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Avonmouth Sea Cadets 80th Anniversary Parade

What an amazing sight it was to see!

After lots of preparation the day dawned and all that we saw was rain but nothing was going to dampen our spirits today, we were really looking forward to celebrating our 80th Anniversary with a community Parade in Shirehampton and a Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's Church. As the uniformed volunteers and cadets started to arrive at the Unit in preparation for the day the rain stopped!

We had the wonderful support of **Bridgewater's Unit Band** and support from all the units across **Avon District** along with **Parade Volunteers** from the **Southwest Area**. This was the first time that

Cadets and Volunteers were able to meet up since the pandemic. It was so nice to see friends old and new. **Parents and Trustees** provided much needed help with marshalling, helping with refreshments

and a myriad of other tasks. We truly were a great team on the day!

The Commanding Officer Alison Fowler Lt Cdr (SCC) RNR and Chair of the Trustees Mrs Terri Booker greeted our honoured guests The Lord Lt Peaches Golding, Lord Mayor Councillor Steve Jones and the Lady Mayoress, Darren Jones MP North West Bristol, Don Alexander Councillor for Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston.

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AVONMOUTH LADIES CLUB

We meet at Avonmouth Community Centre - on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7pm (but not in Jan and Feb). We listen to a variety of speakers as well as having occasional outings.

Diary of Events: June – Sept 2022

June 7th - My life in Customs & Excise (24 objects) - by Mark Bullen

June 21st - Quiz - by Rose

July 5th - Summer Outing (TBA)

July 19th - My Iceland Adventure - by Julie Watson

Aug 2nd - British Sign Language - by Louise Pocock

Aug 16th - To be Arranged

Sept 6th - Local History - by Ken Edwards

Sept 20th - To be Arranged

A warm welcome awaits. For any information contact **Julia on: 0117 982 9390**

STREET PARTY

An application has been made to **Bristol City Council** to close **Penpole Ave** for a few hours on the afternoon of **June 18th from 3 - 7pm**. The neighbours of Penpole Ave are planning a Street Party and fingers crossed will be able to gather in the road for a few hours of fun and friendship. We would respectfully ask our neighbours and friends for your support on that afternoon.

Jan Wilson

SHIRE NEWSPAPER AGM

Shire Newspaper will hold its **Annual General Meeting** on **Friday 5th August 2022 at 5:30pm**. We will be meeting in the **Cotswold Community Centre, Dursley Road, BS11 9XH**. Members of the Public are Welcome

SHIREHAMPTON PUBLIC HALL AGM

Wednesday 6th July 2022 at 7pm. All Welcome

SHIREHAMPTON PUBLIC HALL REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
MONDAY	Twyford Art Club (except July & August) Yoga	10:00am - 12noon	Hall
		6:00pm - 7:15pm	Hall
TUESDAY	Messy Play Toddlers Line Dancing Puppy Training	9:00am - 11:00am	Hall
		2:00pm - 3:00pm	Hall
		6:30pm - 8:30pm	Hall
WEDNESDAY	Bristol Healing Rooms (every 2nd Wednesday)	11:00am - 1:30pm	Hall
	Pop-Up Play Village Bristol North (every 3rd Wednesday)	9:30am - 1:30pm	Hall
	Over 75s Exercise Class	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Hall
	Extraordinary Links	3:30pm - 5:30pm	Hall
	Shire Stitches (every 3rd Wednesday)	7:30am - 9:30pm	Hall
	Women's Fellowship (every 2nd and 4th Wednesday)	7:30am - 9:30pm	Hall
THURSDAY	Shirehampton Community Art and Social Group (formerly Sea Mills Art Club) Model Railway Club Tai Chi Grainger Players	10:00am - 12noon	Hall
		7:00pm - 10:00pm	Club Room
		2:00pm - 3:30pm	Hall
		7:30am - 9:30pm	Hall
FRIDAY	Shire Stitches (1st Friday of the month) Stay & Play (formerly Playtots) Shire News (last Friday of the month) Tree of Life Church (1st Friday of the month)	10:00am - 12noon	Springfield
		9:30am - 11:00am	Hall
		4:00pm	Hall
		6:00 - 10:00pm	Hall
SUNDAY	Cycle Tots (from January 2022 - term time only) Church of Grace	9:00 - 10:00am	Hall
		11:00am - 4:00pm	Hall

The Public Hall is also home to Shirehampton Community Action Forum (SCAF) and Tandem Arts (Portway Room).

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Library Living Room	Tuesday (Weekly)	3:00 – 5:00 pm	Library
IT Literacy Course	Wednesday (Weekly)	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Library
Family History Group	Thursday (2nd Thursday of the Month)	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Library

The *Shire* Community Pages

Shire Jobs Training and Enterprise Hub at Shirehampton Methodist Church

Darren Moore started as Project Coordinator at the end of March and has settled in well. He is available for appointments Tuesday to Thursday inclusive. If you are struggling with job searches or anything related to progressing into a job or as a sole trader call Darren on 07305066478 or email - see contact details below.

The Hub is aiming to offer a selection of courses, drop-in sessions, one-one appointments and other opportunities, including space, support and networking for new business/sole traders. This will include a number of well-being oriented sessions and courses that will benefit the wider community and individuals.

We would love to help more people and we also need volunteers to assist set up or serve hot drinks at the weekly **Hub's Cups Cafe Job Club on Tuesdays**. Your time and skills, even just an hour or two per month and would be welcomed!

Dates and Events:

- Our **Jobs Fair** is on **Tuesday June 14th at 12.00 - 3.00pm** - this is an opportunity for you to meet trainers and employers who can help start off your development, job seeking or changing your career path as needed
- **Wellbeing - Optimism, Contentment and Reflecting** - need to work on your confidence - this course is for you. Focus on what is possible and your potential. **Friday 13th May 10am - 1pm - Call Becca Lloyd Tel. 07890 518 607**
- A **Wellbeing and Community Development Course** - starting **Friday 13th May (1.30pm - 4.30) Call Becca Lloyd - as above**

- **Digital Skills** - is back! Starting on **June 14th (9.30 - 11.30) for 4 weeks** - contact **Suzanne Gaffney Tel. 07887 451 776** - This is for adults with no/few qualifications.
- **ESOL Conversation Club** is ongoing every **Thursday 10-11am** (except for the June Bank holiday and the week after)
- **Our Hub's Cups Job Club** - pop in on **Tuesdays 11am-12.30pm**.

