 village communities and beyond providing goods and services not available on our High Street.

The next High Street Markets take place at the Tithe Barn in the High Street the first Thursday of every month - 6th October, 3rd November and their Christmas Market on 1st December - whilst the Autumn Community Fayre takes place at Shirehampton's Public Hall on Saturday 15th October. All events are open from 10am until 3pm.

For more information about Shirehampton Markets events and activities please go to www.facebook.com/shirehamptonmarkets or email shirehamptonmarkets@outlook.com

Kathryn Courtney

CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Shirehampton is in the Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston Ward

Your Councillors are:

Donald Alexander – Labour: cll.donald.alexander@bristol.gov.uk
 John Stephen Geater - Conservative: Cllr.John.Geater@bristol.gov.uk
 James Scott - Conservative: Cllr.James.Scott@bristol.gov.uk
 Conservative Members' Services Office: 0117 922 2746
 Labour Members' Services Office: 0117 922 3827

CONTACTING YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Shirehampton is in the Bristol North West Constituency

Darren Jones Phone: 01179596545
 Email: darren.jones.mp@parliament.uk
 Website: www.darren-jones.co.uk



Elite Beds

AND MATTRESSES DIRECT



Unit 1, 23 Salisbury Street, Amesbury SP4 7AW

01980 874242

Unit 9 Wyevale Garden Centre, Bath Road, Thatcham RG10 3AN

01635 897665

1 and 2 Windsor Drive, Devizes SN10 2TH

01380 887943

The Wendy House, 3 Farrell Close, Cirencester GL7 1HW

01285 897426

62/64 High Street, Shirehampton BS11 0DJ

0117 233 8777

www.elitebedsandmattressesdirect.co.uk



MILLBROOK BEDS
HANDMADE ENGLISH BEDS SINCE 1840



DORMEO
Mattresses and Pillows Rejuvenated

MLILY

HYPNOS
THE MOST COMFORTABLE BED IN THE WORLD



WE'RE HERE TO GUIDE
YOU HOME



Zoopa rightmove OnTheMarket The Property Partnership

**GOODMAN
& LILLEY**

9 HIGH STREET,
SHIREHAMPTON,
BRISTOL. BS11 0DT

SALES: 0117 2130333 | LETTINGS 01275 299010

SHIRE@GOODMANLILLEY.CO.UK | LETTINGS@GOODMANLILLEY.CO.UK

SHIREHAMPTON PUBLIC HALL NEWSLETTER

The Public Hall recently received £50 in Coop vouchers after a resident of Shirehampton won a competition and nominated us to receive the vouchers as part of his prize! Thank you so much to the gentleman who so kindly nominated us. We really, truly appreciate it!

At the **User Group** meeting on **Friday 27th May** a suggestion was made that a small article be written about regular groups that meet at the Hall. It was hoped that by introducing Shire Paper readers to what we have to offer they would feel part of the Hall community, and maybe even take part in a few activities (if they don't already!).

Future Events at the Hall:

- **Halloween Disco for 11 years and under - 22nd October 5-7pm**, - details will be announced on Social Media and our website over the next couple of weeks.
- **Hall Children's Christmas Celebration 17th December** (time to be announced)
- **Gardening Volunteers Group - meets in the Hall garden from 10am on the first Saturday of the month**, and more volunteers are always

welcome! Everyone is welcome and bring your own tools if you can! Contact the Hall for more information if necessary.

Did you know the Public Hall also has a photocopier in the office which is available for public/user group use? Community rates are 1p per black and white copy, 4p per colour copy - bargain, eh?!

The Public Hall is very keen to hear from anyone with drive, determination and a flair for listed buildings to join their team of Trustees. For details on how to support the Hall as a volunteer or Trustee, or to book a meeting or party/celebration space, or any other questions, please contact the Hall Manager on 0117 9829963 or email bookings@shirepubhall.org.uk. Also, please visit our new website at www.shirepubhall.org.uk.

SPOTLIGHT ON GROUPS AT THE PUBLIC HALL:

Twyford House Art Club

This month we are showcasing the **Twyford Art Club**. **Geoff Hammond**, long-standing member of this wonderful group, says:

Twyford House Art Club - started life at **Twyford House**, High Street, Shirehampton in the 1970s. It became so popular it soon became oversubscribed. Regular exhibition of members work began in 1974 but due to limited space at Twyford House these were held at Shirehampton Public Hall, Station Road. Due to the impending closure of Twyford House in 1998 a new home was needed and the club moved to Shirehampton Public Hall where we still meet today.

We are a small friendly group of around 24+ and meet from 10am-12noon on Monday mornings, from September to the end of July in Shirehampton Public Hall. There is no formal instruction given but those of us with a little more experience are happy to give help where needed. We are open to new members of all abilities so why not give it a try. For more information just drop in one Monday morning.



R. DAVIES & SON

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

FUNERALS FROM £975

Unattended Funerals Attended Funerals Bristol Funeral

CONTACT US AT:

9 Chessel Street BEDMINSTER 0117 963 7848	143 Church Road BISHOPSWORTH 0117 964 1133	The Poplars HAMBROOK 0117 956 6774	381 Gloucester Road HORFIELD 0117 942 4039
49 High Street KINGSWOOD 0117 944 6051	2 Pembroke Road SHIREHAMPTON 0117 982 3188	63 Westbury Hill WESTBURY ON TRYM 0117 962 8954	10 Gilda Parade WHITCHURCH 01275 833 441

TALK TO US ANYTIME

Whatever your funeral wishes or budget, we can provide a funeral to suit you.
Prepaid funeral plans also available.



DIGNITY
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

WWW.RDAVIESFUNERALS.CO.UK

Pricing is correct at time of print and is subject to change.
Price stated is for an Unattended Funeral.



Penhill Residential Home

Penhill, a small family run care home, has won a Top 20 award on carehome.co.uk for the 4th consecutive year. The annual Care Home Awards 2022 recognises 20 of the top rated Care Homes in each region of the UK based on reviews from residents/service users and their family/friends. Penhill is the only care home in Bristol to have received this award.



Penhill's manager Nathan Corfield said "Penhill has always aimed to provide the highest standard of care and support in a homely and tranquil atmosphere to enable all our residents to maintain their independence and to ensure that they are all happy and contented within our 'extended family'. The staff have the time to give attention to small

details whilst meeting people's needs. We promote independence by encouraging choice, and provide opportunities for residents to participate in activities, enjoy the company of other residents, or to retreat to the comfort of their own private room.

Those who are familiar with Penhill will tell you that we provide a tranquil and homely environment

where every resident is treated with respect and sensitivity in a non-discriminatory fashion. To this end I would personally like to thank all the staff, our consultant and the directors for their continued support, this couldn't have been achieved without everyone's positive contributions."

