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Vi Flying High *by Violet Young*

Waking up on Saturday morning, 7th August it was a beautiful fine day and it was also going to be a very special day. Today I was going to pay tribute to my wonderful mother-in-law Janet Young.

Many of you will have known Janet and her late husband John who sadly passed away in 2010. They were a devoted couple and most days could be seen in the village together. Their usual stop-offs being Woods the butchers, Hawkins the newsagents and the Co-Op.

After a fall in January, mum spent eight weeks in Southmead Hospital where she was cared for by the dedicated staff. From Southmead she transferred to Norwood Lodge in Portishead.

It was there on the morning of June 8th that Mum peacefully slipped away.

Myself, well I'm always looking for a challenge. Abseiling down the Premier Inn in Bristol, gliding or doing a sky dive. Mum's words were always the same "What the blooming heck do you want to do that for? Your mad"

It was the beginning of July, I thought what could I do to raise some money in Mums memory. Then it came to me I could do a Wing Walk for charity. I contacted Southmead Hospital and through them I decided to raise money for Dementia Research.

They had lived in Bradley Avenue for 65 years bringing up their family. Shortly after losing Dad Mums memory started to fail which eventually led to a diagnosis of Dementia. She declined relatively slowly over time, although there was a rapid decline in the past two years.



Janet Young



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We arrived at Rendcomb Airfield in Cirencester. After a short video, full safety briefing and health questionnaire we were asked who would like to go first.

There was a pause so I volunteered.

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COVID INFORMATION

Bristol's rate of infection on 13 August was 411 cases per 100,000 population, which remains above the England current average of 297.

Young adults aged 17-and-three-quarters are now eligible to be vaccinated three months before their 18th birthday.

You can book a vaccine on the **National Booking System, or by calling 119**. Some walk-in clinics in our area are also offering vaccinations to people over 17-and-three-quarters, you can find out which ones at www.grabajab.net. You may also be invited to be vaccinated by your GP.

Testing for Covid-19

Lateral flow (rapid) testing is quick, easy and helps to protect Bristol and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

With around one in three people with COVID-19 not displaying symptoms, rapid tests help identify positive cases and prevent additional people becoming infected. Rapid tests are for people without symptoms of the virus. **If you have any symptoms, it's important that you self-isolate and book a free PCR test.**

You are encouraged to take a rapid test twice a week. If you test positive, you should then book a PCR test on the government website to confirm the result. Information about rapid testing and how to get tested, including this week's locations for our new rapid testing vans go to: www.bristol.gov.uk/coronavirus/guide-to-rapid-testing

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- check that nothing in the test kit is damaged or broken

Remember to start the test within 30 minutes of opening the test kit. Find out more information

about taking a rapid test: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/how-to-do-a-test-at-home-or-at-a-test-site/how-to-do-a-rapid-lateral-flow-test/

Vaccine Walk-In Clinics

Cabot Circus vaccination walk-in clinic now open. The clinic, which will run every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11am to 7pm until Saturday 2 October, is located next to Five Guys and Claire's on the upper ground floor of the shopping centre.

The **Pfizer vaccine** will be available for people who are over the age of 17-and-three-quarters. You can get your first or second dose, as long as your first dose was eight weeks ago.

Even if you've had the virus, you do still need to have your vaccination. It's also really important that you attend your appointment for your second dose of the vaccine. Best protection is given when you are fully vaccinated. Please note that you can only have your second dose eight weeks after your first. Don't attend a walk-in clinic for your second dose unless eight weeks have passed, as staff will not be able to vaccinate you.

To find a full list of walk-in clinics visit the Healthier Together website where you can find locations and days available: <https://bnssghealthiertogether.org.uk/book-your-vaccine/>

International Travel

If you're planning a holiday abroad, it's really important to check the rules and requirements around testing, vaccination and whether you need to quarantine on your return to England.

Countries and territories are currently listed as either red, amber or green. The rules for testing and quarantine when you return to England are different for each list.

Countries and territories can move between lists at any time if the COVID-19 situation changes. Visit the government website for further details: www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-abroad-from-england-during-coronavirus-covid-19

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Shirehampton Library

Shirehampton Library will be fully open from 1pm Monday 19th July onwards.



The Friends of Shirehampton Library will be re-opening the Library Living Room starting on Tuesday

21st September at 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

We plan to open the Living Room weekly throughout the autumn. Please to drop in for a cup of tea and a chat. Everyone is welcome.

The Great Big Green Week

A national celebration of community action: 18-26th September 2021.

The Great Big Green Week will be the largest event for climate and nature ever seen in the UK. Thousands of events will celebrate how communities are taking action to tackle climate change and protect green spaces, and encourage others to get involved too. Together we will call on politicians to raise their ambition and champion action on climate change.

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Shirehampton Group Practice: **FLU CLINICS 2021**

This year, Flu vaccinations will again be offered to everyone over 50, along with those under 50 who are at risk

All flu appointments will be bookable only

We are running 3 Saturday clinics:

Saturday 18th September 2021

Morning – 65s & over
Afternoon – 18-64yo

Saturday 9th October 2021

Morning – 65s & over
Afternoon – 18-64yo

Saturday 23rd October 2021

Morning – 18-64yo

We are holding flu clinics at other times as well, including for 2 & 3 year olds. Details are available on our website – please either book online or telephone 0117 916 2226 to arrange an appointment.

Please note: a facemask or covering should be worn for this appointment.