Keep an eye on our Social Media for other events and 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 - www.jtehubshire.org/

See poster for the Jobs Fair on page 11.

The Lamplighters: Raising Funds For A Defibrillator - 2nd July

Paula Parsons, manager of The Lamplighters Pub in Shirehampton, is raising funds for a defibrillator to be installed outside the pub. She has recently visited the Great Western Air Ambulance Headquarters. They have joined forces for the fundraiser Paula is doing.

"The defibrillator is a really important piece of kit to have in an emergency. I am trying to get one installed at **The Lamplighters** because we have a lot of walkers, runners and elderly in the area each day. There is nothing close to us should the unthinkable happen. A defibrillator can save someone's life before the ambulance arrives. Every minute that goes by the survival rate goes down 10%. Having a defibrillator on site would help a person live." Said **Paula**.

"A defibrillator costs **£2,500** and we are about half way there. If we exceed that target we might be able to purchase a second defibrillator that can be placed along the **Yellow Brick Road**. If we can't afford that then any extra money will go to the **Air Ambulance Charity**".

"We are doing a lot of fundraising including a 20 mile sponsored walk down to Avonmouth Bridge,

across to the other side and then all the way over to Ashton Court, around the estate and all the way back again which is 20 miles in total. My 14 year old son is joining me that day and possibly a friend and a customer too.

"On that day, the **2nd July**, we will also be having a fundraising event with a DJ and the sea cadets may do a sponsored row. The sailing club will also take part. There will be a **CPR session** with the Air Ambulance teaching children and adults how to do CPR. We'll be doing a raffle and behind the bar we have a big poster where we have 100 named squares that the Air Ambulance covers. We are selling them at **£1** per square and once full **Jo** from the Air Ambulance will let me know where the helicopter has landed that day. Whoever has that winning square will win **£50**. The other **£50** goes to the Air Ambulance Charity"



Lamplighters Defib fund raiser Paula

If you want to sponsor Paula for this life saving cause please go to: <https://greatwesternairambulance.enthuse.com/cf/the-lamplighters> Further updates can be found on The Lamplighters Facebook page: www.facebook.com/TheLamplightersPub

Kathryn Courtney

Shirehampton Public Hall Newsletter

The roof works are continuing to make progress, with a new predicted completion date of the end of June. This is mainly due to the delays created by the loss of so many tiles due to vandalism, which has cost dearly in terms of time and money for Bristol City Council, who are kindly funding the project. Apologies also to any of our neighbours who have been inconvenienced by the vandals. We are extremely grateful for your patience. The works are back on track after a recent delivery of more tiles, which are difficult to source and very expensive as they need to be exactly the same as the originals to comply with building conservation regulations (we are a grade 2 listed building). Many thanks to Bristol City Council for their continued support and perseverance, and of course to the roofers themselves who are doing a sterling job!



The roof of the Public Hall on 6th May.

The Public Hall hosted a **Quiz Night on 23rd April**. This was well attended and enjoyed by all. The winners were presented with a goodie bag of prizes and their team name will be engraved on the office trophy! Well done and thank you to all who attended. A very useful sum of £165 was raised towards the Hall renovations.

Upcoming Community Events at the Hall:

- **SHIREHAMPTON PUBLIC HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
Wednesday 6th July 2022 at 7pm
All Welcome
- 30th July at 7.30pm – Songs and Audience Participation Entertainment by Sophie Silva
- September (date to be announced) – Hall Quiz Night
- 22nd October 5-7pm, Halloween Disco for 11 years and under
- 17th December (time to be announced), Hall Children's Christmas Celebration

The **Gardening Volunteers Group** which meets in the Hall garden from **10am on the first Saturday of the month** have started meeting once again now that things are growing once more! Everyone is welcome, and bring 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?!

For details on how to support the Hall as a volunteer or Trustee, or to book meeting or party/celebration space, or any other questions, please contact the Hall Manager on 0117 982 9963 or email bookings@shirepubhall.org.uk. You could also visit our website on www.shirepubhall.org.uk

Scouts Trip to Longleat



On Sunday 24th May, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from 191st St. Mary's Shirehampton Scout Group joined almost 1500 other adults and young people on the Cabot District trip to Longleat.

The children went out on the lake and some were lucky enough to feed the sea lions. They saw koalas and meerkats and hippos, but the highlight of the day was the drive through safari where the monkeys were jumping all over the coach. Most enjoyed an ice cream before we joined up with all the other groups from the district in front of the house where the young people and leaders renewed their promises.

Thank you to all the leaders and helpers who came along.

The 191st group will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 21st June at 7pm at the Scout hut on St Mary's Road. Come along to hear what your children have been up to and enjoy a FREE burger or hot dog.



SHIREHAMPTON JUNIOR SCHOOL 1952/53 - CORRECTION

Dear Shire Editor,

Thanks for putting the SHIREHAMPTON JUNIOR SCHOOL 1952/53 PHOTO in the May issue, Page 5. But there is a bit of an error. Where I put question marks it is because we cannot name those people so the caption should read:

BACK ROW: *Don't Know, Don't Know, Roger Gates, Don't Know, Pauline Knapp, Jill Brown Bridger Hobbs, June Helps, John Coxhill, Kenneth Ross, David Crabb, Derek Bees.*

THIRD ROW: Ute Redding, Pat Jones, Thelma Taylor, Ann Dyke, Joanne Wooler, Judith Denyard, Joan Bishop, Pat Machin, Pat Northcott, *Don't Know, Heather Moody, Pat Pinnock.*

SECOND ROW: Jackie Parker, Valerie, Lloyd, Marilyn Evans, Audrey Truman, Frances Maby, Dorothy Wilcox, Pam Barker, Carol Gammon, Norma Chivers, Carol Clarke, Margaret Walker, Beryl Williams.

FRONT ROW: *Don't Know, Don't Know, Don't Know, Clifford Johnson, Don't Know, Trevor Keats.*

I wonder if you can amend this in June by which time I hope we have some more names.