Ruby's Beauty Room

BEAUTICIAN

07970981204

Rubysbeautyroom1.booksy.com

8 Park Road • Shirehampton • Bristol • BS11 0EF

THE
Boot Room
By DW
MODERN AND CLASSIC FOOTBALL BOOTS
thebootroombydw@gmail.com
The Boot Room By DW @thebootroombydw
facebook Instagram
Please join and follow!

24 Shirehampton High Street, Bristol, BS11 0DL



0117 9823210

paul@woodfamilybutchers.com

0779 2998829



Climate News for October 2022

It was hard enough to get back into the swing of things after this long hot summer and the terrifying climate news from around the world. And then, so suddenly and unexpectedly, the Queen died and we all found ourselves plunged into sorrow and uncertainty as we tried to accustom ourselves to God Save the King!

But Action is the antidote to Despair and we know our new King cares very deeply about the environment and the fate of the planet. So SCEG went ahead and opened its autumn activities with the Interactive Workshop it had planned to help us develop a Community Climate Action plan. We recognize that as a community we need to adapt to

climate change by becoming more resilient and self-sufficient. We need to introduce changes in our daily lives that not only reduce carbon emissions but also protect bio-diversity, lower fuel costs, improve our food security, help us to adapt to extreme weather...

The list is long, but there are many ideas for work that will benefit the whole community. Our greatest

challenge may be in how we can ENGAGE with everyone in Shirehampton. We'll need more volunteers at every level to help plan our strategy and implement our plans.

We'd very much like to hear your ideas and views.

Shirehampton Climate Emergency Group will be meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the Cotswold Community Centre at 7:30. Or write to us care of: renee.slater@blueyonder.co.uk

The Queen's Green Canopy Extended

Memorial Tree Planting For Her Majesty

Following the death of Her Majesty The Queen, and the wishes of our Patron, His Majesty The King, The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) initiative will be extended to the end of March 2023 to give people the opportunity to plant trees in memoriam to honour Her Majesty.

As a nationwide initiative created to mark the Platinum Jubilee, The Queen's Green Canopy was due to conclude in December - the end of the Jubilee year. However, as the official tree planting season in the United Kingdom is from October to March, the initiative will now be extended to include this full tree planting season, beginning in October 2022 and concluding in March 2023.

The Queen's Green Canopy is proud to be creating a living legacy with over a million trees planted in Her Majesty's name across the nation during the first planting season, October 2021 to March 2022. The extension of the QGC initiative will build on this legacy and serve as a lasting tribute to Her Majesty's extraordinary service to her country and her people.

The interactive map created by The Queen's Green Canopy to showcase the planting projects across the United Kingdom will also continue to the end of March 2023, giving people an opportunity to be part of this special legacy.

Alongside the inspiring floral tributes being left outside Royal Palaces, people can also gift a tree in memoriam in honour of Her Majesty, with trees

to be planted in schools and deprived urban areas across the United Kingdom.

For more information on how to get involved please visit www.queensgreencanopy.org

To gift a tree in honour of Her Majesty please visit www.shop.queensgreencanopy.org/

Please follow our social media channels with these handles and hashtags:

Instagram: @queensgreencanopy,
Twitter: @QGCanopy, Facebook: @queensgreencanopy, LinkedIn: @queensgreencanopy, #queensgreencanopy, #treesinmemoriam, #thequeen



Photos taken December 2020 of tree planting in Daisy Field and at PBA sports field.



Tynings Field

Summer draws to a close in our orchard. 11 years after the first trees were planted and the land was saved from development, welcome to Apple Tree Avenue. An abundant wildlife haven of apples, pear, plums, berries, medlar, damsons and cherry. Indian Summer or late summer weather we love as it gives them extra ripening time. Bramley, Gala, Fiesta and Cox are the modern mainstay tree varieties here along with Victoria plums, blue Damsons and a Dabinett cider apple tree from a Somerset orchard.

We have introduced new baby trees, Ashton bitter, Underwood, James Grieve and a few older varieties but it will be another 5 to 10 years before they fruit, this is the next generation orchard in progress. We are now custodians of over 30 fruit trees and the Hazel nut is also producing. The orchard was strimmed, scythed and cut back ready for more seeds, bulbs and trees to be planted as the **orchard grows into its 12th year**. We welcome donations of spare bulbs and flower seeds.

Climate change is teaching us that the weather is going to be more extreme in the future and how we grow crops, what crops to grow, and where. Nature is the best teacher.. it either works out OK... or it dies, that's the lesson.

As the planet moves into global warming, the heat from the ground this summer was a parched dry heat, quite different from the usual British Summer. Fruit trees shed leaves and the fruit is smaller. We have grown a mysteriously planted peach tree which went in many years ago, it needs a hot sheltered spot, this year it had fruit and so we are considering grape vines next year.

Apple mead and honey cider or cyser is in the fermentation stage, but we don't sell alcohol so this is for members friends and family. The Dabinett apple is now the basis of Tynings apple honey cider.

We take recycled screw top glass bottles with tops so if anyone wants to donate some.



Grass cutting is ongoing now if anyone could give us a hand they are welcome in return for fruit.

Those few people who turned up in the rain in 2011, and regularly worked on Sunday afternoons helping to plant trees, look at what you created here.

Six more trees were added by **Caroline** in 2015. **Carl** planted a cherry in 2020. This year in the tree nursery we added more trees from **Every Child One Fruit Tree**. An orchard is not a case of just planting 6 trees... a true orchard is a living, working, growing and developing entity.

It's now 12 years since the first Wassail and another Wassail is planned for January.

Nature Notes

Apologies for the absence of Nature notes last month. Returning from holiday and rather a lot going on I just couldn't find enough time to beat the deadline! In my defence, there was quite a lull at the end of July and into the start of August, as Autumn started to make its gentle mark.

However, things have bucked up a bit I think, as I have watched geese flying over just yesterday, and also caught sight of swallows doing what they do best when feeding on the air!

The drought conditions have caused problems for a lot of our beautiful trees. The huge horse chestnut (conker) tree near our place has been breaking down its leaves for a while, revealing the fact that the conkers are far from maturing. I hope the knock on effect will be short lived and that next year will be better.

The blackberries and other berries have done very well and because of the spell of wet weather recently, are still bearing fruit for birds to feed up on! My garden and potted flowers are also giving us new blooms after the much needed rain recently.



The photo this month is of two caterpillars I spotted yesterday having a good old time decimating the foliage on one of my rose bushes. I googled 'caterpillars' and discovered they were well known assassins of said roses, called wasp sawflies. Killers they may be, but I thought they took a very nice picture, and the flowers were ignored by them, so all I took of them was a picture!!!

Happy nature watching all.

Bobbie.



daffodil
low cost funeral services

0117 982 6100
50 High Street,
Shirehampton,
Bristol, BS11 0DJ

Complete Funeral Services
starting from £1,455.00
includes third party fees

Independent Pre Paid Funeral Plans
also available



Bristol Funeral Plans
Raising the standards of funeral planning



FPA
FUNERAL PLANNING AUTHORITY
REGISTERED



NAFD
Resolve

www.daffodil-funerals.co.uk

Let Our Family Care For Your Family

Shire Locals Meet the Queen

The Queen Opens 'Subscribed Trunk Dialling'

I met H.M. the Queen in 1958 when she came to Bristol to open the STD (Subscribed Trunk Dialling) system.

