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REMEMBRANCE

They Shall Not Be Forgotten

This year marks eighty years since WWII began in September 1939. It also marks the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day landings on 6th June 1944 by the allied forces on the five beaches of Normandy, France, code named Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword. This was a vital step in bringing WWII to a decisive end.

Today many of the brave men and women who had a role to play in that war are now a memory but will never be forgotten.

This year's Remembrance Ceremony at Shirehampton's War Memorial was very well attended by young and old alike. Local veteran, 99 year old Lou Merrett passed away earlier this year, but his daughter Denise attended the ceremony in his memory and she brought along her father's medals that morning.

It is important that future generations know of past history in order to learn from it and the sacrifices made by so many to ensure the freedom of future generations.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

Kathryn Courtney: Article and photos (except where noted)



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PJ's Master Barber Leads Fight Against Knife Crime

Lizzy Tucker, owner of PJ's Barber Shop in Station Road, has been awarded the status of Master Barber, the highest accolade that a Barber can achieve.

After 37 years cutting hair Lizzy says "I love my job, cutting is in my blood and I can't see myself ever giving it up. I feel very humble to receive this award." Lizzy has been supporting local trade and helping the village to thrive for seventeen years.

PJ's Barber Shop has recently joined a charitable campaign to take knives off our streets.

"BARBERS AGAINST BLADES" aims to raise awareness of knife crime in the local community and offers a safe, confidential, no questions asked place to hand in a blade or weapon. Lizzy and her team are asking everyone to spread the word to save lives!

Lizzy said "Knife crime is getting out of hand and I am passionate about supporting this amazing campaign. Barbers up and down the country are flocking to support BARBERS AGAINST BLADES. We donate the price of a hair cut a month to keep the campaign going.

"Just put the blade in a plastic bag, pop it under or on the seat or hand it to my team. No questions, no conversation, nothing. Just a knife off the streets. A life saved! If I only get one knife handed in it will have been a success."

When a blade or weapon is handed in Lizzy will take it to a Police Station. Local Police forces are very happy to support this campaign.



Ready, Steady, Read at Nova Primary School

At the end of Term 1, Nova Primary School held a 'Ready Steady Read' sponsored reading event across the whole school to celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and in school.

The whole school was buzzing as children enjoyed reading everything they could get their hands on: novels, magazines, websites, comics and even packaging, over the course of just one week. They counted up minutes read and asked family and friends to sponsor them. The event, organised by former Nova Primary School teacher, Mrs Coleman, from Usborne Books, was a massive success with generous sponsorship of over £1200 from our families. Our book fair brought the total up to £1500 and Usborne topped this up enabling us to buy a whopping £2300 worth of books for our classrooms and library!

Next week, children taking part will be awarded certificates for their effort and book prizes will be given for the most money raised and most sponsors in each class. We are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and support of our school community and look forward to filling up our book shelves with lots of exciting new titles.



NOVA PRIMARY SCHOOL SMSA (School Meals Supervisory Assistant) Vacancy

At Nova Primary School, situated in Barracks Lane, we have a vacancy for an SMSA (School Meals Supervisory Assistant). The post will be to work with our children across our lunchtime from either 12.00pm to 1.00pm or 12.30pm to 1.30pm. You will carry out a range of duties both in the dining hall and outside on either the KS1 or KS2 playgrounds. You will be able to build good relationships with both children and class teachers. You will work as part of a team to deliver high quality play activities and care during the lunch hour. The rate of pay is BG2 £17,364 FTE. This equates to £9.00 an hour. The post is for 5 hours a week.

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Letters to the Editor



FANTASTIC WORK AT LAMPLIGHTERS MARSH

Dear Editor

What an excellent job the Parks Department of Bristol City Council is making of clearance work at Lamplighters Marsh. It's amazing what can be done with one man (a very helpful employee) and one machine. The scrub is being cut back to the large brambles and other bushes, leaving the area much more open and attractive. Walkers are not confined to the footpath and children can leave the path to explore, with room to run around and play with a ball and so on; i.e. it is much more family friendly. It also reduces the possible conflict between walkers and riders. The picnic- tables will be much more in use by families if the area is maintained in this way in the summer. Lone female walkers and joggers will feel less threatened in this much more open environment.

So well done, again, to the Council! This is the sort of thing I pay my rates for. I wish Bristol City Council would apply the same treatment to Penpole Point and the picnic area in Shirehampton Park.

Yours sincerely,

Gil Osman

WALKING STICK RETURN APPEAL

Dear Editor

Would the lady who mistakenly took a collapsible, green and rose floral walking stick, hanging on the counter of Break charity shop on the High Street, please return it to the charity shop. This was on Thursday afternoon, 7th November; the stick has great sentimental value to the owner, who quite understands the mistake. She would be so grateful to get it back.