Temperatures will be checked on arrival - please do not attend if you are experiencing any Covid symptoms

Shirehampton Community Garden

Something very exciting is happening in Shirehampton! You may have noticed a recent flurry of activity on Pembroke Avenue behind Shirehampton Baptist Church... Well a group of local residents have clubbed together to create the Shirehampton Community Garden! We have been working away behind the scenes for some time now to make this idea a reality and it's been very exciting to begin to see it take shape.

Shirehampton community garden is for the entire community to come and enjoy. Everyone, young and old, is welcome to come along and sit for a while, enjoy the plants, and get closer to nature.



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The entire project is run by volunteers. We have no funding, so have tried to source all our materials for the garden locally and second hand. The tyre planters have been given to us by **Pembroke Road Garage**. The soil is coming from **Bristol City Council**, and the plants and water butts are from local residents. However, we definitely want **YOU** to contribute too! If anyone has benches, plants (ideally perennials, but any will be accepted), compost, or anything else they would like to donate to bring this garden to life even more, then please do get in touch by emailing shirehamptoncommunitygarden@gmail.com If anyone has any scaffolding planks,

large planters (or things like old sinks that could be used to plant things in), experience in building large flower beds, or experience in painting murals, then we would also love to hear from you too! Moving forward, we hope to host community days and activities in the garden. If anyone has ideas for activities they would like to see happen then we would welcome any suggestions. This garden is for the community, by the community... So come and join in the fun!

Joanna Leighton



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Jeremy working in the garden.

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LAWRENCE WESTON & SHIREHAMPTON OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank you for the article about LWOOSA/SOOSA in the July edition Shire paper.

We would like to thank the community for their positive response, especially thanks Mrs J W Tanner for her generous donation. Thanks also to Mrs Peggy Roach for her kind donation in memory of her dear friend Eileen O'Neill.

If you would like any further information about Lawrence Weston and Shirehampton out of school Activities, please call **07979520005** or email lwoosa@gmail.com.

If you would like to make a donation please do so here Lawrence Weston & Shirehampton Out of School Club - a Community crowdfunding project in Bristol by Lawrence Weston & Shirehampton Out of School Activities (crowdfunder.co.uk)

Kind Regards

LWOOSA / SOOSA Staff and Committee

CONDOLENCE TO MARJORIE WALLIKER

Dear Editor,

Those of us who were privileged to record the oral histories of local residents for the 'A Forgotten Landscape' project, begun in 2016, always find it deeply saddening when we lose one of these amazing people. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Mrs Marjorie Walliker, who will be greatly missed by many in the village. We'll never forget the afternoon we spent with her as she recounted her early life and through the war years, and we're so glad that her memories, along with others, are preserved in Bristol Archives for the next generation. We never did get beyond 1945, but Marjorie's haunting descriptions of the bombing raids on their way to Filton remain sharp, and we'll always hear her voice saying: "On moonlit nights, the river showed them the way".

Chris and Liz Napier, Shirehampton

THANK YOU

Dear Editor,

Thank you for publishing my husband's story 'A life on the Tugs'. I have had some pleasant feedback and I feel it was a fitting tribute to an important part of his life.

Pauline Price

Donation to Shire - Thank you

WAR STORY

Dear Editor,

In the Summer of 1939, my parents were living - with me as a "babe in arms" - in Kingsweston Avenue. It was then a pleasant cul-de-sac (it's conversion into a "through route" did not occur until the beginnings of Long Cross and Lawrence Weston Estate in the late 1940's). It had a good "neighbourhood ethos" and a street coach outing, a day trip to Burnham on Sea, was organised for Sun. 1st Sept. 1939. My parents went, taking me.

The journey was a bit of a saga - no motorways then - and the party stopped for coffee at a roadhouse just before 11 o'clock. There, they heard on the radio the momentous announcement that "Britain was now at war with Germany."

After a brief discussion the decision was taken to abort the trip and the coach returned forthwith to Shirehampton!

SO - Adolph Hitler managed to stymie what was going to be my first experience of the seaside! That experience didn't happen until after the end of the War, more than six years later. It came eventually when I was a pupil at St. Bernard's Primary school, and we had a day coach trip to Weston Super Mare!

Best wishes,

Bill Patten



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Bill and Marie Patten

Would like to let all their friends and family know that they celebrated their **Diamond wedding anniversary on the 12th August 2021.**

The anniversary was marked with a quiet family occasion, and, a nice glass of Prosecco.

Editor. To Mr & Mrs Patten we hope you had a lovely celebration and our sincere apologies for missing you last month.

Shirehampton Public Hall

As we approach autumn and the beginning of a new school year, filled with hope and positivity for a better year ahead, so too does the Public Hall hope that the next twelve to eighteen months will be filled with new beginnings and adventures! For those of you who do not know, the Public Hall is starting its ambition to refurbish inside and out.

The plans are available to see either in person at the Hall or on our website at www.shirepubhall.org.uk. The roof works are due to commence any time soon, with scaffolding being erected in the next month or two. After this it is hoped the front of the building will be cleaned to bring back its former glory. Volunteers have also worked tirelessly to make the garden look absolutely amazing, and the bench, which was very generously donated by former **Hall Trustee, Mrs Marilyn Gorry**, has been set in the middle of the Hall lawn. Huge thanks must also be extended to **Ed and Gail Amphlett** who spent many hours redecorating our smallest meeting room, the **Springfield**, in a delightful, relaxing pale shade of green, and thanks also to **Norman Routledge's "boys"** who also replastered and laid the flooring. Good job everyone!