She had made a request to meet Bristol's Youth Organisations and as a Youth Officer with the Bristol Red Cross Society, I was chosen to represent our organisation.

I remember the oh so long wait for her to arrive. We were in a long line of personnel and were getting quite fidgety, then the cry went up 'she's here!' As she moved along the line, I remembered what I had been taught - a small 'bob' when introduced. She then asked me how many Red Cross cadets we had in Bristol. Well I hadn't a clue. I made up some number and she said 'well done' and moved on. I found out later that the number I had given was far in excess of the truth. So I have always maintained my claim to fame was that I told a lie to Her Majesty!

Maureen Geddes



The Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977

As a child I always expected Queen Elizabeth II to be there forever but as life moves on you understand that is not possible. With the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 I learned that she would be visiting Bristol that year and I remember I so wanted to see her.

It was my Auntie Jo that made this possible. I remember it was a sunny day and Auntie Jo and I travelled into Bristol early on the day of her visit. It was busy, packed with people including many children. I remember my Auntie putting me on a flower border wall in the centre of Bristol, so I had a view of the Queen. There was plenty of flag waving and cheers when Queen Elizabeth arrived, and I just remained focused on her. She wasn't as tall as I was expecting (that's TV for you!), slim and stunning. She greeted everyone with her trademark beaming smile and she stopped to speak with people in the crowd. I was transfixed and amazed that I had seen our Queen in person.

It remains one of my best memories. I also recall Prince Edward was with her too dressed in a suit following behind his mother.

Like everyone else the death of our beloved Queen Elizabeth has caught me unawares. She was a great ambassador for our country and will be sorely missed. The legacy she has left behind will remain unmatched.

Kathryn Courtney

The Queen Inaugurates the Council House

The photo below was taken in 1956 when Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh came to Bristol to inaugurate the Council House.

My husband Royston Bubb was part of the Mace escort from the Police. He is third from the right at the back behind the Duke of Edinburgh. The royal party then went on to Chew Valley to open the new reservoir.

Roy grew up in Springfield Avenue and is well known in sports locally.

Mrs Sheila Bubb (Thanks for the donation - Editor)



Local Scout Met the Queen

Philip Barnett (deceased) who met Queen Elizabeth- I think it was the late seventies. Philip was very active within the scouts despite the fact he had Muscular Dystrophy and sadly died at the age of 21.

Philip was son to Norman and Kath Barnett (also both deceased) who lived in Evenlode Gardens, Myrtle Hall Estate, Shirehampton. Kath often spoke about how special that day was.

Not sure where the photo was taken - maybe readers can help ?

Jackie Hares



The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visiting the M Shed Museum in Bristol on November 22, 2012

Photos by Bob Pitchford.



Diamond Wedding Congratulations!

David and Pauline Godwin (nee Packer) celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary on 1 September and were delighted to receive a congratulatory card from H.M. The Queen.

Pauline and David were married in St Mary's, Shire' on a gloriously sunny day in 1962. Geof Griffith (who remembers him with his cassock flying behind him as he raced along on his drop handlebar bike?) was the celebrant, Chris Eynon (still an active church member and contributor to Shire) was Best Man and I was a bridesmaid. Their first home was number 1, Bradley Ave where their three children were born and later they moved to

the Portway where they still live. The priority of their marriage has been the raising of their three children who have all done very well and now they enjoy the development of their seven grandchildren.

They celebrated their very special day at Tortworth Court with their daughters Susan and Alexandra and some of their grandchildren.

Well done Pauline and David for a loving and successful married life and the legacy you will leave the world in your children's success.

Alderman Celia Lukins JP



Churches in the Shirehampton Area

St Mary's News

Hi Folks!

Here we are well into Autumn and our long dry Summer is now well in the past. The evenings are noticeably becoming darker that much earlier and, believe it or not, the Clocks go back at 2.00 am on Sunday 30th October. Just where has our Spring & Summer gone? Soon we will be thinking about preparing for Christmas!

Well, it is pleasing to report that **Revd Alison and Derek** are now well settled into the parish and gradually beginning to identify individuals. Me - I'm in hiding after the motorcycle jokes. Not true really, as I understand Revd Alison found the Yamahaha joke very amusing.

Revd Alison was licensed and took her oaths on **Friday 9th September** and many of us were able to join the service via zoom. Her official **Welcome & Installation Service with Bishop Viv, Bishop of Bristol, will be at St Mary's Church at 7.30 pm on Thursday 20th October.** I know that we are all looking forward very much to this celebration and all are welcome.

Our regular events are on the following dates - **Goldies Singing Session is at 10.30am on Wednesday 5th October** and **Messy Church on Tuesday 18th at 3.30pm.** Again, if you require refreshments, please let someone at the Church know by the preceding Friday, to ensure there is no surplus food which may be wasted.

It is proposed to hold our annual **Harvest Festival on Sunday 16th October at 10.30am.** All Harvest gifts should be non-perishable and will be donated to the **Bristol North West Food Bank** at Avonmouth. May I thank you, in anticipation, for your generosity in these very difficult times where many families are enduring additional hardships. Should the date change, we will place notices on our boards.

As part of the **Avonside Mission Area**, we are fortunate to be invited to some events and services that take place in our neighbouring churches. One such service is **"Harp & Bowl"** a series of **Worship & Prayer evenings** run jointly by **St Edyth's and St Andrew's.** They describe the series as follows: "Do you ever feel you'd love some more time and space to continue cherishing God's presence, bringing our worship (harp) and prayer (bowl) to the Lord in an informal, intimate setting? Well, you now can! We will gather in the round with some song booklets, with a guitar, with our Bibles, and with expectant hearts....."



These sessions will be at 5-6pm on:

- 2nd October at St Edyth's, Sea Mills.
- 6th November at St Andrew's, Avonmouth
- 4th December at St Edyth's, Sea Mills.

I expect many of you have noticed the new wooden planters, which hold our Bay Trees, situated directly outside the West Door of the church. These have been made by one of our Vergers, **Colin Godfrey.** Colin is very clever with his hands and there isn't much that he can't make or repair. We thank him very much for his skill. Not only that, he is very often accompanied by **Richard Powell**, one of our Churchwardens, in performing amazing feats to keep our church building and **Tithe Barn** in good repair. Recently, they both replaced a number of missing tiles from the church roof - how they both got up there I dare not ask! Thank you both, St Mary's is deeply indebted to you!

Now for this month's piece of stupidity! "Did you know that a mate of mine called Stephen King has a son called Joe?" I'm not joking, but he is!

Bye for now. C.M.E.