Thank you. (name and address supplied)

FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

Dear Readers,

We wanted to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all our friends, family and local people who were able to come along and support our Coffee Morning in aid of BREAST CANCER on 18th October. £504.45 was raised from the sale of raffle tickets, drinks & cakes. Thank you to the 191 Scout Group for letting us use the hut. We collected a large number of bras which have been donated to help raise further funds for research into breast cancer. We really appreciate everyone's support.



Jo Picksford & Jo Barnes



MARKET GARDEN HISTORY

Dear Editor

With reference to Frederick Redwood's letter concerning the Market Garden in Pembroke Road - this business was owned by the Hayward family. Mr Hayward was unkindly nicknamed "Humpy" Hayward as he unfortunately had a hump back. There was also a Greengrocer's shop in Pembroke Road on the corner of Pembroke Avenue which, if my memory is correct, was also owned by the Hayward family. It later became a Dress Shop.

Christopher M. Eynon.

DELIBERATE VANDALISM

Letter to the Editor

There is a lot of anger and frustration amongst the residents of the Cotswold. Two of the young saplings planted by the council on the field beyond Cerney Lane have been deliberately vandalised!

An oak tree has been torn apart by someone's dog. A prolonged bit of work judging by the amount of the dog's blood on the bark! The tree may possibly survive, but the horse chestnut nearby has nothing left but three feet of trunk.

Such senseless and anti social behaviour, especially in these days of everything in nature being under threat one way or another. Sad sad times!

Bobbie Perkins.



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Thank you also to all our wonderful volunteers for your hard work and commitment.

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We've had lots of fun over the year and are looking forward to a very positive 2020!

Last dates for December 2019

Friday 13th 5-7.30pm

Late night shopping @ Oasis Community Shop
(gift bargains plus activities for kids)

Wednesday 18th 12.30-2.30pm

Christmas table decoration workshop

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Churches in the Shirehampton Area

St Mary's News

Hi Folks!

May I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

We have a very busy December here at St Mary's, as you can imagine.

Advent Sunday, 1st December

- 8.30 am Kids Klub
- 10.00 am Holy Communion Service
- 6.00 pm Tree of Light Service

At this service the white lights are lit and we hang your Memorial Cards on the branches. Tea & Coffee will follow the Service and Singers from St Mary's, Stoke Bishop, and St Mary's, Shirehampton will sing Carols in the Churchyard. Please do join us if you can.

Monday 2nd December GLOW at the Tith Barn 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm for youngsters aged 10 to 17. This service aims to dive deeper into Faith, the Bible and life's tough questions. Effectively, it is a Messy Church for teenagers. Hot snacks served from 7:15. Entirely free.

Wednesday, 4th December the Golden Oldies sing songs from the past 10.30- 11.30 am.

Please note that the January session will be on WEDNESDAY, 8th January.

Sunday, 8th December

- 8.30 am Kids Klub
- 10.00 am All Age Holy Communion Service
- 4.00 pm Christingle Service

"Christingle? What is that?" some of you might say. Well, a *Christingle* is an Orange which represents the World. It has a Candle on the top which represents Christ's light over the World. A red ribbon is wrapped around the middle symbolizing Christ's blood, shed for us all. There are four Cocktail

sticks stuck into the Orange with sweets on the end of them. These represent the four seasons of the year. This is a lovely family service— there will be Christmas carols too.

- 5.00 pm A similar service will be held in the Cotswold Centre in Dursley Road where anyone will be made most welcome.

Saturday, 14th December

- 10.30am - Carols in the Churchyard to raise funds for Christian Aid.

Please join them from 10am if you enjoy singing.

- 7.00 pm - the Shirehampton Area Choir annual Christmas Concert in the church to raise funds for The Kanamai Development Trust in Kenya.

This money helps provide clean water, sanitation & essential basic food, education, primary health care, employment & self-sufficiency for 10,000 villagers. Tickets for the Concert are available for £5.00 from the Church Office. During the Interval Mince Pies and Mulled Wine will be served.

Sunday, 15th December

- 8.30 am Kids Klub
- 10.00am Holy Communion
- 6.00 pm Christmas Carol service, followed by mince pies and mulled wine

Tuesday, 17th December, Messy Church 3.30 - 5.00 pm with the Stomp Dancing Team

Thursday, 19th December Two school Christmas services. NO COFFEE ETC WILL BE SERVED.

- Holy Communion service will be held as usual at 11.00 am.

Friday, 20th December, Local Councillor surgery from 10.00 am-12.00 noon in the church. Tea & Coffee will be served as usual!



Sunday, 22nd December

- 8:30 am Kids Klub Service
- 10:00 am Family Service

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO EVENING SERVICE ON THIS DAY.

Tuesday, 24th December

- 4.00 pm Christmas Eve Family Crib Service.