Thank you,

Thelma Tillett



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.

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Jackie Price Remembered

On May 1st it will be 20 years since our lovely Mum 'Jackie Price' passed away.

Mum was amazing! She gave us the best childhood anyone could wish for. We want to remember her and share her wonderful smile with you all once again. She was kind, caring, popular and so loving with the best cuddles that we miss so much!

We think about her everyday and so wish she could still be with us. She would have been the most brilliant grandma!

We hope she knows how truly missed she is because she truly was THE BEST!

20 years of loving you and missing you Mum xxxxx

From Anna and Abbie and all of the family



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The Parade started at **Station Road** taking in **Walton Road**, the site of the previous Unit way back in the 1940's before the unit moved to its current site at Station Road in the middle to late 80's. Residents of Walton Road lined the street and excitedly waved flags as the Parade made its way to **St Mary's Church** for the **Thanksgiving Service**, which was conducted by **Dr Andrew Schumann, Sea Cadet Staff Chaplain**. Following the service, the Parade once again formed up and made their way along to **Station Road Public Hall** where the Salute was taken by the Lord Lt.

Our guests and the Parade then returned to the Unit for refreshments. Our thanks go to everyone who supported the day it was such a wonderful day for all. Our thanks must go to **Bob Pitchford** for the wonderful pictures of the day; we really did keep him busy!

We are always pleased to welcome new Volunteers to the team and have vacancies for new cadets to join 10-12yrs Juniors, 12-18yrs Senior Cadets. Our current Parade nights are every Thursday. For more information on volunteering or for new cadet joiners please email: avonmouthseacadets@gmail.com.



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Fundraising for the War Horse Statue

Lamplighters Marsh local nature reserve lies along the banks of the river Avon in Shirehampton. Many people drive past every day along The Portway, not realising it is there or its historical significance. The main field is known locally as The Daisy Field. It formed part of the Remount Centre which extended all the way to Avonmouth. Horses and mules were taken to the Remount Station to be sent to the Western Front during WWI. At first the animals were supplied from throughout the UK and later significantly from the USA and Canada. Between 1914 and 1918 over 300,000 animals passed through the Remount Centre and were transported to the continent on ships leaving Avonmouth Docks..

Diane Gait has been spearheading the **Friends Of Lamplighters Marsh** fundraising campaign to get a specially created life size **War Horse Statue** made from recycled horse shoes installed in the **Daisy Field**. It will be a **lasting memorial to the horses and mules, the trainers and soldiers that were in the area during WWI**.

Diane ran a table top sale at the **Cotswold Community Centre on Saturday 30th April** to raise money for the War Horse statue. The hall was full of tables selling clothes, games, art photography and arts and crafts.

“The War Horse will be on a plinth when it is installed in the Daisy Field. We would love to hold a ceremony on Remembrance Day if that is possible. We’ve still got a few months to do it. We have raised just over £8,000 just over half the amount we need. If we can’t do it this year then we can look forward to next year instead, but I am confident we will achieve our goal even if it is after the Remembrance Day” said Diane. “We have worked hard to achieve what we have done so far and it is lovely that people

are supporting us. We feel the community are pulling together to achieve a common goal. I’d like to thank everyone who turned up today. I am absolutely amazed at the support we have received”.

“Bristol Port Company have supported us with a donation and also an offer of help with installing the statue and that’s wonderful. We have several other companies that have helped us too but it’s been a very busy day and I can’t remember them all just now but they know who they are and they will be publicly thanked in the future”. said Diane

If you’d like to make a donation towards the War Horse Statue please go to: <https://localgiving.org/charity/friends-of-lamplighters-marsh/> For regular news updates please go to Friends Of Lamplighters Marsh (FOLM) Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1508854592747931>

Kathryn Courtney.



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Churches in the Shirehampton Area

Songs of Praise Café in the Cotswold Estate

Earlier this year a new event started at the Cotswold Community Centre – a Songs of Praise Café. People suggest their favourite hymns and we hear stories from other people who come – perhaps a link with a charity or an answer to prayer. Our meeting in April was on Palm Sunday and as a number of folk had been to the Passion Play in Oberammergau, we heard their stories as well as singing a couple of hymns. Passion plays act out the last week of Jesus' life and in this famous one, the residents of the village of Oberammergau in southern Germany act all the parts, including large crowd scenes and there are live animals on stage.

This play started because of a plague spreading through that region. The village had "locked down" and kept the illness out until one person evaded the guards to visit his family. He carried the plague in and later died, as did very many in the village. The people gathered and prayed for God to spare them and said that if He did, they would perform a passion play every 10 years. No-one died of the plague after that time and the people kept their promise (as far as they could – sadly the 2020 event had to be postponed until this year due to you know what!). It was interesting to hear the stories from local people who have been to see this play on a wonderful open-air stage.

In May, **Bridget** told us about her decades of involvement with the **Guide Dogs** charity including stories of puppies she has raised and how much they mean to people who now rely on them for so much help. **Mair** showed us a map and started telling us about the journeys of **Paul** (who wrote a number of books of the **New Testament**) – this is a series that will be continuing. We sang 2 hymns chosen by people there.

These events are led by Christians who live in the area and attend various local churches. As the name suggests, we gather round tables with tea and cakes (supplied free of charge) and enjoy the hymns and stories. Anyone is welcome to join us and if you would like to suggest a hymn for us to sing, please



The Songs of Praise Café at the Community Centre on 8th May.



Bridget showing us a photo of Buddy.

contact **Lyn** on 0117 9826455. We meet at the Cotswold Community Centre, Dursley Road on the 2nd Sunday of the month between 4.45-5.30pm. We would love to see you there!

Lyn Morton on behalf of the group.

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We plan to continue holding Morning Worship each Sunday in our church building from 11am. A visiting preacher will lead the first Sunday, the second will be All-Age Worship, the third will be Holy Communion led by Reverend Pearl Luxon, and the fourth will be a more informal event with coffee and conversation.