Now on an urgent matter – the Hall **DESPERATELY** needs new Trustees. At the moment there are three amazing Trustees, however there is far too much responsibility for so few volunteers, and the building simply cannot function without Trustees as the Hall is a charity, and charities require Trustees to function by law. So please if you want to have a great, rewarding time and help the community and are interested in becoming a trustee or a volunteer to keep this wonderful building going long into the future, please get in touch with us on bookings@shirepubhall.org.uk. Whatever your skills, be they simple enthusiasm or you have fundraising, PR, commercial, project management, hospitality experience, we want to hear from you!

For more details and pictures of the Public Hall refurbishment see page 8.

Don't forget our AGM is at the Hall on Wednesday 1st September at 7pm, followed by a history talk from Judy Helme about the Hall's amazing past. All welcome!

Amanda Parsons (Hall Manager)

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POPPIES ON THE GREEN

'Poppies On The Green' will be returning this year and will now be an annual event. The interest in this community project has been phenomenal with positive feedback and comments. Even Covid-19 couldn't stop the display going up on The Green last year with the slimmed down numbers of volunteers making it happen.

This year we have volunteers who can oversee our 'Painting Poppies' sessions being held at various venues across Shirehampton. - Venues and times to be confirmed in due course via posters on the High Street and our Facebook page - Help with putting poppy displays together and of course placing the poppies display on The Green as well as taking it down and packed away for another year.

We are still in need of plastic bottles to make our poppies with and are in the process of asking our local schools and Avonmouth Sea Cadets to join in. We also hope our High Street Shops will take part with poppy displays and we are looking at doing a small display at the local **Craft Exhibition** held at the Public Hall from **26th October until 30th October**. The school children did some lovely displays for the shop windows last year, that we have put together a folder of their work. We are also hoping our soldiers from last year's display, **Les and Reg** will also make an appearance. The wonderful soldier silhouettes were made by **Sally-Ann Knowlson**, a talented local crafter. We are also in need of knitted and crocheted poppies as well for our display.

'Poppies On The Green' wouldn't exist without the support of **Shirehampton Community Action Forum (SCAF)** and their enthusiasm for it to be



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a community event that many can be part of, but most importantly it wouldn't happen without your help too, from young children to octogenarians and beyond.

You can find out more about Poppies On The Green via our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/poppiesonthegreen or you can send an email to: poppiesonthegreen@gmail.com

Kathryn Courtney



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Lawrence Weston Community Farm

The farm is following current Government guidelines on Covid-19. We ask that everyone wash their hands on arrival and observe social distancing with other visitors, staff, and volunteers. Please check in using the NHS Track and Trace App. Please do not come to the farm if you feel unwell or are experiencing other symptoms of Covid-19.

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Weekly sessions from Thursday 16th September

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PUBLIC HALL REFURBISHMENT

Shire Stitches Sewing Group welcome the return of the Springfield Room for their Friday morning sewing meetings. The room has recently been revamped and decorated with the support of Norman Routledge, Hall Chairperson, together with local volunteers including

Chris, manager of our local co-op, and Tom, wielding their paintbrushes to great effect.

The room has turned into a much brighter, multi-functional space for other potential users. **Contact Amanda 0117 98263 if interested.**

The room completion has coincided with more work in the garden including refurbishment of the original benches together a new bench, kindly donated by **Marilyn Gorry**, making the garden a lovely space to sit in and relax.

This has all been possible with the help of a small group of volunteers who have contributed their Saturday mornings for several months to cutting, chopping, clearing, digging and planting. Plus, the amazing number of plants donated by local Shire people together we have almost filled the garden at hardly any cost. The **first Saturday in the month between 10:00 and 12:00** has been organised if you would like to come along. **Contact Gail 0117 9821879 for more details.**



Shire Stitches Sewing Group in the Springfield Room.



Marilyn's bench.

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Once securely tethered to the plane we were off. I cannot describe the feeling when we left the ground. Soaring high up towards the clouds and back down again was an amazing experience and one I would relive in a heartbeat. For 8-10 minutes I was flying free as a bird.

So far, I have raised around £600 for Dementia Research. It still isn't too late to donate. If you would like to contribute the link is southmeadhospitalcharity.enthuse.com/pf/violet-young-4f8d5

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COTSWOLD COMMUNITY CENTRE: Community Public Access Defibrillator (CPAD) at the Cotswold

We made contact recently with Simon Brookes, a former PT Instructor in Royal Marines Reserve and Community First Responder (CFR) for South Western Ambulance Service Trust, who have installed 17 CPADs around the city plus ours. 5 of those installed were put to use in a very short time. It will be installed on the wall at the front of the building so will have 24-hour access.



There are a considerable number of older people on the Cotswold Estate and a CPAD could prove vital in saving someone's life. "Minutes make a huge difference in a crisis situation and life expectancy drops by 10% per minute whilst an arrest victim receives no help." We shall be holding a training session once the CPAD is installed.

Please email cotswoldca@gmail.com or ring 07943-401575 and leave a message.