We encourage everyone to come dressed as a Nativity character. Children from our Kids Klub will present scenes from the Nativity.

- 11.30 pm Midnight Mass - a Communion Service and celebration of Christ's birth
- 10.00 am on Christmas morning. All Age Communion Service.

Please note the church will be closed completely from Thursday, 26th (Boxing Day) until Tuesday, 2nd January, 2020, with the exception of Sunday, 29th December for our 10.00 am Holy Communion Service. There is NO Kids Klub on this day. This is in order to give all our amazing volunteers and staff a well-earned break.

May I take the opportunity, on behalf of Reverend Helen, to thank everyone who contributes so much to our church and community life, whether you donate your time, money or items for the church, for our coffee mornings, our children and youth groups or any other activities. The list is endless and we could not provide all the services and visits we do without your help - we are extremely grateful to you all.

Wishing you all a joyful, blessed Christmas and a restful New Year.

C.M.E.

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St Bernard's Carols with our Community

St Bernard's parishioners warmly welcome you to our Carols with the Community event on Sunday, Dec 15th from 3-4pm in St Bernard's Catholic church.

Join us for some traditional carols as well as songs chosen by our Polish-speaking and Malayalam-speaking church families. There will be a chance to sing, reflect upon seasonal readings and try sweet treats from some of the cultures represented in our church!

Everyone is welcome to this event for all the family.

News from Shirehampton Baptist Church

November began with a Safeguarding Course about the importance of Safeguarding within the Church context. The course was designed by the Baptist Union of Great Britain and proved to be very helpful.

On November 10th we remembered all who lost their lives in World Wars one and two and also those who fought in the wars that followed in various parts of the world and which are still going on.

Some important Christmas events to announce:


December 8th there will be a Carol and Christingle service in the Cotswold Community hall Dursley Road at 5pm. We invite folk of all ages to learn the Christmas message through a beautiful visual aid and whether you can sing or not bring your voice to join in the carols.

On **December 12th** Mainly Music ends the term with a party full of fun and surprises.

Nearer Christmas there will be a Carol service at our Church in Station Road at 6 30 pm on **Sunday December 22nd** and a **Family Time** at 10 30am on **Christmas Morning**.

Christmas Eve is Shire Carols on the Green. This tradition has been going for many years and unites the village. It will be led by Lyn Morton who with her husband Chris runs the Charity ALFA which develops skills with adults with learning disabilities. Bring your jam jars and candles and may the words of the carols reach your hearts.

May this Christmas Season bring all readers peace and joy



The Cotswold Christian Community Invites you to a Carol Service with Christingles

**At the Cotswold Community Centre
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On Sunday 8th December, at 5pm
with refreshments to follow
Please join us if you can**

Hello and Happy Christmas From Shire Methodist

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We are looking forward to many Christmas events this December. Please come along and join us if you can.

On **Sunday 1st December**, we will gather for Morning Worship as usual at 11am but will be outside, at the relevant time, to encourage the Santa Dashers along the High Street with waving and cheers, and perhaps a few prayers!

The following day, **Monday 2nd December**, there will be a Film Club tea, starting at 2pm.

On **Sunday 8th December**, we will join the Cotswold Christian Community at 5pm at the Cotswold Centre, Dursley Road, for carols and Christingles.

On **Sunday 22nd December**, we are holding a candle-lit carol service in our church at 3.30pm, which will be led by KiGggle (our young people's group).

Christmas Day will be celebrated at our church with Morning Worship from 10am, Wednesday 25th December. We will end the year by joining our friends at Horfield Methodist Church for Morning Worship on **Sunday 29th December: please note there will not be a service at Shirehampton Methodist Church on that day.**

Another key event this December is a general election. This might fill you with apathy, dread or perhaps hope that there is an opportunity to do something constructive towards the next chapter of our country's political life. The Methodist Church belongs to an organisation called the Joint

Public Issues Team (JPIT) which works with other churches for peace and justice. JPIT reminds us in the run-up to these elections to "Love, Pray and Vote". The areas of life that JPIT encourages us to think about when voting are public services (housing, education, social care and healthcare), poverty in the UK, refugees and migration, the climate emergency, Britain in the world (defence, aid and trade), Union in the UK and Brexit. As people who are called to love our neighbours, we might feel compelled to contact our prospective future MPs to find out their policies relating to each of these areas and consider how they might affect our local, national and global neighbours.

Here we are talking about religion and politics, two issues that many of us have been encouraged to avoid due to the fear of arguments, conflict and division. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, gave some very helpful advice almost 250 years ago. He wrote that on 6th October, 1774, "I met with those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them: 1) To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy; 2) To speak no evil of the person they voted against; 3) To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side."

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NATURE NOTES

I was tidying up the cushions in the conservatory a couple of weeks ago, as you do, and spotted what I thought was a stain on the back of one. On looking closer, I realised a stain it most certainly wasn't!! I am now the carer of a little clutch of spiderlings!! Will do some serious research to find out when they are likely to hatch!