Our minister **Reverend Patrick Stonehewer** is currently on a sabbatical break. He travelled up to the most North-western tip of Scotland, Cape Wrath, at the beginning of May and is currently on a pilgrimage, walking to the most South-easterly tip of England, Dover. Methodist Church ministers are encouraged to take a sabbatical break every seven years to give them time to step aside from their day-to-day responsibilities: to have space to be re-equipped, refreshed and renewed. The time can be used in many ways: study, research, other work/experience,

and pilgrimages. You can follow Patrick's journey by visiting his blog at walkingcapewrathtodover.blogspot.com. Fundraising is not the purpose of Patrick's walk, but if you feel you want to give financially he invites anyone who wishes to respond in this way to donate to **All We Can**, which supports some of the world's most marginalised communities, via <http://justgiving.com/fundraising/patrick-stonehewer3>

Patrick included part of **The Pilgrim's Prayer** in his blog, which might be a prayer that many of us might like to pray:

O God,

...Be for us our companion on the walk, Our guide at the crossroads, Our breath in our weariness, Our protection in danger, Our albergue (home) on the Camino (way), Our shade in the heat, Our light in the darkness, Our consolation in our discouragements, And our strength in our intentions...

(from the ancient prayer that comes at the end of the **Pilgrim Mass** said along the **Camino de Santiago**)

While Reverend Patrick Stonehewer is on sabbatical, **Reverend Emma Langley**, who is the vicar and ecumenical minister for **Westbury Park** and **St Alban's** churches, is kindly supporting our church.

We'll continue to have a cautious Covid-19 risk management plan in place in our church building. Face coverings, social distancing, use of a one-way system, and sanitising are still encouraged; we also recommend using lateral flow tests. The pandemic continues to make some of our plans a bit uncertain so please check before coming along to avoid disappointment.

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

Everyone at Shire Methodist

St Mary's News

Hi Folks!

Hooray for the first month of Summer! Although it is Summertime, believe it or not, in three weeks' time we shall have had the longest day and the dark nights will very slowly start to creep in again. Mid-summer day is on June 21st - just where does time go? It must be because we all seem to live very busy lives which occupies a lot of our time.

Wednesday, 1st June, being the first Wednesday of the month, sees the **"Goldies"** singing session starting at **10.30am**. Everyone last month was happily singing many of the old favourite tunes when some of the Coffee Drinkers couldn't resist joining in. It is really great to hear!

Thursday, 2nd June is the **anniversary of the Queen's Coronation in 1953**. This year it is a Bank Holiday and the beginning of the **Platinum Anniversary Weekend** marking Queen Elizabeth's 70 years on the throne. There will be no service of Holy Communion on this day as the church will be closed. **Friday, 3rd June** is also a Bank Holiday and the church will again be closed, so there will be no Tea & Coffee available. On **Saturday 4th June** the Church will be open again as per normal for Tea & Coffee.

Tuesday 21st June is **Messy Church day**, from **3.30pm until 5.00pm**. Come and join in this fun time and if you require Refreshments let someone know at the Church Office by the previous **Friday, 17th** so the appropriate amount of food can be purchased beforehand.

Much has happened since our previous article. On **Sunday, 24th April**, some of St Mary's congregation attended **St Mary Magdalene church, Stoke Bishop, for Sunday worship**, joining with many from the other Mission Area churches. The 10.30am service was very different from our Traditional Holy Communion Service as it was an informal type of worship with Communion, including Wine, and it was interesting to see how varied services can be. We were invited to take Refreshments after the service and meet members of their congregation. We thank them all for inviting us for this joint Mission Area Service and for their warm welcome.

The **Avonmouth Sea Cadets** held their **80th Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving** in St Mary's on the Sunday afternoon of 1st May. They were joined by Cadets from several other districts together with their Naval Officer instructors. They paraded through Shirehampton, accompanied by a Band of Drummers and Buglers. Guests at the service included **The Lord Lieutenant, Captain Peaches Golding, CStJ OBE RNR, and The Lord Mayor of Bristol**. The service was led by



The **Revd Dr Andrew Schuman RNR SCC, Staff Chaplain**, who was no stranger to St Mary's, as he was our Curate during the incumbency of the **Revd Christine Froude**. Andy looked very smart in his naval uniform as he is an imposing figure being some 6' 4" in height. After the service the Cadets marched through the High Street into Station Road where the salute was taken by the Lord Lieutenant outside the Public Hall.

Now for some advance information - **The West Bristol Concert Brass Band** will be holding a **Concert in St Mary's on Monday evening 4th July** - we will notify the start time once details are finalised. It is over two years since they last came to Shirehampton because of the Covid19 pandemic, so it will be lovely to welcome them back.

Now for this month's ridiculous joke - Why don't skeletons have music in Church? Answer: Because they have no organs!!

'Bye for now.

C.M.E.

News from Shirehampton Baptist Church

June will be a busy month in the village. Several events will take place to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Whatever our feelings towards the Monarchy we can look to our Queen with respect and gratitude for her faithful service sustained by faith in God.

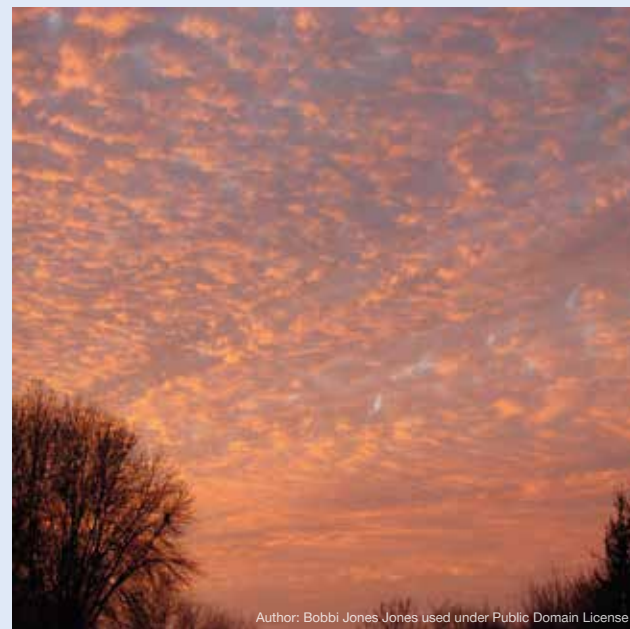
Quite a busy month for Shirehampton Baptist. It may not be too late to come to our **Holiday Club**. It will be held in our **Church building, May 30th, -June 2nd, 10 am -12noon, ages 4-11**. We will be working on a drama, "**Daniel and the Lions**" which we will perform on the evening of **Thursday, June 2nd**. There will also be scenery painting and music sessions. To register see contact number or email below

The Life Café is going well. All welcome to enjoy a drink and delicious cakes made by **Zyhan**. This is held on the **last Thursday of the month** from **10am - 12noon**. Our next one will be **June 30th**

The next **Songs of Praise Café** will be on **June 12th**. This is held in the **Community Centre, Dursley Road**, and is run by members of the churches in the area. We meet at **4:45pm** and enjoy some refreshments, sing some hymns and hear a little from some of the people there.