We have started a fundraising campaign at the Cotswold Community Association and will be asking for contributions, to raise the £2,000 to pay for the CPAD installation, whether it's by putting in extra when having coffee and cake at our Coffee Mornings, money in our Donation Box, writing a cheque to the Cotswold Community Association, or by donating online to the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cotswold-defib>

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John

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Litter Pick by the Local Co-op Team



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On Wednesday 11th August, a group of colleagues from both Co-op High Street and Petrol Station joined forces with myself to clear litter within the community. As a team we completed a full litter pick of St Marys Road, Breachley Walk Park, the grounds surrounding Jim O Neils and finally walked the whole of the high street over a few hours of clearing our streets. The activity will now become planned between the stores and SCAF going forward to try and help keep our wonderful village clear of litter,



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We look forward to the next one.

Chris Gilbert, Co-op Store Manager - Shirehampton



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Crafts & Creativity at the Cotswold

The Cotswold Community Centre hosted a morning of craft and creativity for local children in mid-August. The morning offered an opportunity for young children to talk about what they knew about climate change.

Fifteen local children made origami canaries, because canaries have traditionally been used to warn of danger ahead. They also made a variety of imaginative small paper creatures with wings mostly in bright yellow. Older children helped with a series of signs counting off the weeks until the COP26 meeting begins at the end of October. The signs will be appearing on the Green, reminding all of us of the importance of the coming conference.



In Tandem with the Wells and Mendip Museum

Annelies will be peddling her willow down Wells way to team up with the Wells and Mendip Museum, offering willow workshops to the community. The sessions will start during the first week of September, depending on demand they will continue throughout the month. The Wells and Mendip Museum is open three days a week Tuesdays until Thursdays. You can check out the Museum's website Wells & Mendip Museum, Wells, Somerset (wellsmuseum.org.uk) to find out more.

The Wells Art Contemporary (WAC) opens on August 27th. Sir Anthony Gormley is contributing a piece of sculpture for the niche on the west front of the building; this will be installed to coincide with the duration of the WAC and will remain in place until September 26th. As the creator of the monumental 'Angel of the North' he is no doubt the most prominent contributor to the event and will generate national interest. The WAC is giving many artists an opportunity to show work and Annelies is delighted to be able to take part this year. Her work will be installed inside the cathedral and

although looking large in the studio it will no doubt be dwarfed by the cathedral environment.

Wells seems to have something for everyone and is only an hour from Bristol on the bus. There is a memorial celebrating the life of **Harry Patch, the last British survivor of WWI** on the grounds of the Wells Museum. The Bishops palace with its moat and beautiful gardens is well worth a visit. Market days are Wednesdays and Saturdays: it's the only place I know of where you can buy locally grown medlars and quinces, not to mention choose from a vast variety of apples!

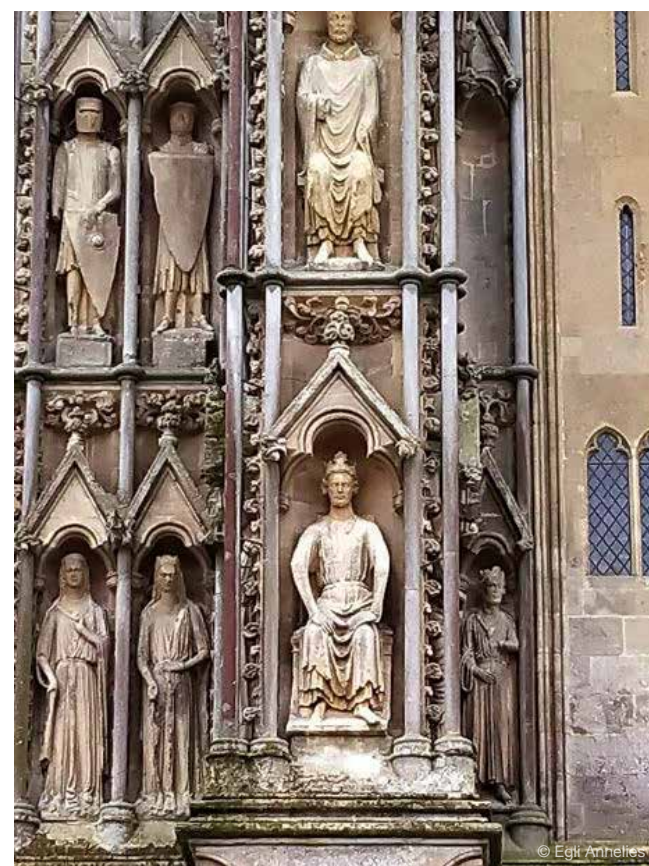


Photo by Egli Annelies

Annelies is working out an autumn and winter programme of art/craft/well being sessions why not get added to Tandem's mailing list: email tandemarts2@gmail.com to first hear about what's on offer.

SHIRE CRAFT EXHIBITION 2021 APPLICATION FORM

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Tuesday 26th October to Saturday 30th October • Opening times 10am – 4pm (Late night Thursday 10am – 8pm)

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The Hall will be open Monday 25th Oct. 9:00am – 4:00pm for registration of exhibits and Sunday 24th Oct. 3:00pm – 4:30pm for large items

Collection of exhibits will be on Saturday 30th October 4:45pm – 5:30pm

No charge on Exhibition Items unless for sale, then charge of 0.50p per item - max of £2.00 for 4 or more items. (These must have been crafted by the exhibitor)

Selling your crafts - 10% will be deducted from item price towards exhibition costs

Demonstrators – we welcome those who would like to demonstrate their crafts – sessions of 3 hours morning and afternoon will be available. Let us know what you would like to demonstrate and what days and times you would like, and we will accommodate if we can.