House of Dobey

Domestic & Commercial Laundry Services

Find us on Facebook

<p>WASH, DRY & IRON</p> <p>Shirts £2.75 Trousers £2.75 T-Shirts £2.20 Bedding from £2.75 Curtains from £16.50</p> <p>WASH & DRY</p> <p>Overalls & Work Wear from £2.00 Hi-Vis Coat £6.00 Sports Kits from £13.75 Throws from £13.75 Blankets from £8.80 Duvets from £13.20 Pillows from £6.60</p>	<p>IRON ONLY</p> <p>Shirts £1.95 Trousers £1.95 T-Shirts £1.65 Bedding from £1.95 Pillow Cases from £0.80 each</p> <p>SERVICES WASHES</p> <p>From £12.00 (wash, dry and fold)</p> <p>DRY ONLY</p> <p>From £3.20</p>
---	--

Collection and delivery service (FREE in the BS11 area)
70-72 Portview Road, Avonmouth, Bristol BS11 9JF
Tel: 0117 982 2555 Email: houseofdobey@btconnect.com

Agents for DRY CLEANING • SERVICE WASHES • IRONING SERVICES • OVERALLS & WORK WEAR • SPORTS KITS

Scouts

191st Bristol
St Mary's Shirehampton

Sections we currently run at the Scout Hut, St Mary's Road, Shirehampton during term time are as follows:

BEAVERS Age 6 to 8 years
on a Tuesday 17:30 to 18:30

cubs Age 8 to 10.5 year
on a Monday 18:15 to 19:45

SCOUTS Age 10.5 to 14 years
on a Tuesday 19:00 to 20:30

You may not be aware but Scouting runs entirely on volunteers. These volunteers help by sitting on the Executive committee and running a section. We are keen to keep the workload we ask of our volunteers manageable and the only way we can do this is by having a strong community of volunteers backing the 191st.

If you would like to volunteer to be part of our Leadership team, Executive committee, or any other assistance you can give or if your child would like to join one of our sections please contact us at the email address below.

GSL191stbristolscouts@gmail.com

Shirehampton Baptist News

In October Autumn comes into full swing. A spectacular season described by an unknown writer as "Natures last Hurrah" before the bleak Winter months.

September saw the recommencement of two activities after the Summer break.

Firstly **Rock Steady Club** for children in Primary School, meeting every **Thursday 3.30 – 4.30pm at our Church in Station Road**. Children enjoy drama, games, craft and music. For details and registration see contact number below. Parents/carers welcome to stay.

Secondly **Our Life Café**, which meets on the **last Thursday of the month 10.30 – 11.30am**. Coffee, tea, Kurdish tea, soft drinks and some delicious home made cakes made by church member **Zhyan**. Do come along.

The next **Songs of Praise Café** will be on **Sunday October 9th, 4.45pm – 5.30pm at the Cotswold Community Centre**.

The **Bank Holiday Fun Day** at the **Cotswold Community Centre** was a great success, see **Lyn Morton's** article and pictures.

The **Good News papers** have been distributed to every home in the village by now and we trust the articles will help people to see that Christianity is not dead but Good News to a world where there is so much bad news.

Our church building is open for private prayer on the **third Thursday of the month** and we meet every **Sunday at 10.30am** and a **Bible study on Zoom at 4.30pm**. We pray for each other and also for the needs of the World also seeking to help financially and in practical ways wherever we can.

Our love and prayers for all readers from Shirehampton Baptist Church, Station Road.

Contact 07743 683684
rhodespaul.360@gmail.com

Hello from Shire Methodist

www.shiremethodist.org/
www.facebook.com/shiremethodist/

We plan to continue holding **Morning Worship** each Sunday, except the **fifth Sunday (30th October)**, in our church building from 11am. The first Sunday is planned to be a guest preacher, the second is **All-Age Worship**, the third is **Holy Communion** and our **Harvest Festival** led by Reverend **Patrick Stonehewer**, the fourth will be a more informal event with coffee and conversation, on the fifth Sunday we have the opportunity to visit other churches in person or online.

As well as welcoming everyone to our **Morning Worship**, we would love to welcome you to any of the events hosted by our **Jobs, Training and Enterprise Hub**. You may be interested in the **free movie nights** that are held every other **Tuesday evening**.

At the time of writing this, it's not long since we heard about the death of **Queen Elizabeth II**.

The **Methodist Church** shared the following prayer:

Creator God,

We give thanks for the life of Her Most Gracious Majesty, **Queen Elizabeth II**.

We honour her life of service built on a firm foundation of faith and an exemplary commitment to duty.

Comfort those who mourn and bring peace to those in distress.

We offer our prayer in the name of **Jesus Christ our Saviour**.

Amen.

"The prayers of the Methodist people are also offered for His Majesty the King in his new role."

May God's peace be with you all during October.

Everyone at Shire Methodist

BRISTOL HEALING ROOMS are in Shirehampton every second Wednesday of the month.

Don't miss this opportunity to drop in between **11am and 1pm** at the **Shirehampton Public Hall, Station Road**, to be prayed for in the name of Jesus. **AS IT WAS IN THE GOSPELS!** We have many stories of hearing on a daily basis.

Jesus heals today as He did during His time on earth.



HEALING
ROOMS
BRISTOL

**Twigged It
Tree Care**



All types of tree work undertaken

Large hedge work

Free, no obligation quotes

Fully qualified

Fully insured

07788665987

twiggedit@gmail.com

www.twiggedit.co.uk

*Florist delivering fresh
flowers around Bristol*

Gifts: Weddings: Funerals



Beau's Bouquet's

Order Online

www.beausbouquets.co.uk

Or call 0117 334 3007

The Arts in Shirehampton

Shire Craft Exhibition 2022

Shirehampton Public Hall • Station Road
Shirehampton • BS11 9TX

Tuesday 25th Oct. - Saturday 29th Oct.

Opening times: 10am – 4pm

(Late night Thursday: 10am – 8pm)

Entrance Fee: £1.00 (kids go free)

(Concessions 0.50p)

Loads of local crafts from local people, including quilts
woodwork, ceramics, card making, knitting, jewellery.

Daily Demonstrations.

Mythical Creature Hunt for the Children.

For more information, contact:

Gail or Ed Amphlett

Tel 0117 982 1879

email: gail.amphlett@hotmail.com

Musical Crafts with Tandem

There will be a free family craft session at the Shirehampton Public Hall on Tuesday 25th Oct from 11am -1pm. This will coincide with the opening of the Craft exhibition and add another activity to an already busy and stimulating week.

We will be making musical/sound objects from recycling materials and decorate them. Why not bring a piece of rubbish along, who knows, we might, with a bit of skill get a magical tune out of it! Rainsticks, shakers, stringed sound objects are all on the menu but anything goes, It will certainly be fun to experiment with sounds and rhythms and even record some of them. All welcome. For Further information contact tandemarts2@gmail.com



© Tandem Arts

ADVERTISE HERE

07776 170053 • adverts@shire.org.uk

FREE Courses from Community Learning West

For people living in Bristol and/or surrounding areas, aged 19 or over who have few or no formal qualifications and face significant barriers to further learning and employment.