On a much less nervy subject, I added peanuts to the mix in the garden, to encourage different birds to visit. It worked very quickly, as blue tits, a Robin and joy of joys, a group of long tailed tits have come a calling!

I will also put suet pellets out in a tray for the Robin. I feel they struggle a bit with the conventional feeders.

I had to give the goldfinchs' feeder a very deep clean recently. The very wet weather had caused the food at the base to start to go mouldy, and the birds had sensibly decided to look elsewhere for a while. It's a big feeder, with ten perches, so really fiddly, but I was really pleased I got it clean before it did too much damage to my little friends.

It will soon be a busy time with winter fast approaching, so I need to keep on top of things from now on!

Happy nature watching all, Bobbie Perkins.



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Remembrance Day Procession

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1. The First Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a Star
Shining in the East beyond them far,
And to the Earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night,
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same Star
Three Wise Men came from country far,
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the Star wherever it went.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

The Star drew nigh to the north-west,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those Wise Men three,
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

2. O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls shall receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas Angels
The great glad tidings tell,
O come to us, abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Happy Christmas

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

3. Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King,
Peace on Earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With Angelic host proclaim
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"
*Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the ever-lasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
*Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and Life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild, He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of Earth,
Born to give them second birth
*Hark! The herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

4. While Shepherds Watched

While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

"Fear not", said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled minds,
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
To you and all mankind.

"To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line,
A Saviour who is Christ the Lord –
And this shall be the sign.

"The Heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swaddling bands,
And in a manger laid."

Thus spake the Seraph, and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of Angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song –

"All glory be to God on high
And to the earth be peace;
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease."

5. O Come All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful,
Joyful and Triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem,
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels:
*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

God of God,
Light of light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb!
Very God
Begotten, not created
*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exaltation,
Sing all ye citizens of Heaven above:
'Glory to God
In the Highest'
*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

6. Silent Night

Silent Night, Holy Night
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child,
Holy infant so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glory streams from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born!

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiance beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus Lord at thy birth
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

7. Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love thee Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay,
Close by me forever, and love me I pray!
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

to all our readers

CHRISTMAS EVE • 7:30PM

8. Good King Wenceslas

All:

Good King Wenceslas looked out
On the feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about
Deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night
Though the frost was cruel
When a poor man came in sight
Gath'ring winter fuel.

Men and Boys:

"Hither, page, and stand by me
If thou know'st telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"

Women and girls:

"Sire, he lives a good league hence
Underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence
By St Agnes' fountain."

Men and Boys:

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
Bring me pine logs hither,
Thou and I shall see him dine
When we bear him thither."

All:

Page and monarch forth they went,
Forth they went together,
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather.

Women and Girls:

"Sire, the night is darker now
And the wind blows stronger.
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer."

Men and boys:

"Mark my footsteps, good my page,
Tread thou in them boldly.
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

All:

In his master's steps trod
Where the snow lay dinted.
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing.

9. Once in Royal David's City

Once in Royal David's City
Stood a lowly cattle-shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for a bed.
Mary was that Mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

For He is our childhood's pattern;
Day by day like us He grew:
He was little, weak and helpless;
Tears and smiles like us He knew.
And He feeleth for our sadness,
And He shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in Heaven above;
And He leads His children on,
To the place where He is gone.

10. The Holly and the Ivy

The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown

*The rising of the sun
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.*

The Holly bears a blossom
As white as the lily flower,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To be our sweet Saviour.

The Holly bears a berry,
As red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To do poor sinners good.

The Holly bears a prickle
As sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
On Christmas day in the morn.

The Holly bears a bark,
As bitter as any gall,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
For to redeem us all.

*The Holly and the Ivy
When they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
The Holly bears the crown.*

11. We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we travel afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star,

*O star of wonder, star of night
'Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Melchior: Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again –
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign...

O star of wonder...

**Carols on the
Green is an ALL
WEATHER event.**

**Please come
prepared.**

Caspar: Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising
Worship to God most high
O, star of wonder...

Balthasar: Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom,
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
O, star of wonder...

Finale

**We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year**

**Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year!**

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES

St Mary's

Sunday, 22nd December

8.30am Kids Klub Service

10:00am Family Service

NO EVENING SERVICE

Tuesday, 24th December

4:00pm Family Crib Service

11:30pm Midnight Mass and Communion
Service

Christmas Day

10:00 am All Age Communion Service

Shirehampton Methodist Church

Sunday 22nd December

3:30pm Candle-lit Carol Service led by KiGglle

Christmas Day

10:00am Morning Worship

Sunday 29th December

Morning Worship at

Horfield Methodist Church

(NO service in Shirehampton)

Shirehampton Baptist Church

December 8th

Christingle Carol Service at the Community
Hall, Dursley Road 5:00pm

December 22nd

10:30 am Sunday Service 6:30pm Carol
Service

Christmas Day

Short Family Service 10:00am

The Arts in Shirehampton

CRAFT EXHIBITION 2019



A flurry of colour, texture and skill, welcomed visitors and promised to thrill.