Stewards – If you would like to help out and steward for a session am or pm 3 hour sessions (if you can't manage 3 hours then what you can offer would be appreciated). If you are exhibiting it would be great if you could steward for a session but **it's not compulsory**.

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Application Forms are also available online at shire.org/craft

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Churches in the Shirehampton Area

Greetings from Shirehampton Baptist Church

Psalm 122 says 'I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord', and Psalm 100 verse 2 'Come before His presence with singing' I am glad to report that we will be doing both when we return to our building on September 5th at 10 30 am.

We held our third meeting at the **Cotswold Community Hall Dursley Road on August the 8th** when we continued our study on The Lord's Prayer. We are now able to serve you with tea, coffee and cakes. **Our next meeting will be September 12th at 4.45pm.**

On **August 30th** we will be holding a **Bank Holiday Social from 2.30pm to 5pm.** There will be refreshments and activities for children, all ages are invited and it will be a good way to spend a Bank Holiday afternoon.

On **August 10th** several of us attended the funeral of **Margerie Walliker**, Margerie died a few days after her 98th birthday after a very eventful life, she was well known to many in the village and was proud of serving her country in the **ATS**. Every Remembrance Sunday she would attend church in her uniform. She will be remembered in Shire

Baptist as a Sunday School and youth, but also for many other services over many years but most of all for her love to us all, her sense of fun, her loyalty to her Church and above all her faith in Jesus Christ which inspired us all. She will be greatly missed but we thank God for having Margerie as a precious part of our Church.

September will see our village children return to school and some to new schools We trust this Autumn term will be a happy one.

I forgot to mention our church building is open every **Thursday from 10am to 12pm** for private prayer or a chat with some of our members who are willing to pray for you or someone you know if you want to.

We continue to pray for our village and to help in any way we can.



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Greetings to all Shire Newspaper readers from Shire Baptist Church

Contact Number 07743683684

St Mary's Church

Hi Folks!

It is now a month since Revd Helen left us to take up her new position at Trinity Theological College, Stoke Bishop, but we are fortunate to have the Revd Simon Leighton conducting services during the interregnum, along with the Revd Trevor Hearn and occasional visiting Clergy from the Avonside Mission Area.

Coffee Mornings continue on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10.00 am until 12.00 noon.** We are changing the brand of Fair-Trade Coffee, purchasing from a more ethical company, with the bonus that for every box of coffee we purchase, a donation is made to the charity "**Tear Fund**". This is a **Christian** organisation which fights poverty in different countries throughout the world also challenges injustice. So, for every cup of coffee you purchase at St Mary's, you are helping raise funds for 2 charities, St Mary's church and Tear Fund, as well as enjoying time catching up with friends.

"**Golden Oldies**" makes a welcome return at **10.30 am on Wednesday, 8th September**, when once more you can join in singing tunes from the past and

perhaps recall happy memories from your youth!!! I've got difficulties trying to remember what my youth was like - I know I enjoyed it, but I can't remember why!

Messy Church also restarts in church at **3.30 pm on Tuesday, 21st September.** Please book your space by **Friday, 17th** if you intend going, as numbers are required to know how much food we need to provide. A responsible adult must stay with their children for the whole session for supervision purposes.

We have had several enquiries and sympathy expressed of late, from those believing our Vestry windows have been vandalised - not to worry, we are happy to explain that this is planned work where



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the window frames are being removed to repair the metal frames and crumbling stonework. If you recall, sometime ago I mentioned we received a grant towards this work from **Historic England**, for which we are extremely grateful. We hope to have the windows repaired, replaced and looking pristine very soon.

Well, that's it again for another month, so I have another stupid joke for your amusement. Here goes - A boy says to his Father - "Dad can you put the cat out?" Dad replied - "I didn't know he was on fire!"

'Bye for now.

C.M.E

Hello from St Bernard's

Website: olorsb.org.uk

Details of weekday Mass times are
on the website.

Since restrictions have been lifted, we have now started to be able to sing in church. What a joy that has been. You could tell that people were smiling, even behind their masks. It's lovely to see parishioners returning to St Bernard's church week by week, we've all missed each other.

An article in the newsletter caught my eye, and is definitely worth highlighting here.

Care for our common home (the basis of the Pope's encyclical) We are in the midst of a climate and nature crisis, and in just 3 months, politicians from around the world will meet in Glasgow to decide what to do about it. We can petition **Boris Johnson** with powerful messages:

- Stop fossil fuel projects and create jobs in renewable energy, green homes, clean transport.
- Stop banks/investors from funding climate-wrecking industries.
- Protect forests, oceans & nature
- Increase funds for climate action in countries on the frontline and reverse cuts to the aid budget.
- Sign and share the petition www.action.greenpeace.org/Climate-Leaders-Act

ST BERNARD'S HEAD TEACHER RETIRES

"Mrs Meg Wilson has spent her whole career dedicated to primary school education. She is a wonderful teacher and pupils have treasured memories of being "in her class" when they attended Primary School!

Meg was appointed Headteacher of **St Bernard's Catholic Primary School** eleven years ago.

During this time, with the support of colleagues & Governors, she has adapted the school's premises thus facilitating two extra classrooms, specialist teaching and display areas, as well improving provision for children and staff.