Sunday Services are held each week at **10:30am** and on Zoom and a **Bible Study** on Zoom at **4:30pm**.

On the **third Thursday of the month** our building is open for private prayer but anyone can ask us to pray for them or someone else. We continue to join in prayer with many for peace in **Ukraine** and for all



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suffering as a result of this cruel invasion. Love and prayers from Shirehampton Baptist.

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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.



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COMMUNITY LIVING

Bristol is a diverse city with people of all ages and colours and cultures creating a vivid, exciting place to live. Even out here in Shirehampton where we may think of ourselves as a quiet village, there are people from all over the world with different cultures, religions, languages and lifestyles trying to get on together, trying to live in their own familiar way and at the same time be a welcome part of the whole. Not always easy or straightforward.

Recently Shire met a group of local residents who have come together to try and resolve issues arising from differing lifestyles and the different needs of people sharing a single neighbourhood with all the pinch points of parking and noise and late hours and children's play that are bound to arise in a tightly packed urban space like Bristol. How to get a night's sleep so you are fit to go to work in the morning when loud conversations are going on under your window? How to create a safe play area for young children when there are so many fast cars in narrow streets?

The residents group would like to find ways through the difficulties that would accommodate the basic need of everyone to have a safe and peaceful living space. So far, despite taking up all the remedies available to them including mediation, they haven't been able to resolve the problems they face. But we have to applaud their mature and patient effort and hope that by continuing to talk things through they'll be able to build mutual respect so that the reasonable needs of all can be met.

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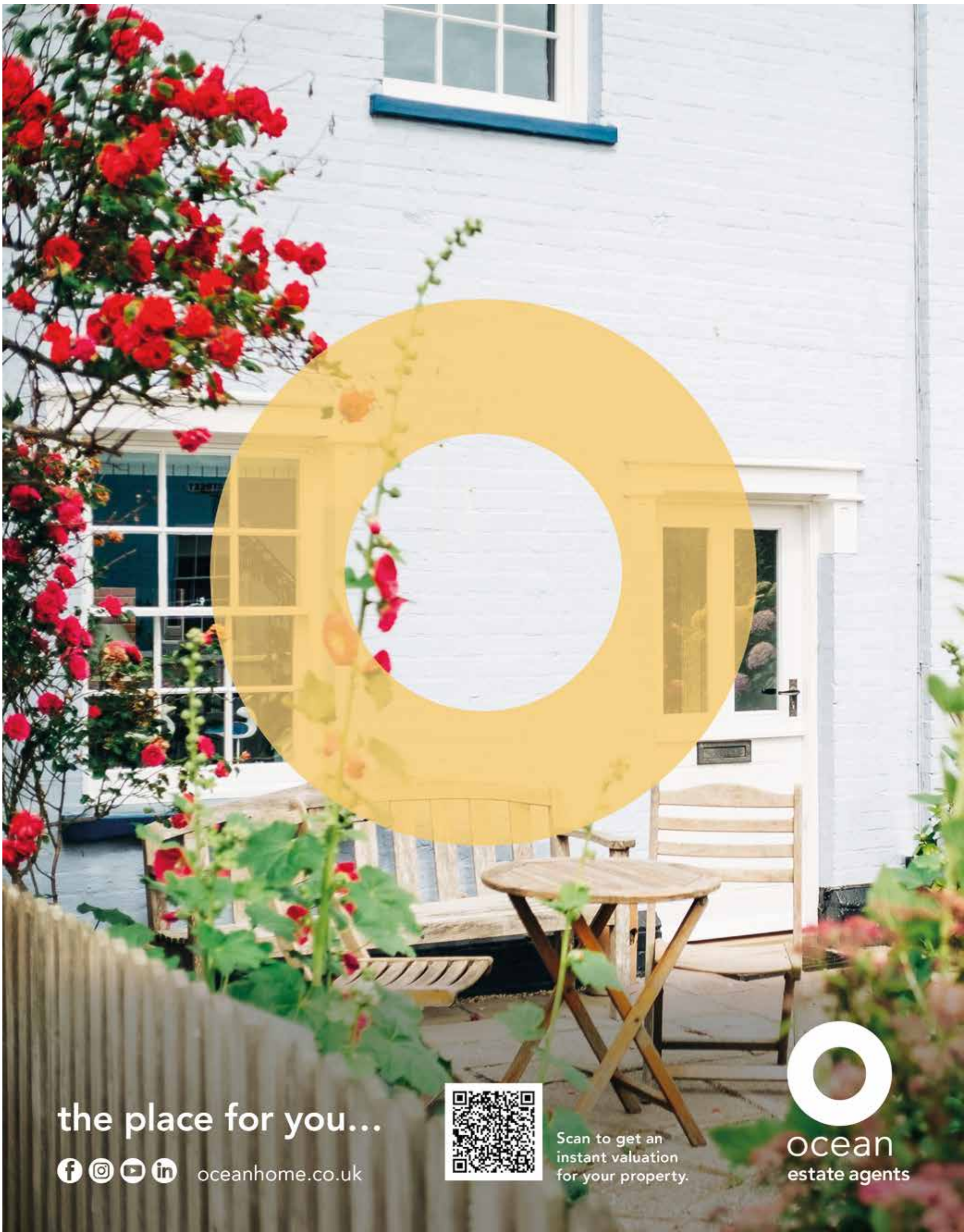
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The Strange

An original story by Gil Osman

(Previously: a description of the primeval settlement or village situated around what is now Shirehampton village green, including the inhabitants who lived there)

The villagers' houses were scattered in a higgledy-piggledy fashion all over the settlement, except for one, which stood apart from the others at the outer perimeter, close to the woods where evil spirits dwelt. This was the house of 'The Strange'. The Strange (the nearest in English to the original word in the tribal dialect) were so labelled by the other villagers, because they were different. They looked different, having ugly faces and misshapen bodies. They acted differently. They were secretive and mysterious. They had no friends or other family and spoke to no one but each other. It was rumoured that they conversed with the evil spirits in the adjacent woods and that they could cast spells and place curses on people. If anything untoward happened in the village - someone had a mysterious malady, or died of inexplicable causes - it was the The Strange who were responsible. Therefore, they were, in effect, outcasts and people were afraid of them.