Knattering knitters were sat by the door, showing that knitting was never a chore

Quilting and quilling quirky and quaint, pictures in various media and paint,

Punchneedle, crochet, table runners and mats, gift bags and boxes and bright woolly hats,

All types of pottery vibrant and bright, a dollhouse lighthouse - such a delight.

Cushions, doorstops, and soft cuddly toys, designed to bring joy to girls and boys

Lacework, wall hangings, wonderful wood, all stocking fillers for kids who are good

Necklaces made out of buttons and beads, 'Wallace' cheeseboards for lovers of cheese

Tributes to those who served in the war, felt-work, jewellery and so much more.

Blankets and weaving, a lamp with a shade, demonstrators showing how some crafts are made.

Papier-mache - to be seen to believe, especially the fountain that adorns Shire Green

Beavers and Brownies, Rainbows too, showed us the crafts they were taught how to do.

Stomp's paper dancers like puppets afloat; HMS Black Prince, a magnificent boat

Challenges set for kids and stitchers: film title quilting, locating wild critters!

So the skills of our crafters held all in thrall, who ventured to visit Shire Public Hall.

This rather feeble attempt at verse represents a desire to avoid repetition from previous craft exhibition reports because there are just so many ways you can keep repeating the truth that it just gets better and better each year.

The quality and quantity of exhibits were as amazing as ever and it is so encouraging to know that skills are being passed on to younger people too. There were 60 exhibitors, 380 visitors not including returners and children. Congratulations to Sue Cowdell who won the Quilters' Challenge with her Lion King. I must say a huge thank you to all who exhibited, stewarded, helped with refreshments, to Jenny's artistic eye organising the displays to best advantage and especially to Gail and Ed and the committee. They don't just wave a magic wand and it all happens; organising and planning is a year-long exercise and the commitment shows. So THANK YOU on behalf of all the happy visitors.

Judy Helme.

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Quilting Challenger Winner



Tandem Arts in December

Tandem Arts is running a couple of free family craft activities in the run up to Christmas. Come along to the Shirehampton Public Hall on Saturday Dec 7th, 10am-12noon for some festive crafting.

Suitable for all ages. Children are to be accompanied by an adult. Another creative afternoon will be taking place in the library on Tuesday Dec 10th, 3pm-5pm. This is when 'Shire's Living Room' is opening its doors to all and everyone interested to drop in for a chat, a drink, a game or some other activity as advertised. For more information about the craft sessions please email tandemarts2@gmail.com.



PBA Club News

We have had a busy month at the PBA Club.

A survey has been emailed to members and the results will be announced at the AGM.

Signs have been put up around the pitches to stop dogs fouling where the children play football. So far it appears that dog walkers are taking notice of our request to ensure the health and safety of our children.

As a club we really appreciate your positive response to the change that was needed.

We have also started a regular meat draw on Sunday's.

The annual Halloween party was a great success attracting many families and there were some fantastic costumes. We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make this event a success.

Christmas is coming!

We are now busy preparing for the Christmas and New Year period. We would appreciate any help to put up the Christmas decorations on Sunday 24 November.

Many thanks PBA Committee



PBA Club What's On

Children's Christmas Party – Saturday 7 December

Tickets are on sale at £12 and includes disco, food, present, visit from Santa. It will be held in the ballroom at 2pm finishing at 5pm. Pre-book with Lin Eyles stating name, age and gender.

New Year's Eve Party

New Year's Eve party is ticket only. Tickets are free to members, £10 for a guest, £5 for a child.

Regular activities held at the club include *Skittles, Bowls, Bingo, Youth Football, Sky and BT Sports, Darts, Line Dancing, Zumba, Martial Arts, Bristol Jazz, Ceroc Dancing, Stroke Club, PBA Pensioners, Ladies singing club.*

If you would like to take part in one of our many social and sports offerings please feel free to come along to the club to find out more, we always welcome newcomers, there is a real community feeling at the club.

The club has an exceptional space for hire for private parties, seminars, training sessions and if a smaller space is required the skittle alley is available weekends only. We also have outside space for when the weather is kind to us.

Further information on the above contact the Secretary, Lin Eyles (secretary@pbaclub.co.uk) or 07887 942416. We would also like to hear from you if you have any suggestions for events that you would like to see at the Club and if you would be a willing volunteer.