Most courses take place face-to-face. For online courses, learners need a smart phone, laptop or tablet and data/Wi-Fi for internet use. **Community Learning West** has some tablets to loan out and Wi-Fi bundles to help learners with limited digital access. Please contact **Community Learning West** by email lcinfo@bristol.gov.uk for more details.

ESOL Conversation Clubs

To join a friendly Zoom meeting contact esolconversationclubs@bristol.gov.uk

For more information check our website www.esolcc.org or visit **Learn English in Bristol** website: www.LEB.community

Introduction To Health And Social Care

Find out about the skills needed and get an overview of the sector for working within adult settings or children and young people's settings. Leading to: **Level 1 Award in Health and Social Care Adults or Children's and Young**

People's Settings (6wks) or **Employability sessions** to find out about job opportunities and training (3days)

Wednesdays 05/10/22 10am to 3pm at St Paul's Learning Centre, 94 Grosvenor Road, BS2 8XJ. Contact Carol Griffiths 07341 882755, Carol.griffiths@bristol.gov.uk Suitable for ESOL learners at Entry Level 3 and above.

Introduction To Retail

This course lets you find out about the sector first hand. You'll hear from people working in retail and talk with companies looking for their next stars and opportunities they offer.

10am to 12.30pm, Wednesdays 05/10/22. Number of Weeks TBC at Greenway Centre, Doncaster Rd, Southmead, BS10 5PY. Contact 0117 950 3335, info@southmead.org

Woodwork For Beginners

Make a softwood toolbox whilst learning a strong foundation of woodwork skills. Suitable for ESOL learners at Entry Level 3 and above. Face-to-face at

St Paul's Learning Centre, 9.45am to 2.45pm, Mondays for 3 weeks from 10/10/22. Contact Pippa Davies on 07385 939446 or email Pippa.davies@bristol.gov.uk

Uplift!

Lost a sense of direction? Need a boost? Join us for lessons that last a lifetime. Face-to-face at Malcolm X Community Centre, 141 City Road, BS2 8YH. 9.30am to 2.30pm, Fridays for 2 weeks from 21/10/22. Contact Malcolm X Community Centre on 07436 261835 or email info@mxccbristol.com

Eat Well/Save Energy

Learn useful tips/ways to cook well and try to save on energy used in the kitchen. For local residents. Face-to-face at **Ambition Lawrence Weston, Lawrence Weston Youth Centre, Long Cross, BS11 0RX**. 10am to 12.30pm, Fridays for 6 weeks from 04/11/22. Contact Suzanne Gaffney on 07887 451776 or email suzanne.gaffney@bristol.gov.uk

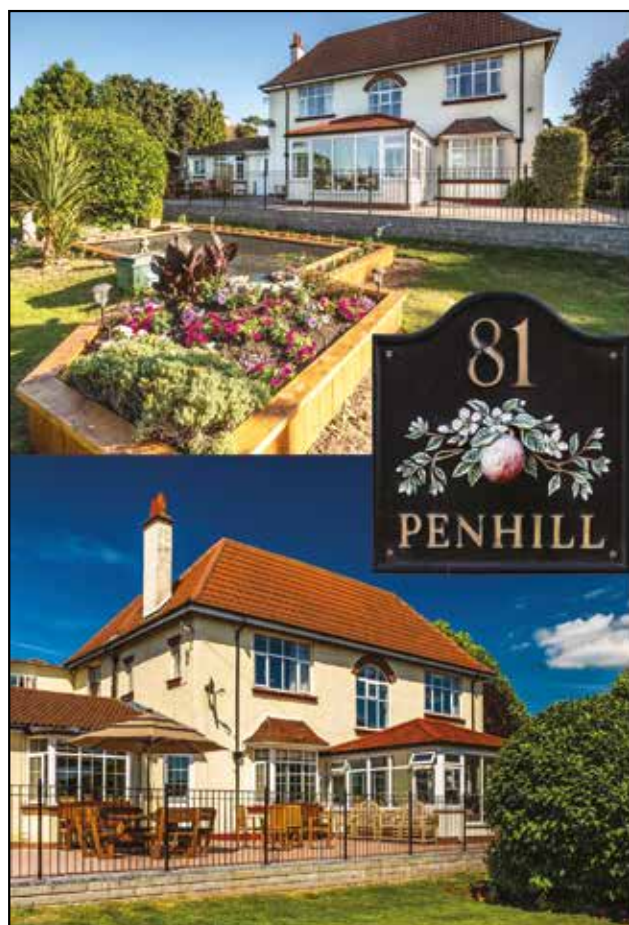
Further **FREE** short courses available locally from time to time.

These courses are delivered on behalf of **Community Learning West** by commissioned partners.

We always welcome suggestions so get in touch if you do not see a course you are looking for.

lcinfo@bristol.gov.uk or 0117 251 0230

Check our website www.communitylearningwest.net and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BristolCommunityLearning/>



PENHILL RESIDENTIAL HOME

Home from home...

Set in Shirehampton, our family-run residential home offers unparalleled personal care to elderly ladies and gentlemen.

For more information, please visit www.penhill.com or call us on 0117 982 2685 to arrange a visit.

KEMPS JEWELLERS

9 CARLTON COURT, WESTBURY ON TRYM, BS9 3DF

Tel: 0117 950 5090



Rings and jewellery, new and second-hand. With a great range of modern second-hand jewellery to complement our exciting selection of beautiful traditional second-hand pieces.

website address: www.kempsjewellers.com

DEB'S MOBILE HAIRDRESSER



For a friendly, professional, reliable service at competitive rates

Call Deb on 07984013370

The Strange

An original story by Gil Osman

(Previously: a description of the brutal and savage community (the village) in which The Strange lived.)

Chapter 6

The parents of The Strange lived in the middle of the village and looked like any other villager. But they were different. They lived alone in their house, whereas most villagers lived with extended families crowded together. They kept themselves to themselves and were uncommunicative. They were mysterious and had 'magical' powers, which made the other villagers afraid of them. The man was a member of a small crop-farming collective and regarded as a good worker, but he spoke little to the other farmers. He was never a hunter, as all the other men had been in their youth before they became too old and slow for the hunt.

His wife came from a lengthy line of female herbalists, who made potions out of medicinal herbs to treat various ailments and poultices from roots which stopped infection and made injuries heal more quickly. She also made a concoction from tree-bark, which functioned as an analgesic and relieved pain. These were all natural remedies, but to the other villagers, anything they did not understand was considered 'magic'.

To the villagers, the question was where did these magical powers come from? They were either a blessing from the gods, or came from the evil spirits which dwelt in the woods. Most villagers, being pessimists, chose the latter belief, which was why they were afraid of the parents of The Strange. However, this fear did not prevent them from

seeking help from the couple when in dire need, but this was done in secret, at night, when it was less likely that they would be seen entering the couple's house, where they would barter for the medicines. Everybody knew that this happened, but nobody admitted it.