After a while, the other villagers never saw The Strange, because they never left the house, except to do some gardening. They had the largest garden in the village and it was right up against the edge of the woods; a small stream ran through it, emanating from the woodland. The Strange had encouraged bushes and brambles to grow around the garden, so that, even when there, they could not be seen by anyone else. They never left the house by the front entrance, but by the back, which gave them direct entry into the woods. This only became known when some hunters had come across them by accident, recognising them from, and being startled by, their grotesque appearance, before they vanished into the undergrowth. The men were frightened and reported their encounter to other hunters. All hunters made sure to give the vicinity of The Strange's house a wide berth in future. This incident confirmed that the couple were in league with the evil spirits of the

wood and instilled in the villagers an even greater fear of them and what evil powers they might have.

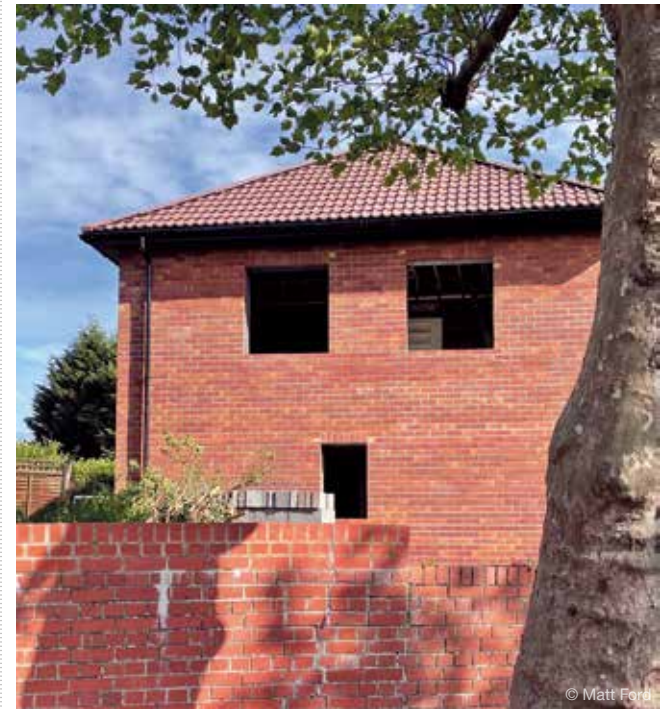
Time passed. Then people began to hear noises coming from the house, even though nobody dared to go anywhere near. It sounded like the crying of babies. This was confirmed a year later, when two toddlers, a boy and a girl, squeezed through the side of the permanently shut door and wandered outside. Villagers who were nearby at the time were amazed to see two perfectly-formed little humans, with no sign of any disfigurement or defect. In fact, they were attractive little children, happy and smiling. The mother, looking even more ugly and misshapen by contrast, came outside and took the children back inside the house, shutting the door securely after her. This was the last time either one of The Strange were ever seen.

(to be continued)

Surprised House

Saw this house on Station Road near the Park n Ride bus stop. I don't know how you can surprise a house, but this one looks really surprised! Maybe it's just seen how much houses cost these days...

Matt Ford



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REGULAR EVENTS

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& 6:30-7:30pm
- TUESDAY** Film Night 7:30pm*
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Shire Climate Emergency Group
7:30pm (2nd and 4th of each 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
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- SUNDAY** Cotswold Christian
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WHATS NEW?

Our new chairman Daniel Clifton and the new committee took over on 13th January 2022.

SINCE THEN WE HAVE SEEN MANY CHANGES TO THE CLUB:

- Free hot meals for children during half term
- Free packed lunches for children during term time
- New loyalty card scheme

NEW FOOD HOURS & MENU:

- Monday - Wednesday we are open from 9am for tea coffee and toasties. Serving alcohol from 11am, evening menu served from 4pm - 8pm.
- Thursday - Friday we are open 9am - 2pm for tea, coffee, cooked breakfasts, breakfasts rolls & toasties. Serving alcohol from 11am, evening menu served from 4pm-8pm.
- Saturdays 9am - 12pm cooked breakfast, breakfast rolls & toasties. Bar open from 11am, evening menu served from 12pm-8pm
- Sunday lunch menu served from 12pm-6pm. Roast on certain Sundays of the month.

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS

We have regular live entertainment on a weekend at the club. Please pop in and take a look at our regularly updated events board or check out our facebook page.



CLIMATE CHANGE JUNE 2022: CARBON NEUTRAL IN BRISTOL

We held our Climate Café at the end of April. The theme of the Café was **Just Stop Oil** because we know that we must reduce our use of Fossil Fuels if we are to have any chance of preventing run-away climate change. We also know that it is **big organizations like Bristol City Council, and indeed central government, which can do the most to reduce fossil fuel use.** Councillor Don Alexander joined us at the Café and talked about what Bristol City Council is doing to combat climate change.



The Council aims to be carbon neutral by 2025. “Carbon neutral” means they will have reduced the amount of carbon dioxide they emit much as is possible. The Council uses renewable energy, energy which comes from continuously available sources like wind, sunlight, water and biomass and does not rely on fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas.