DIARY DATES

Saturday 23 November – Nicky Price
Saturday 7 December – Children's Xmas Party
Saturday 7 December – Eleazer King
Saturday 14 December – Sally Vinyl
Saturday 21 December – Delonzo Gee
Tuesday 24 December – Disco/Karaoke
Thursday 26 December – Family Disco
Saturday 28 December – Ian Kenna
Tuesday 31 December – Lisa Stanley Disco
Sunday 5 January – Dave Dean
Saturday 1 February – Queen Tribute

PBA Club

Christmas & New Year opening times
Christmas Eve – 4 pm to 11.00 pm
Christmas Day – 11.30 am to 1.30 pm
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New Year's Day – 12 noon to 10.30 pm

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REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAY

Pilates 9.30-10.30am

Personal Fitness 6:30-7:30pm

TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

Keep Fit 10.30-11.30am

Personal Fitness 5:15-6:15pm

Pilates 6.30-7.30pm

THURSDAY

Bingo 2.30pm

Personal Fitness 7-8pm

Table Tennis 8pm

FRIDAY

Keep Fit 10.30-11.30am

SATURDAY

Coffee Morning (2nd of each month) 10am

Quiz (6 weekly) 7.30pm

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CLIMATE EMERGENCY NEWS

Understanding Energy in Shirehampton

David Tudgey of Bristol Energy Network (BEN) spoke to the Shirehampton Climate Emergency Group about Bristol's efforts to be a "carbon neutral and climate resilient city by 2030." Bristol Energy Network links community groups all over the city which are trying to create renewable energy solutions for fuel poverty and to reduce carbon emissions in their neighbourhoods. David is director of projects at BEN and has been heavily involved in planning and delivering the new community wind turbine for Ambition Lawrence Weston.

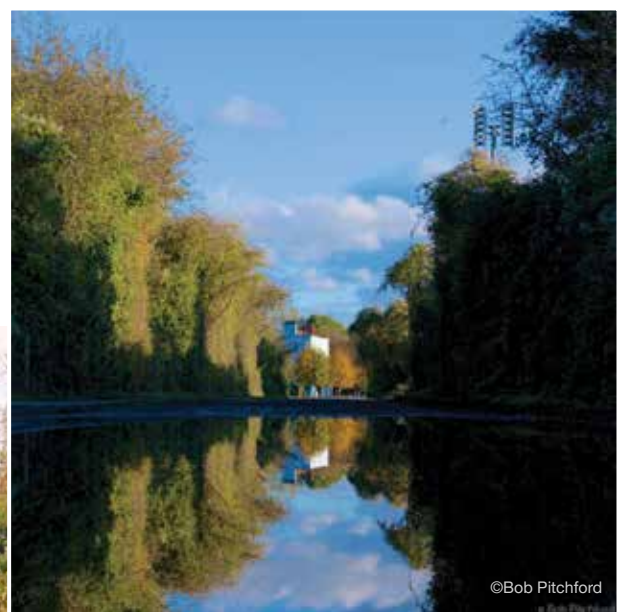
The Climate Emergency Group also hosted a Winter Event on 23rd November which included a talk by the C.H.E.E.S.E. Project (Cold Homes Energy Efficiency Survey Experts). Energy Efficiency Experts will survey your home to target heat-loss faults and suggest ways to reduce them, helping you to reduce fuel bills AND have a warmer house! We know that domestic heating is a major source of the carbon emissions driving global warming, so reducing energy waste in our homes will contribute to combating climate change.

And it's not only energy we waste. Robin Maynard of Population Matters gave a talk on the way over-population stresses resources and contributes to climate change. We all know how easy it is to consume too much, especially at this time of year, so there was also advice on how to have a happy but environmentally friendly and sustainable Christmas.

If you are concerned about climate change and its impact on your life you may want to come along to the Climate Emergency Group's meetings. At the moment we are planning a Flood Risk and Awareness event in February. And some of us are working with Parks to create pollinator friendly planting in public places.



Avonmouth entrance to Yellow Brick Road



Lamplighters Entrance to Yellow Brick Road (Above). Lamplighters Pub from entrance to Yellow Brick Road (top)

Maybe you'd like to help. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at Cotswold Community Centre, Dursley Road, BS11 9HA, at 7:30 pm. Meetings are open to all and we aim to have guest speakers once a month. Meetings and talks are FREE.

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FOSL Christmas Party

Shire's Living Room @Shire Library

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Thur 2 Jan	Sat 4 Jan
Fri 3 Jan	Mon 6 Jan
Mon 6 Jan	Tue 7 Jan
Tue 7 Jan	Wed 8 Jan
Wed 8 Jan	Thur 9 Jan
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SUPPORT OUR LOCAL HIGH STREET:

Elite Hair and Beauty

Lorraine Douglas is the owner of Elite Hair and Beauty in Shirehampton's High Street. She went to Portway School and lives locally. Her hair dressing career began in Shirehampton with "Sugar and Spice" and she also worked at their Westbury-on-Trym branch.