The couple longed for a child of their own, but the woman was barren and no amount of knowledge, or medicine could cure the condition. Other barren women in the community were welcomed as they helped to look after other 'family members' children, giving the mothers some respite. So, it was with extreme surprise that the noises of babies were one day heard coming from the herbalist's house. How could this be?

Some villagers argued that the couple must have used magic to achieve this result - and black magic at that, from the evil spirits in the woods. A group of men (Mainly armed hunters) forced their way into the house demanding to see the children. When they did, they recoiled in horror at the grotesque little monsters presented to them. Some wanted to kill the babies there and then, but the parents, being very aware of the fear in which they were held by the villagers, threatened to bring a dreadful curse down on the whole village if their twins were harmed. After some discussion amongst the villagers a solution was found: the couple and their twins (The Strange) would be banished to the outskirts of the village. News spread and a group of villagers quickly erected a house at the edge of the woods, some distance from the main village, while the parents and offspring were guarded in their present house. The family was then escorted to their new abode and their old house demolished.

The parents of The Strange lived there in isolation with their children The Strange. Sadly, both parents died of an illness contracted during an epidemic, when The Strange were in their teens. So, they did not live to see their beautiful grandchildren.

(to be continued)

The Jobs Training and Enterprise Hub

All Events at Shirehampton Methodist Church

The JTE Hub offers a selection of courses, drop-in sessions, one-one appointments and other opportunities, including space, support and networking for new businesses. We would love to help more people.

By the time you get this we will have had our second **Jobs Fair** and we plan to have another in **November**. These are great opportunities to discuss your job prospects with employers or training providers. Come along next time!

We also need volunteers to assist set up or serve hot drinks at the weekly **Hub's Cups Job Club on Tuesdays**, the film events, group gaming sessions and many other activities. Your time, even just two hours per month would be welcomed! These hours of volunteering could also help to demonstrate your skills and readiness for work and add to your CV too.

Dates and Events:

- **The ESOL Conversation Club** - is a huge success and is ongoing during the holiday period and all the way up to Christmas, **every Thursday 12-1pm**. Do come along if you need to brush up on your spoken English.
- **Basic Computers - by Community Learning** - from **Tuesday September 20th 1pm to 3pm**. Similar to previous **Digital Skills** sessions, these courses are small and friendly so if this is of interest please contact **Suzanne Gaffney** at suzanne.gaffney@bristol.gov.uk or call **07887 451776** - For adults with few or no qualifications.

- **NEW - Intro To Business Admin/Office Skills course** - from **Friday September 23rd 9.30-11.30am**. If this is of interest please contact Suzanne Gaffney at as above
- **TIME TO TALK Support Group** - each **Monday 7.30 to 8.30pm** - come and chat with one another - start that conversation!
- **Our Hub's Cups Job Club** - pop in on **Tuesdays 11am-12.30pm** including free tea and coffee - or call **Darren** if you can't make Tuesdays.
- **Film club on two Tuesdays each month - at 7.30pm**. See announcements on our Social Media for more details.

Keep an eye on our Social Media for other events and more dates - Twitter and Facebook - @shirejtehub and Instagram - Shire JTE, Email: projectcoordinator@jtehubshire.org to register interest in any of the above, or for a one-one appointment to discuss your needs. Also Tel. 07305 066478 or check the Website - <https://jtehubshire.org/>

Walkie Talkies Free Walks Programme

Walkie Talkies Free Walks Programme • 2 - 3 Miles • Up to 90 Minutes

Shirehampton Walkie Talkies were formed in 2012. We are Partnership Shirehampton Walkie-Talkies Level 3 Walking Group in association with SCAF. If you are looking to join a fun, friendly group of social walks, our group is for you. The walks are aimed at people aged 55+ and are suitable for anyone able to walk for an hour+ without stopping. We meet every Wednesday morning in Shirehampton at various times and starting points depending on Buses or Trains.

The walks are varied with some local and further afield. We like to stop at a cafe and toilets after walks when possible. Please bring money for refreshments and travel costs. We will try to set and maintain a pace which they feel is appropriate for the group and route. IF YOU FIND IT IS TOO FAST please SLOW DOWN to a pace that is comfortable for you. You should be able to walk and talk, but feel a bit warm with slightly elevated breathing. Please DO NOT walk in front of the Walk Leader

- Dress appropriately for the weather and wear suitable supportive footwear
- Start each walk slowly, building up speed.
- Slow down towards the end of each walk
- Walk to increase breathing but not to exhaust
- Drink plenty of water. Bring a bottle of water & any snacks you may need
- Do not walk if you feel unwell.

- Remember any necessary medication e.g. inhaler

All walkers walk at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety. Our routes are mostly designed to allow break-out points where anyone not wishing to complete the walk can leave at, or near, a bus stop (after advising a Walk Leader). On some walks it is not possible to safely leave the walk and this is shown with the words NO EXIT as a warning.

A walk leader may refuse to allow you to walk if we consider you to be at risk!

Wed Oct 5th - Badocks Wood to Westbury-on-Trym

Starts: 9:10, Starting Point: Shirehampton Green, Bus: 11

Details: From Lake Road entrance an interesting woodland walk with well maintained footpaths.

Then finding way to Historical Westbury on Trym for coffee and bus home. Many Dogs off Lead, NO EXIT

Wed Oct 12th - Nailsea

Starts: 9:25, Starting Point: Park & Ride Bus Stop Station Road, Buses: X9

Details: Pleasant Bus ride. Explore a walk near the town which has plenty of 'Charity' Shops and an interesting High Street.

Wed Oct 19th - Harbourside Circular

Starts: 9:55, Starting Point: Park & Ride Bus Stop, Station Road, Buses: 902 Portway

Details: Walk from Merchants Road around Harbourside passing wildlife and gardens to centre and back to Merchants Road via S.S. Great Britain.

Wed Oct 26th - Ashton Court Estate

Starts: 9:55, Starting Point: Park & Ride Bus Stop, Station Road, Buses: 902 Portway Bus then X3 or X4

Details: Long pleasant walk down to Ashton Court for coffee. Then 902 home from Merchants Road. There are buses from Bower Ashton to Hotwells if preferred. NO EXIT, Dogs off lead

SOSA Dance Fitness

Avonmouth Community Centre Chosen to Launch New Lottery Funded Dance Fitness Class for Falls Prevention and Well Being

Simply SOSA Dance Fitness has been created especially for adults that are able to stand for a dance class, and those that may require the additional support of a chair or frame for balance.

Using our unique and innovative approach, this project/programme has been designed with special considerations, using evidence-based research to develop movements and exercises that have been proven to improve balance, reducing the risk of falls, improving functional fitness and promoting higher levels of independence.