We know about the Avonmouth Wind Turbines and the solar arrays on Council buildings. The Council also uses biomass boilers which burn wood chip made from wood waste generated by the council’s parks and woodlands as its fuel source. This is sustainable, AND it also benefits the local economy, as money is spent on a local fuel source and not on foreign imports of oil and gas. Like all large energy users, the council must pay a charge to the government for the carbon dioxide it emits. The Council’s energy bill is around £10.7 million a year so the less carbon it emits the less of our council tax goes to pay for carbon emissions.

Bristol was the first city to declare a climate emergency in November 2018. Since then, the council has planned and invested widely in climate actions across Bristol.

So far Bristol has:

- Invested millions on retrofitting council homes to reduce tenants’ carbon footprints and energy bills
- Worked with local community energy projects, including through grants of £250,000 and supported the development of England’s largest onshore wind turbine in Lawrence Weston
- Invested over £60 million on other low-carbon projects, which have helped cut the council’s and city’s energy bills
- Installed the UK’s largest water source heat pump (drawing heat from Bristol Harbour) to provide zero-carbon heat, and.
- Achieved Gold Sustainable Food City status for our work to reduce the environmental footprint of our food – only the second UK city to achieve this.

Now Bristol is to be a climate emergency trailblazer for other European cities to follow as part of a new **European Commission initiative.** **Bristol and Glasgow** are the only two UK cities chosen to join the initiative, **The Mission.** Bristol will be able to

bid for millions of pounds of funding to support climate and smart cities innovation, like recycling Bristol’s hot shower water to heat homes. It will have the opportunity to be part of a network of other cities facing the same challenges and learn through collaboration and knowledge sharing.

There’s much more about the Council’s climate strategy on their website: www.bristol.gov.uk/policies-plans-strategies/council-action-on-climate-change

Of course, we all want to be as carbon neutral as we can and the best way is to make our own homes more carbon efficient by insulating them. For many of us insulation is more than we can afford, even though adequate insulation will also reduce our fuel bills. Insulating Britain would create jobs as well as reduce CO2. Maybe we should put pressure on the government to do much more to help ordinary people reduce their fuel use and energy bills by helping them insulate their homes.

Renee Slater

SHIREHAMPTON CLIMATE EMERGENCY GROUP

Has resumed meetings in the Cotswold Community Centre, Dursley Road, BS11 9XH. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:30pm.



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A Talk by BBC Producer Paul Williams

Wednesday 6th July at 7pm

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Join him to hear how the series was made, from the challenges of working on a different timescale to filming through the pandemic, and working with Sir David Attenborough.

Paul has filmed in more than 40 countries for high profile series including **Life in Cold Blood**, **Life**, **Wonders of the Monsoon**, **Blue Planet II**, **Big Cats** and **Attenborough and the Sea Dragon**, and has done some wonderful talks in our community before.

There will be a collection afterwards with all proceeds going to the Warhorse Memorial Statue Fund for the Daisy Field.



Nature Notes

Due to a technical problem Bobbies Nature Notes about the blue finch nesting will appear next month. The computer ate them!



TYNINGS FIELD COMMUNITY GROUP Project Little Tree Shirehampton

On Sunday 22nd May The Tynings Field Community Group planted 20 new freshly grafted apple trees donated by Stephen from "Every Child One Fruit Tree."

Stephen gave a short talk about the vision behind this initiative and shared some of his knowledge about apple trees.

Most of these trees were only grafted a few days or weeks ago. Within a few days or weeks they will start showing the first signs of life.

The trees will be left in the bed for 3 or 4 years until they're tall enough to be transplanted into a new location, ideally as a (new) community orchard.



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TYNINGS FIELD COMMUNITY GROUP

The growing season has had a wintry stormy start with various temperatures but is well underway with new members taking on plots. Many are novice gardeners but are doing well.

It's great to see the 25 or so fruit trees blossom, the wildness of the orchard flowers coming through. The orchard is now 10 Years old and the addition of new fruit trees brings our total to over 30 from Forest of Avon and Woodland Trust, wild cherry, apple, rowan and nut trees.

The peace and stillness on an evening here is enchanting.

Beekeeping: if you have a swarm, give us a call to Carl Flay for collection.

The geese and chickens are very settled and we have enjoyed many eggs this year which we have made into various recipes.

There are no free range eggs in the UK so we aim to offer the closest thing to it, local organic.

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World Earth Day Collage Puts Shirehampton Pupils on Display

A colourful window display has been created at the St Peter's Hospice pre-loved shop in Shirehampton with the help of pupils from Shirehampton Primary School.

The window was designed to highlight **World Earth Day on April 22** and show how shopping and donating items to pre-loved stores can help everyone do their bit to live more sustainably.

Assistant Manager of the Shirehampton shop, Linda Hayward said: "We were keen to involve children in the window design and thought of including their portraits in a giant collage.

"We wanted to help the children understand the meaning of recycling and reusing, and how important it is. After all, they are the future and the sooner they start to learn about the ways they can help the environment, the better."

Staff and pupils at **Shirehampton Primary School** eagerly took up the challenge, drawing their individual self-portraits with colourful crayons and paints.

Louisa Munton, Headteacher of Shirehampton Primary School, said:

"We were approached by the shop to help create the window as part of World Earth Day and thought it was a great thing to do. Anything that supports the children learning about their environment and the world they're growing up in is a lovely thing to do.

"When children are given the opportunity to do something that's different and it's put in a context, it becomes meaningful. It's on show and becomes a focus and is a chance to be creative.

"What a lovely opportunity for St Peter's Hospice to reach out into the community and to see charities and schools working together on a local project."

Children in each of the eight classes at the school drew portraits. More than 500 images are contained in the collage, including pictures from little ones as young as two to those of older pupils aged 11 years. Each portrait was cut out using pinking shears, a lengthy process which took two days to complete as they all had to be stuck on by hand.



St Peter's Hospice Shirehampton Shop Manager, Hayley Williams said: "It's certainly created some interest locally with lots of children having fun trying to find their portrait in the window. We had one little boy come in to see his picture before the display even started.

"It didn't cost any money to do the window – everything in it was donated, even the paint for the globe.

"The shop window has had an impact on donations as they've increased from 30 bags a day to 70. I think some of the children have been chatting to their parents and that's brought in the extra donated goods."