"I wasn't sure what I wanted to do when I left school and it was my mum who sort of led the way to my career. It was after I had my children that I realised hair dressing and my children worked well together."

"Having worked for Nigel for a couple years for my apprenticeship, I became a mobile hairdresser and was extremely busy. My car boot was filled up with stuff, I couldn't go shopping! So I decided to work from home which I did for ten years. From there I bought a salon in Sea Mills and later this salon in Shirehampton. Unfortunately due to illness I had to sell the shop in Sea Mills. However I really do love my job and being part of the High Street."

The salon offers beauty treatments as well as hair dressing. "We do all the usual cut and blow dry, quick trims, hair ups, colourings, including special occasions and weddings. We do special hair treatments. I was the only one in my class to do afro hair and chemical straightening. I also gained my qualifications in beauty and we do leg waxing, facials, epiderm abrasions, nails, in fact top to toe beauty treatments".

"I did employ people in my salon up but I decided to take a step back so my girls are self-employed which means when I'm not here the salon is still working. We all enjoy working here. We have lovely customers, we share a laugh, have a chat. We get along very well and it is a friendly salon for everyone".

When I asked about the High Street today Lorraine said. "We need to look at what we have right now. The High Street needs some thought; we need shops that people will come for. There are too many shops that are the same and our customers feel the same about this issue."

Kathryn Courtney: Article and Photos



Choice Carpets

Andrew Wilkins is the owner and Director of Choice Carpets in Shirehampton's High Street. The shop was originally owned by a husband and wife team, Mike and Sue, from 2007 until 2012. Drew originally worked alongside them as a Carpet Fitter. When the couple semi-retired Drew bought the business from them in 2012.

I did ask Drew why a Carpet Shop owner and fitter? "I don't know how to do anything else. At the age of 14 my dad could see I was a bit of a wayward child. I wasn't very good academically and discipline was an issue too at school. My brother was a Carpet Fitter and dad asked him to take me on for Saturday work and holidays. It gave me guidance and kept me out of trouble. By the age of 21 I had my own van and contracts with shops, being self employed and I loved it. I still fit carpets at busy times of the year but I've got sub-contractors, fitters who work for me on set days of the week, and I've known them for quite a long time now."

Choice Carpets is an independent shop so how does he compare with the bigger companies? "We try and cover all areas of normal flooring, carpets, vinyl, laminate, luxury vinyl tiles. We do a budget range up to high end luxury carpets and floorings. We mainly do houses and flats but we do

some contract work for small offices. I try and offer a good all round price and it's very rare I get beaten on price with the bigger companies. Even if they offer free fitting, I don't know anyone who works for nothing. It may be a small shop but we take pride in our work, we give the personal touch. I will go along to the customer's home, measure up, take sample books with me, leave you with a quote and allow the customer to get back to me when ready to order. We can help move furniture but you need to let us know. We can remove your carpet rubbish but will charge a fee as we don't have a licence but have a gentleman who takes away our rubbish who does. Commercial disposal has to be paid for and the big businesses tend to stay away from this."

I asked Drew his thoughts on the High Street. "I like the way Shirehampton has kept village life and sense of community. People say hello or good morning or tap on the shop window and wave, many are customers. I think the shops could benefit from mezzanine roofing across the pavement areas to help keep shoppers dry in rain. We need to encourage diversity in the High Street so people can shop locally as it has changed to much of the same shops over the years."

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Some of the City and Port players do play indoors through the outdoor close season but for others this was an opportunity to try their hand at bowling on what is a very different surface to grass. An enjoyable afternoon's bowling ended


with a meal, a drink and a chat about the game of bowls won 133 – 77 by the hosts.

The next indoor game is on Saturday January 18th and the final one on Saturday February 29th both starting at 6.15pm --- both games will be against local club teams.

The City and County Indoor Club opened in 2000. It has nine rinks to bowl on and an excellent bar and catering facility. The current membership is about 750 drawn from Bristol and the surrounding areas. The club has hosted some prestigious events and next April the World Singles and Mixed Pairs Championships will be played there.

Having such an excellent bowling facility in BS3 enables bowlers to bowl all year round - outdoors from April until September and indoors for the remainder of the year.

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SPORT IN SHIREHAMPTON



Avonmouth Football Club Centenary

Avonmouth FC is celebrating its centenary this year and has organised a number of events to mark this milestone. Like many men's organisations it was formed directly after the Great War to provide activities that would counteract the horrors experienced during the previous four years of conflict. The village church was central to the club's launch and the club was known for many years as Avonmouth St Andrews.