All these changes reflect the way Meg has not only transformed the school environment but also highlights the very good teaching and learning she has encouraged and maintained throughout the School.

The welfare of all the children in her care as well their education have always been paramount.

St Bernard's Catholic Primary School wish Meg a very enjoyable retirement and would like to say a very, very big thank you!"



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THE GREEN PAGES

CLIMATE NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER:

WE MUST ACT NOW!

By now most of us have probably heard about the recent IPCC (International Panel on Climate Change) report. It makes pretty bleak reading, and all the news of floods and wildfires around the world make it impossible for us to deny that the unavoidable and terrible effects of climate change are now upon us in real time. The report makes clear that we **MUST** act **NOW** to eliminate carbon emissions. If we do not take life-changing action the floods and wildfires, heat waves and droughts will only get worse.

So WHAT To Do?

It's hard for us ordinary people to feel we can make a difference. It's hard to imagine how we will manage the shift to electric cars and heat pumps. But there are immediate small things we can do that will add up. Changing what we eat can make a huge difference – eating more plant-based, locally grown food, less meat and dairy, will reduce carbon emissions from agriculture and make us more healthy at the same time. In the very short term we will have much cleaner air as we drive less and fewer deaths from air pollution. We can focus on all we will gain by making changes in our lifestyles.

So much depends on what our leaders decide at the COP conference in November. There are a lot of big promises and hopeful targets but very little action on the ground. There is such reluctance to implement the actions we know we **MUST** take because it means we all must completely change the way we lead our daily lives. Our leaders fear the political fall-out from the changes we need to make.

They need to know that we understand what will be asked of us and that we will support measures to eliminate our use of fossil fuel energy.

That's why it's important that we know what will be discussed and decided at COP 26 and that's why the **Shirehampton Climate Emergency Group** is hosting a morning of talks and discussion about COP on **Saturday September 4th**

We hope to see many of you there.

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.



IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE, DO COME AND JOIN US!

SHIREHAMPTON CLIMATE EMERGENCY GROUP

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Nature Notes

I don't know about you, but I do have a soft spot for wood pigeons. Okay, I can hear the shouts of derision: "Is she mad??!". But they are just so funny! Take this one for example. All the other bathers jump in, feathers flying, wings going like the clappers!! This numpety? Practicing his incubating skills maybe???!?

He sat still for several minutes.



© Bobbie Perkins

We are still feeding the hedgehogs around here of course, and there are many being spotted before it's dark. I think the fact they have regular feeding stations does possibly encourage them to start hunting earlier, also the nights are closing in ever so slightly now too! I was sad to see recently that one poor soul had lost its life on the road leading up to the Hung Rd bridge. It always makes me cry when one is lost in that way.

The goldfinches are still rather thin on the ground at our feeder, with only one or two babies and adults turning up each day. But when I walk the dogs, there seems to be a huge abundance of seeds spilling out from the numerous wildflowers and shrubs, so I am not too worried about them just now.

It's been a quiet spell, what with the ever-changing weather and temperature, things are calming down somewhat. I hope there will be busier times ahead, but that's me done for now!

Happy nature watching all!

Bobbie Perkins

TYNINGS FIELD COMMUNITY GROUP

Member Anita, a teacher brought some year 10 students and mum and dad along for an hour's environmental study covering basic poultry, land cultivation and veg growing. We are an educational resource for the community and can now open our gate to persons and students wishing to learn about allotments, in informal hour long sessions. We can also offer spaces for DofE award students. References can be given for a CV.



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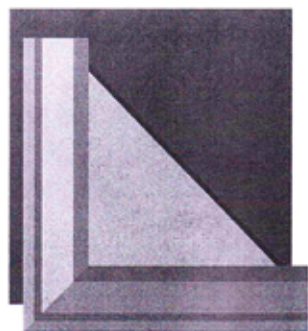
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NEWS FROM SHIRESTRONG KETTLEBELL CLUB

We are a small club on 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.

During July, members of the **ShireStrong Kettlebell Club** took part in a challenge to swing and press a heavier kettlebell than they had previously.

To achieve this training sessions varied from pressing and swinging lighter bells multiple times or choosing a heavier bell and completing fewer repetitions. This helps to build the strength and explosive power needed to progress.

During the first week in August members tested to see if the challenge had been successful. Needless to say, everyone that took part achieved at least what they had set out to do and some even more.

Here is **Jessica Grose** pressing a 20kg kettlebell which she managed for multiple repetitions. Other notable achievements were **Karon Paddon-Rogers** and **Erika Glanville** each pressing a 16kg, **Suzie Atkins** with a 14kg (much to her surprise) **Zoe Garrett** for a 12kg and **Julie Watson** with a 12kg.

If you are interested in joining our club then please get in touch. We are a mixed bunch of all ages and abilities who get together to work hard and have fun with the aim of staying strong, fit and healthy. Please see my advert on page 5 for more details.

Linda



NEW PLAYPARK OPEN

The play park that has access from Beachley Walk and St. Mary's Road has received a complete make over with new play equipment, a basket ball court and green space for picnics, ball games and kite flying as examples.

It's taken quite some time to get this project finished and **Shirehampton Community Action Forum** have worked with **Bristol City Council** and contractors to make this a reality. "All our local parks and play areas are owned/on Bristol City Council land, but in order to access most funding – and a very large amount is needed for these projects - they need a community organisation as a lead partner. SCAF have a lot of experience gained through the successful £90K Springfield Avenue park and play area redevelopment. It has taken four years for the redevelopment at Beachley". said **Ash Bearman**.