SOSA brings the 'FUN' factor to supported 'FUNCTIONAL' exercise, with balance, strength, coordination, mobility and cognitive training incorporated into each session. This is achieved through the power of dance and movement, using authentic steps and movements from 37 international dance styles, and music genres spanning the past century.

We are proud and delighted to have been awarded funding from the National Lottery Good Causes Community Funding 'Stay Calm and Stand Strong' which will subsidise a fully qualified instructor to teach a class in Bristol. Avonmouth



Community Centre has been chosen and classes will begin on **Wednesday 5th October at 11am**. Subsidised cost is **£3 per session for 12 classes between October and January**.

Visit www.sosafitness.co.uk and video of some sample routines. Please contact Marie Clifford 0780 539 1244 or Avonmouth Community Centre on 0117 982 7445 for more information and to reserve your space.



YOUR LOCAL EXPERTS

adverts@shire.org.uk

BUILDERS

Proud members of
Checkatrade.com
Where reputation matters



JANSON & SONS
Building & Landscaping



0117 909 8207 Call or Text 07388 211 528
JANSON & SONS
Building & Landscaping

Family run business
Many years of experience
Extensive knowledge of building regulations
Fully insured



- Landscaping & Tree surgery
- Turving & Artificial grass
- Paving & Patios
- Tarmac & Concreting
- Jet-washing & Garden maintenance
- Extensions & Roofing
- General Building & Maintenance
- Fencing & Decking

0117 909 8207
07388 211 528
Call today for free quote



www.eylesbuilding.co.uk eylesbuilding@gmail.com
07825 184130 0117 336 0794

- Extensions / Newbuilds
- Refurbishments
- Brick Work / Block Work
- Patios / Garden Walls
- Plastering / Rendering / Damp Proofing
- Drylining
- Maintenance

CARPENTERS

RICHARD CHILCOTT
CARPENTER

- Laminate Floors • Doors
- Skirting Boards • Dado Rails etc ...

Telephone: 0117 985 8347
Mobile: 07952 763 630
FOR FREE QUOTE

GATES

DOMESTIC GATES + INDUSTRIAL GATES
RAILINGS + BALASTRAS + SECURITY GRILLS

GATES PLUS



01454 632905 07887 986894

www.gatesplus.co.uk
"Victoria", Ableton Lane, Severn Beach, BS35 4PR

MOTORING

PRICE Bros.Ltd
Auto Engineering



Bristol's Leading Engine Reconditioners...

- GENERAL REPAIRS
- EXHAUSTS & BRAKES
- AIR CONDITIONING SPECIALISTS
- DE GAS RE-GAS & REPAIRS

We are very large stockists of engine components for cars & Commercial engines



CALL 0117 982 1064

Fax: 0117 982 3700 · Portview Road, Avonmouth, Bristol BS11 9LD
www.pricebrosengineering.co.uk

GARDEN MAINTENANCE



Get ready for summer with
GardenWorks
all your garden needs

Do you need a helping hand in your garden? I am a local, experienced and trusted gardener

- regular garden maintenance
- garden clearance
- pruning & hedge cutting
- redesigning garden areas
- grass cutting
- leaf clearance and tidy
- planting

For competitive rates and a reliable, friendly, high quality service contact Conrad

Tel **0117 9828023** or **0788 2288968**

RHS qualified
Free estimates

ELECTRICIANS



Your Local **NICEIC** Approved Contractor's
Commercial & Domestic
FOR A PROFESSIONAL, RELIABLE, LOCAL SERVICE
"Where you the Customer comes First"

- Full / Part Rewires
- Consumer Unit Upgrades
- Earthing Upgrades
- Garden Lighting
- Showers
- Landlord Safety Checks / PAT
- Electrical Condition Reports (EICR)
- Fault Finding / Repairs
- Security Alarms
- Emergency Lighting
- Fire / Smoke Alarms
- Networking
- CCTV
- Appliance Repairs

PART P REGISTERED
Certificated & Guaranteed Work
Fully Insured

NICEIC APPROVED CONTRACTOR For a Free Quotation **NICEIC** DOMESTIC INSTALLER

Contact Paul
07799 050947
0117 9821979

GAS SERVICES

FRANKLIN'S GAS SERVICES



511036

BOILER INSTALLERS AND HEATING ENGINEERS
YOUR LOCAL GAS SERVICE ENGINEER
NO CALL OUT CHARGES
COMPETITIVE RATES
FULLY QUALIFIED ENGINEER

- BOILER INSTALLATIONS
- HEATING BREAKDOWNS

BOILER SERVICES AND REPAIRS
- LANDLORD SAFETY TESTING AND GAS AND PAT
- GAS LEAKS COMMERCIAL AND DOMESTIC

07841870939

KITCHENS

Need a New Kitchen

We provide Professional kitchen installation
Using qualified Tradesmen Guaranteed

If you're serious about getting
a quality fitted kitchen
at a competitive price

We also cater for budget kitchens
Competitive quotes

Contact Mike

07973687129

From someone who knows what he's doing!

PAINTING & DECORATING

R.B Painting Services

Interior & Exterior

07890 411 653

**PLASTERING**

M^cCALL PLASTERING EST 1976

- OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE
- INTERIOR & EXTERIOR
- QUALITY WORK
- COMPETITIVE RATES

Call: 07970 596 260

or 07909 937 229

mccallplastering@hotmail.co.uk

PLUMBING AND HEATING

A. AYLWIN
28 Years Experience

PLUMBING AND HEATING SERVICES

TEL: 07462 915355

Covering Bristol & the South West

107 Bradley Crescent
Shirehampton
Bristol
BS11 9SS



maggsaylwin@gmail.com

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

ROB'S PROPERTY MAINTENANCE & CLEANING SERVICE



For all those jobs that
still need doing...
I am here to help!

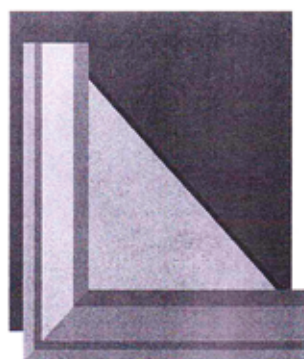
Building & Property
Maintenance
Handyman

Plastering • Rendering
Decorating • Tiling
Plumbing • Bathrooms
Fascia/Guttering
Gardening/Fencing

Private & commercial cleaning

ROB: 07891 450 047

robspropertymaintenance@yahoo.com

WINDOWS

Avonmouth Windows

Repairs and replacements.

Your local expert. For a free quote call

07968 804126

www.Avonmouthwindows.co.uk

**ADVERTISE
IN YOUR
LOCAL PAPER**

**FROM AS LITTLE AS
£7.50 PER MONTH!**

PHONE

07776 170053

OR EMAIL

adverts@shire.org.uk



Misty Windows
Broken Handles
Damaged Hinges
Broken Locks
Door Repairs



ALL REPAIRS UNDERTAKEN - No Job Too Small
"A friendly and reliable service."