Over the years there have been a number of local families involved in the club's organisation and development with the principal ambition of being central in the community. In its first 75 years there were only three secretaries: Arthur Rowley, Bert Britton and Des Willis. On the playing side there have been a number of professional footballers who commenced their careers at Avonmouth, including brothers Ernie and Jack Brinton, Tommy Wright, Harold 'H' Jarman and probably the most famous, Roy Bentley, who captained Chelsea to their first ever English Division 1 (now Premiership) title and who also played for England as centre forward. Several Avonmouth FC players have represented the county of Gloucestershire and Suburban League, including Bert Britton, Jeff Holloway, Dave (Oscar) Rowley, Mike Pugh, Dave Potter and Mike Sperring who captained the Suburban League side. Over the years the club has won many honours at junior and senior level including the Bristol and Suburban League top division title. The current first team is again at the top of the league and hoping for promotion to the Gloucestershire County League. Ground development is also continuing with the pitch being turned through 90° and superb new changing rooms and toilets added this year, satisfying higher league requirements.

The club, like most local organisations, has experienced the ups and downs of amateur sport

and most significantly had to vacate its West Town Road ground when the Ministry of Transport compulsory purchased the King George's Trust site to build the M5 Avon Road Bridge in 1967. This meant playing fixtures at other grounds including Sea Mills Park, Portway Playing Field and Canford Park, enabling two senior and two junior sides to continue. The Trust was given a site at the end of Barracks Lane as compensation but due to its poor construction it was never going to be suitable for soccer. With the agreement of the rugby and bowls clubs, that make up the Trust, and after considerable difficult negotiations with the City Council, Avonmouth FC returned to Avonmouth Road in 1986 utilising the pitch and clubhouse vacated by Avonmouth Rugby Club.

Avonmouth FC has been supported extensively over the years by local businesses and shops such as Jarmans, Frosts, Vincent's Coaches and most recently the Enover Community Trust, Nisbets, Istock Enover Trust and The Bristol Port Company. The club has considerable paper archive including photographs and AGM minutes dating back to the 1920's but the most important personal



AFC 1953-54 Suburban League Div 1 winners

memories have been lost - there is no one left from those very early days! Since researching the club's history we have identified two other Avonmouth football clubs, namely Athletic and Rovers who were in existence prior to WW1. There was also a football pitch adjacent to Cook Street but no one knows who played there. So if anyone can shed light on these two other clubs and whether there was a relationship with Avonmouth St Andrews we would be delighted to hear from you. There are excellent short personal recollections of Avonmouth football available in the two "Mouthful of Memories" booklets produced by Judy Helme and Sue Davies, but we would love more recollections to fill the gaps and complete the Avonmouth Football Club 100 year history.

Dave Rowley (Junior) November 2019

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Prior to the opening of the Indoor Club there was a six rink facility under the Dolman Stand at the City Ground and some of the long standing bowlers still speak of that with great affection and have wonderful memories of it --- especially Sunday evenings.

What else is going on at the City and Port of Bristol Club?

There will be two Sunday evening Social Events on January 26th and on March 29th. Between the two early in March, comes the Annual Winter Bowling Break which once again will be at the TLH in Torquay. There will be bowling each day on the hotel's own four rink indoor arena and also the chance to make the most of the wide range of facilities that the hotel has to offer. There is plenty of time to explore Torquay and the surrounding area using the excellent bus service or maybe the Land Train.

Bowling really is the Sport for All, so why not come and see us at the start of the 2020 season in April. You can try bowling completely free of charge or obligation. If you like it and decide to join a club shirt is yours also free of charge. The club has two qualified coaches waiting to provide coaching for new bowlers or for existing bowlers looking to improve.



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We are so excited about the Santa Dash. We took part last year, and doing a warm up with hundreds of Santas and elves was a great comic moment. I'm hoping it is a little colder this year as running round the streets of Shire in a full length felt Santa suit was hot, hot, hot! It was so lovely to see lots of familiar faces at the PBA club, and to share a post run Christmas meal with our neighbours afterwards.

Someone will know how long Carols on the Green has been happening for. I have a feeling it is one of those Shire traditions that has been going for decades and absolutely defines Christmas for a

lot of people who grew up here. We are relative new comers, and what with the kids have only managed one. We are determined to make it this year, whether we are in tune or not!

Inevitably, Christmas will have its less fun bits, mostly after spending a little too much time with the relatives. But there are so many people in this world who will be cold, hungry and alone this Christmas. For us the things that matter are warmth, good food, good company. We don't need lots of stuff, expensive presents, days of trawling the shops. Community is worth more than that, so thank you for being a part of it this year, and we hope you have a very merry Christmas!



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(A fictitious person, body & mind)

I'm your mind inside a body shell
 as my mind passes with you through life
 it sometimes stops confused – then moves on
 Making me happy again with life
 Mind I still remember the
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 !Don't be afraid – my body will stay close
 to you mind - powers of reason and thought are
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We are not both slipping away
 on that autumn breeze
 ?Why...mind
 We are still together with lots of...future
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