"There was the community consultation – making sure we put forward plans that the community wanted. The results fell into three key areas. A new basketball/multi use games area on new tarmac court; new play area for younger aged children within the original fenced area and to keep the open grass area as it was, for informal kick abouts, play, picnics etc. We employed a brilliant landscape architect,

thank you **Alex Fraser, Afla Ltd** for detailed plans/ designs and drawings, along with itemised equipment spec and budgets. We needed to apply for additional funding, there were changes with BCC personnel, the tendering process and of course the Coronavirus, but it is now complete and is bringing families together particularly those with younger children."

Mary Pople is a local resident. "It's lovely to see the park back in use again with young families and children making use of the swings, slide and climbing frame. Only the other day a small birthday party was held there, and it was lovely to see."

Stacey Dunster is a young mum who took her four-year-old daughter to the park. "When I was a child, I used to come to this park, now I am bringing my daughter along. It looks amazing and its inviting for young kids. My daughter loved it all and I'll be very happy to bring her along more often."

Tracey Stone is a local childminder. "I bring my childminding children to this park. There is a good



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mixture for the young children and older ones and plenty of space for the children to run around."

Ash concluded our conversation. "It is so important to have local play areas and parks. They are free and open for everyone to use and enjoy how they want, having fun and playing, open outdoor space for a picnic, opportunity for exercise, mental and physical health and wellbeing by contact with nature and the environment."

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SPORT IN SHIREHAMPTON



City and Port of Bristol Bowling Club

In a season that started with strict Covid restrictions and took some time to return to something approaching normal it is good to record one remarkable success and some club firsts that would have seemed unlikely in previous seasons.



Ken Davies and Dave Shaw ahead of their epic game on July 20th.

The season started with pre-booked roll up sessions between club members only but eventually it became possible thanks to relaxation of rules issued by **Bowls England** to play both friendly and competitive games against other clubs, both home and away.

Numbers were restricted initially but on **July 14th** it became possible to play the first four rink game, at home to **Severnvale** and it was great to see so many bowlers on the green at one time.



Carol Green on the mat playing for the ladies league team at Page Park on July 21st.

It has been a season when it became possible for ladies to play for the men's league team, up to three per game, numerous ladies have happily supported the team and in doing so ensured that the team was able to play games with a full number of players.

That was one first for the club and another came along on **June 29th** when the **first ever Junior Bowling Session** took place.

The club played a friendly game at **Congresbury** on **25th July** and found two young bowlers playing for the hosts and bowling very well, why not City and Port in seasons to come?



Lynn Burand and Flo Grimes playing a club competition.

The remarkable success is **Ken Davies** reaching the **Bristol Section Final of the Champion of Champions Competition**. To reach the final he had to overcome a formidable opponent in round two. **Dave Shaw of Canford Bowling Club** is a very good and highly competitive bowler who has enjoyed success in this competition in the past.

Ken was drawn at home for the game that took place on **July 20th** and what a game it was.

With the winning target being 21 shots both players held the lead at times but neither established a substantial lead in an epic game that lasted well over two hours. Some excellent bowling was seen from both players and the finish was almost as close as it is possible to be.

With the scores level at 19 each it was Ken who drew the two shots needed to progress to the **Section**



Final ladies league game of the season at home to Henleaze B on July 30th.

Final on 17th August. This will be played on a neutral green - **Bristol St. Andrew's** and Ken's opponent will be **Graham Hudd of GB Britton**. The winner of this game will progress to a county wide semi-final at **Cotswold BC on August 29th**.

The **Ladies League Season** ended with a home game against **Henleaze B on July 30th**. After a delayed start to the season and a game cancelled by **Page Park** in June, the ladies played every other game and look forward to next season and a return to something more normal.



A Saturday afternoon friendly in the sun against Henleaze.

Club Competitions and the **Club League** are both well underway. It is good to see new members entering competitions. **Carol Green** the clubs latest recruit (who has also played in both men's and ladies league teams) **Vivien Holcombe** and **Pam Merriott**, have all played in competitions in their first season at the club.

The first silverware of the season - **The Jack Ashton Triples** should have been won on **7th August**, but heavy rain prevented all but a few ends from being played and it will now conclude at a later date.

For further information please contact David Hinksman on 0117 9082713 or 07932 387217.

SHIRE SAILING CLUB: Water-sports at Shire Sailing, Rowing and Safety Boat Practice

June and July are when the daylight hours are long and if the tide is right the sailors of Shire can get in some longer distance dinghy sailing. This year we have taken part in two Downalongs to Clevedon and the Middle Ground sandbank in mid channel off Clevedon.

We normally sail on the **River Avon** between Avonmouth and Shire or sometimes upriver towards Sea Mills. Longer distance sailing is limited by the tides and daylight hours. For a longer distance sail of around 25 miles, we need to leave an hour after high water on a falling tide make our way down river out into the Bristol Channel and turn west. We come home on the returning tide one and a half hours before high water. Typically, we leave the Shire slip at around 10:30 and return 10 hours later at 20:30.

Our first **Downalong** this year was to sail down along the **Somerset coast to Clevedon** for a look at the pier and for a sail around in the bay where **Clevedon Sailing Club** normally sail. The Clevedon sailors were not out because it was low water when we arrived.