The children are sharing the recycling message at home too. Year 5 pupil, **Millie**, said: "We were speaking about how to reuse stuff. I used to make things when I was younger, and we always recycle."

Remy, a pupil in Year 4, said: "I make craft out of random things we can recycle. I get the plastic bottles, draw around them and cut something out."

St Peter's Hospice shops save tonnes of textiles from ending up in landfill. As well as offering shoppers a way to buy sustainably, the charity is continuously working to improve their in-house processes such as using recycled bubble wrap, biodegradable packing peanuts and donated or reused packaging for posting purchases from their eBay shop.

Sue Thomas

Media and Communications Officer, St Peter's Hospice



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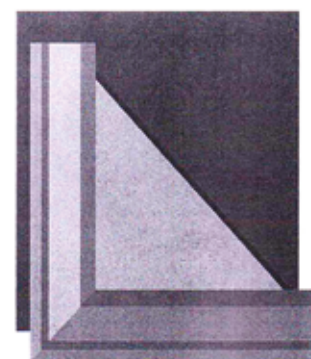
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News from ShireStrong Kettlebell Club

We are a small club of enthusiastic members who get together 3 times a week to work on our endurance and strength using kettlebells. Membership is open to all ages and abilities. Kettlebells are easy to use once you have had some instruction and have enormous benefits.

The focus for **November** for **ShireStrong** members was the press-up. Most students were unable to perform a strict press-up at the start of the month. To strengthen the muscles required we concentrated on slow negative press-ups, offset press-ups and plank holds all performed with knees on the ground. We then tested at the end of the month and several members were successful. Press-ups will continue to be a feature of training.

Our **Member of the Month for April** is **Erika Glanville**. Over the past few months Erika has attended classes consistently aiming to increase

her strength in the swing and kettlebell press and has now easily managed to swing a 28kg kettlebell and press a 14kg bell. Erika also took part in the press-up challenge and managed several well-performed press-ups at the end of April.

Several members of the club have signed up for the **Macmillan Thames Path Mighty Hike** on the **16th July**. This is a 26 mile walk to raise funds for **Macmillan Cancer Support**. We are currently in training completing ever increasing distances mostly at weekends. Please look out for our fundraising pages. Any support would be gratefully appreciated.



April Member of the Month Erika Glanville.



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If you are interested please come along to one of our informal meetings which we hold the first Monday of the month.

Email for more details, contact one of the following with your name and contact number:

chairperson@shire.org.uk or editor@shire.org.uk

City and Port of Bristol Bowling Club

This year's green opening day was Monday April 11th and the first bowlers of the season soon appeared to see if their woods rolled as well as they did last year. Ken Davies and Alan Coulstring were first to bowl on the green this season and yes --- the woods and the green were in good order!!

With the green open the way was clear for the first friendly game of the 2022 season to be played. On Sunday 17th April the season's first visitors were Bristol St. Andrews.

That was the first of forty mixed --- ladies and men together in a team ---friendly games to be played and enjoyed through to the first weekend in October. Some games are at home and others away --- at some very pleasant venues. In the first month of the season there have been games at Olveston and at Portishead.



It might be a friendly but we still measure for shot!

The first Bristol Ladies League game of the season was on Friday May 6th at home to Redland Green. On a rather cold and damp evening ---not ideal bowling weather ---- the visitors came out in front by a narrow margin. Captain Gill Hinksman was pleased with the team's performance and is

looking forward to a good season.

The Bristol and District Men's League started almost a week later on May 12th with a visit to Keynsham. Captain Bill Hatherall is hoping to do at least as well as last year when, in a season that was played without promotion or relegation, City and Port finished well up the league table.

The Club League made its seasonal start on Monday May 9th and first week winners were --- A.N.Other and Three of Each. The league runs until the first week in September and includes a knockout cup competition.

Also on May 9th two bowlers from the club were competing in the Gloucestershire Association Four Wood Singles Competition. David Hinksman who was in the first round after his opponent in the



The First Ladies League game of the season at home to Redland Green.



Big Band Night at the club Thursday April 7th.

preliminary round --- John Smallwood withdrew --- played Spencer Wintle at Bristol St. Andrews and after a good start eventually lost by 21 shots to 14. Ken Davies travelled to Page Park to play Tom Ireland and also lost --- the final score --- 21 shots to 12.

The first Junior Bowling Session of the season was on Wednesday May 4th and it was very well attended --- not only more than a dozen children and young people but mums and dads too. All great fun --- sessions will run mainly on Wednesdays but sometimes Tuesdays until September.

Thursday April 7th was Big Band Night at the club. The David Salt Big Band lead by Andrew Champion entertained an enthusiastic audience for two hours with many traditional dance band numbers --- some with vocalist Natalie adding her voice to the wonderful big band sound. It was a great evening.

Would you like to try bowling free of charge? ---- then please call David Hinksman on 07932 387217 to arrange a session or come to our open day on Sunday May 29th from 2-5pm.

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SEA MILLS LAUNCHES REPAIR CAFÉ

Saturday 14th May saw the successful launch of the new Sea Mills Repair Café with over 40 people attending to find out more about the venture being organised by Sea Mills and Coombe Dingle Climate Action Group alongside local volunteers. A team of 5 volunteer repairers mended 14 items from irons, kettles and coffee machines to children's sun hats, jeans, lamps and books. A further 4 items had 'consultations'; with either tips provided on how to mend them at home or what parts, such as a zip or patches, are needed to bring in next session to enable the repair.



Darren Jones, MP at launch of Sea Mills Repair Café

Lovely homemade cake was served by a team of volunteers and a **Climate Café** was also held as part of the launch event. **Darren Jones MP** officially opened the **Repair Café** by ceremonially repairing a ribbon, rather than the usual cutting it!

It is hoped that the Repair Café will be held monthly with the next 2 dates confirmed as **Saturday 11th June** and **Saturday 9th July 10.00 to 11.30am** at **Sea Mills Methodist Church on Sea Mills Square**. We ask that, if possible, people bring parts along. Our volunteers offer their skills for free but donations are welcome to help cover running costs. For further details see our **facebook page 'Sea Mills Repair Café'** or email **repaircafe.seamills@gmail.com**



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