For a Free, no-obligation quote please contact us on:



www.win-doc.com

thewindowdoctorsltd@gmail.com



0117 982 2870

Servicing Bristol & surrounding areas

SPORT IN SHIREHAMPTON

City and Port of Bristol Bowling Club

After 25 years of membership and great service to the Bowling Club Lis Davies has retired. During that 25 years she held a number of important offices - Chairman, Fixtures Secretary, Competition Secretary, representative to the Main Club, Captain and coach. She coached a number of adults and some children. She will be remembered most of all by some bowlers, not all from the City and Port of Bristol Club, for her wonderful organisation of club summer tours, and the words "hello bowlers" which she used at appropriate times throughout each tour. She did 14 tours ending with the one in 2019 which was based in Sidmouth.

Bowlers from other clubs who came on tours organised by Lis often said that they were the best tours they had ever been on. For many years Lis was an accomplished bowler, winning trophies, playing in competitions away from the club and on several

occasions playing for Gloucestershire. So – it was appropriate that Lis was thanked and honoured in a special way, and she was, on **August 31st** at the club's annual **Two Wood Pairs Competition**. At tea time, after lots of tea and even more cake and with lots of bowling friends past and present looking on, Lis was presented with a number of things including a Fox, not a real one, for her garden. Lis says it will take pride of place in what will soon be her new garden, the old one is about to have a big makeover. Flowers, chocolates and a collection taken from bowlers past and present at the club followed, along with two cards containing personal messages from those present and also those unable to be at the green on the big day.

Lis responded with a thank you and a story about how she made the move from Canford to City and Port all those years ago. It was a little story about how she was seen as too successful bowling in **Canford Park** and a suggestion was made that she should find another club next season. The City and Port of Bristol Club is certainly pleased that the club she chose was, and is, ours.

The Two Wood Pairs competition is one of two competitions at the club that



Lis Davies who has retired from the Bowling Club after 25 years.

is played in one afternoon rather than round by round. Originally planned for Sunday August 14th but postponed due to extreme heat until **Wednesday August 31st** it turned out to be a great success with a very close finish between the winners and runners up. Pairs are drawn on the day and play against each other, eight ends per game and four games in all. At the end of the final game two teams had the maximum eight points but it was **Brian Crawley and Alan Coulstring** who won the trophy, scoring just one more shot than **Dave Chilcott and Phil Cormack**. What a finish, well played everybody.

This seasons **Monday night league** ended with **A.N.Other** doing the league and cup double and **Nomads** being runners up in both.

The **Bowling Club AGM** will take place on **Tuesday October 25th** in the main club ballroom at **8.15pm**.

For further information about the club and its activities please call David Hinksman on 07932 387217



Bowlers past and present at Lis Davies presentation.



Action from the Two Wood Pairs — Wednesday August 31st.

SHIRE COLTS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



Local children have been playing for Shire Colts since 1978. We have teams from under 7 all the way to under 16.

Our coaches are all DBS checked and have FA qualifications. We are an inclusive club and keen to ensure the children have fun whilst learning to play as a team.

Our junior teams are very successful and compete in the top leagues in the area. We train and play in Sea Mills.

Please get in touch if your son or daughter is interested in playing football on the weekends.

We're particularly looking for players in our younger age groups covering 6 years to 9 years of age, but we will look to also accommodate new players in any of our age groups up to under 16's.



For more info please contact ross.burnham@talk21.com with your contact details www.pitchero.com/clubs/shire



CHICO THE BARBER



22 HIGH STREET SHIREHAMPTON

Aesthetically Pleasing

Nurse Led aesthetics clinic

Providing:
Anti wrinkle injections
Dermal fillers
Skinboosters
Skinpen Medical
Microneedling
Medical Grade facials
and much more

Free no obligation consultations available for all skin concerns

Contact Ebony on 07896124674
www.apbristol.co.uk
ebonyryan49@gmail.com
We are also on Facebook and instagram

07776 170053
adverts@shire.org.uk

THE AERIAL MAN

TV Aerial and Satellite Specialist



Now Offering CCTV and WiFi Installations

0117 967 9028 | 07818 413 451

www.theaerialman.co.uk

info@theaerialman.co.uk

Affordable Prices - Reliable Service

- Poor Reception Problems Solved
- 2 Year Guarantee
- OAP Discount
- Digital Aerials
- Satellites
- Additional TV Points
- Repairs
- Humax Recorders
- TV Sales



Lawyers For Your Business and Family

We can help with:

- Residential Property Sales and Purchases
 - Commercial Property Sales and Purchases
 - Divorce and Family Disputes
- Business and Company Transactions
 - Wills Trusts and Probate
 - Powers of Attorney
 - Commercial Contracts and Trademark Law
- Mediation and Dispute Resolution
- Civil and Commercial Litigation
 - Employment Issues
 - Road Transport
- Caring for Others/the Elderly

Telephone us now on: 0117 923 5562

AMD Solicitors,
 2 Station Road,
 Shirehampton,
 Bristol, BS11 9TT
www.amdsolicitors.com



SHIRE ADVICE SERVICE

Free Advice Sessions

*Shirehampton Health Centre, Pembroke Road,
 Shirehampton*

Tuesdays from 10am

To make an appointment call 0117 9515751

ADVERTISE IN YOUR LOCAL PAPER

From as Little as

£7.50 PER MONTH!

Phone: 07776 170053

or Email: adverts@shire.org.uk

Bank Holiday Fun at the Community Centre

Bank Holiday Monday was a lovely sunny day and about 60 people gathered at the Cotswold Community Centre to enjoy it. A range of people provided various activities from potato printing and shaving foam painting to face painting, games, drama and tea and scones.

Zhyian skilfully painted almost all of the children's faces – it took the whole afternoon! There was also a variety of games to play in the garden from parachute games to football, team games and circle games. Indoors Sue and Nicky helped the young folk to paint using shaving foam and Daphne organised potato printing.

A key feature of many gatherings is food and drink. We are very grateful to Bridget and Sheila for organising hot dogs, hot and cold drinks and a range of cakes and scones.

some drama with the young people and performed it at the end of the time.

The event was run by the Cotswold Christian Community – Christians from the various churches in the area – who also host a Songs of Praise Café at the Cotswold Community Centre every 2nd Sunday of the month from 4.45-5.30pm. All are welcome to join us for this and suggestions for favourite hymns can be made to Lyn on 0117 982 6455.

Later in the afternoon Paul and his team practised

Lyn Morton on behalf of the group.



CHOICE CARPETS

Free measuring and quotation service and samples to your home

Carpets from £6.99 sqmt for bleach cleanable manmade £11.99 sqmt for wool mix and cushion vinyl from £8.99 sqmt





Luxury vinyl tiles and planks samples and also laminate flooring samples in our showroom

We are always happy to help with your budget and rely on feedback and recommendation

Quality and professional fitting team on hand with most flooring fitted within days from ordering

Check out our website www.choice-carpets.co.uk for info, opening times and gallery

01179 826988