For the second Downalong we joined up with **Portishead Sailing Club** for a trip to the **Middle Grounds sandbank** off Clevedon. On our return the GPS readings showed that we had sailed 28 miles. Longer trips give us the opportunity to fly the spinnakers of boats that are equipped with them. The restricted water of the River Avon does not give many opportunities to unfurl the spinnaker.

The club visits to **Bristol Docks** for Gig Rowing on **Wednesday evenings and Saturdays** around lunch time continue to be popular. People new to rowing are very welcome to join in. Also, we hope to give people who would like to have a go as a cox the opportunity to learn to do that in the future.

Once again, we welcomed members of **Clevedon Coastal Rowing Club** to Shire with one of their Celtic Longboats. They launched from our slip for some rowing practice on the river where the waters are more sheltered than at Clevedon. The event was very successful, we are now in discussions with them about bringing one of their boats to Shire in the autumn so that they can row on the river from the autumn through until the spring of next year.

As the last lock down was coming to an end, we had new members join the club. It was decided that to provide a session of **Safety Boat Familiarisation** for them. Every sailing member is asked to do **Safety Boat Duties** and we need to get them up to speed on the Safety Boat as quickly as possible. People who don't sail can also have fun doing Safety Boat duties in support of the sailors in the club.

Club events during the next few weeks:

SUNDAY AUGUST 15TH - RIVER SAILING

Start 10:30 - High Water 12:38
Finish around 14:30

SATURDAY AUGUST 21ST - RIVER SAILING

Start 18:10 - High Water 20:19
Finish around 22:10

SATURDAY SEPT 4TH - RIVER SAILING

Start 16:20 - High Water 18:26
Finish around 20:20



Clevedon Pier from the seaside.



High and dry at low tide on the Middle Grounds

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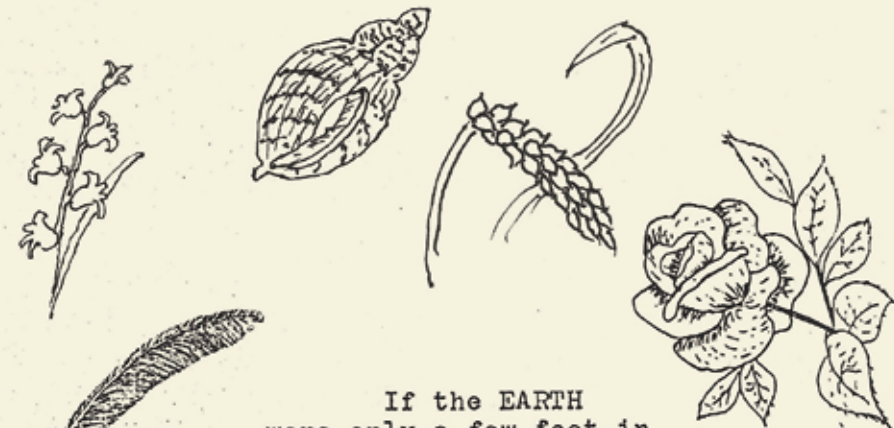
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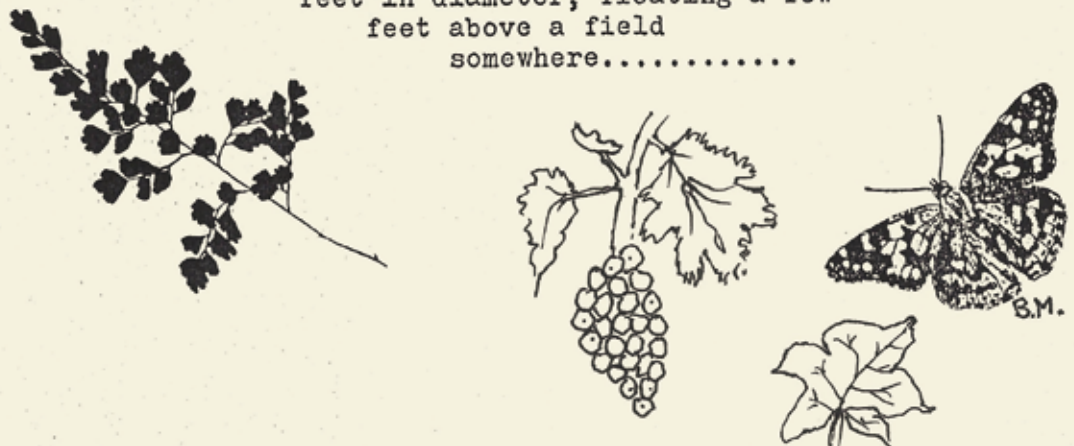
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by Betty Martin



If the EARTH were only a few feet in diameter, floating a few feet above a field somewhere, people would come from everywhere to marvel at it. People would walk around it, marvelling at its big pools of water, its little pools and the water flowing between. People would marvel at the bumps on it and the holes in it and they would marvel at the very thin layer of gas surrounding it, and the water suspended in the gas. The people would marvel at the creatures walking around the surface of the ball, and at the creatures in the water. The people would declare it precious because it was the only one. They would protect it so that it would not be hurt. The ball would be the greatest wonder known. The people would come to behold it, to be healed, to gain knowledge, to know beauty and to wonder how it could be. People would love it, and defend it with their lives because they would somehow know that their lives, their own roundness, could be nothing without it. If the EARTH were only a few feet in diameter, floating a few feet above a field somewhere.....



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