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Coronation Celebrations

Shirehampton Markets ran two coronation events for their local communities within a week. The first was 'King Charles III Coronation Celebration' held at the Public Hall in Shirehampton on Saturday 29th April and then 'King Charles III Coronation High Street Market' on Thursday 4th May at the Tithe Barn on Shirehampton's High Street. There was no magic wand to make these happen but feedback has been very positive and great enjoyment and fun was had by all at both events. Good weather including the sun and blue skies was an added bonus along with a visit from the New York Times.

Thank You for Making Our Coronation Celebrations a Great Success

There is a lot of behind the scenes work that goes on, NOT JUST FOR THE Coronation Celebration but especially with the seasonal Saturday Community Fayres and so this is a 'thank you article' because people should be acknowledged. It is left to the photos to speak for both events.



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The Shyne Ladies

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SHIRE NEWSPAPER AGM

Shire Newspaper will hold its Annual General Meeting on Friday 11th August 2023 at 5:30 pm.

We will be meeting in the **Cotswold Community Centre, Dursley Road, BS11 9XH.**

Members of the Public are Welcome

FUNDING – BRIGHT GREEN HOMES

To support the delivery of low carbon, energy efficiency and cost-saving measures for homes across the South West, Bristol City Leap is working with Bristol City Council, North Somerset Council and Bath and Northeast Somerset Council on the Bright Green Homes project.

Our Bright Green Homes project will fund and support eligible households to install a range of insulation and low-carbon technologies including:

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- A valid Energy Performance Certificate with a rating of D, E, F or G
- The property must not use gas central heating*
- You must live in Bristol City Council, BANES or North Somerset areas.

* This phase of the scheme is only open to people who use solid fuel, LPG or electric heating systems.

This project is due to end by **March 2025**. Funding is limited and in high demand, so please complete our registration questionnaire by going to www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/56OGQZ/ as soon as possible.

WAR HORSE DELAY

Back in January we were hoping to install the **War Horse in the Daisy Field** in "late spring/early summer." Unfortunately, the installation has been delayed by a planning issue, soon to be resolved. There will be more information in the July issue.

Friends of Lamplighters Marsh

Shirehampton Public Hall Community Association AGM

Wednesday 5th July at 7pm in the Main Hall

- All Welcome!

If you wish to have a vote on any decisions at the meeting please renew or start your membership of the hall (£3 for the year) before the AGM or in cash on the night.



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The *Shire* Community Pages

Shirehampton Road Safety Group

In response to growing concerns about dangerous driving and inappropriate road use in the village, a group of local residents are coming together to launch the Shirehampton Road Safety Group.

The group is currently looking for new members and volunteers to help set up a **Community Speed Watch** in the village. They will be holding a daytime drop-in session at Shirehampton Public Hall on **Tuesday the 13th of June from 12noon - 14:00**, and a public meeting on **Thursday the 15th of June at 19:00**, (also in the Public Hall).

Come along to talk about road safety concerns you have, find out more about the Community Speed Watch and sign up to be involved.

Mission Statement:

The **Shirehampton Road Safety Group** aims to bring concerned members of the community

together, to campaign for safer roads in our village for all road users.

Short-term Goals:

- Identify local areas of road safety concern from residents, schools and businesses.
- Set up and coordinate a Shirehampton Community Speed Watch.
- Establish contacts with relevant organizations who can help our cause and implement change.
- Explore the realistic safety measures available to the village.
- Create an action plan and set out long-term goals.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

Do you have concerns about road safety in Shirehampton?

The Shirehampton Road Safety Group is looking for constructive input on how we can keep our village safe for everyone.

For example:

- Speeding? A dangerous crossing?***
- Faded or missing road markings?***
- Missing or obscured road signs? Blind corners or junctions?***
- Parking issues? Dangerous driving?***

Please let us know your thoughts on our Facebook page:

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Cotswold Community Association Special Easter Coffee Morning



With a free chocolate egg for all plus the usual coffee, tea and delicious homemade cakes, this was a very special Easter event at the Cotswold Community Centre. Many people also got into the spirit by wearing Easter bonnets for the parade, with a prize for the best, indicated by the loudest clapping of hands by everyone present. The homemade cakes were delicious as usual ranging from seasonal fruit to cheese scones.

“It’s become one of our most popular events over the last couple of years “stated **Chair Dave Parsons**, “the support from the local community and other neighbouring districts is tremendous and always ensures a lively atmosphere.” Dave continued “everyone is welcome to all our events where people can meet old friends and make new ones.” The centre has a large range of activities

including: quizzes, bingo, food nights, film nights etc in addition to the regular events advertised elsewhere in this paper.

The **Cotswold Committee** were grateful to receive a grant from the **John James Foundation** which helped to make this a very special event.

Cotswold Community Association





We especially enjoy spreading community news 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.

The Lives of the Cockle Lady

Back in January Shire ran an article at the unveiling of a mural of the Cockle Lady on the wall of the former Hawkins News building in the High Street. Now, as Wayne Harvey tell us, that story has gone round the world!

“Months after the unveiling of the **Cockle Lady (Lillian Rees)** we have been contacted by **Lillian’s Niece Eiry Goldsmith**. It’s incredible that Twitter and social media can be such a useful and powerful platform to spread a story around the world about what is essentially happening in our village. Here is the correspondence we received. Hope you enjoy the insight into our beloved Cockle Lady. Now we have the conundrum of changing the name plaque on **Joe Westlake’s** incredible artwork. You can see from these pictures how accurate the artwork really is as we never had this picture to work from.

Kind regards, Wayne Harvey

Here is the letter from Lillian’s niece, Eiry Goldsmith:

“Nice to hear from you Wayne. My daughter **Eleanor** came across info with regard to this mural of the Cockle Lady. Just one point of error, Wayne. She was actually **Lillian Davies (nee Jones)**. The younger generation made the mistake due to the fact that Lillian’s daughter was **Rita Rees** as she’d married **Byron Rees**.

Lillian worked hard all her life. As well as selling cockles on weekends she used to have cleaning jobs too during the week. She lived with Rita and Byron

and their daughter **Jane** firstly in **Forest Road, Kingswood** and later (during the 1960s onwards) in **Bath Road, Longwell Green**.

Rita was well known in her own right as she received an **MBE** for setting up and managing the **Headway Charity in Frenchay** after daughter Jane suffered severe brain damage when, during the 1970s and at University, her car went out of control and hit a wall. Jane was left in a coma for several months. She had a reasonable recovery but her short term memory was not good.

Rita then arranged intensive physio with friends from Bath so that Jane did manage to walk again albeit slowly. Rita died about 5 years ago soon after I visited her at **Southmead hospital**. Since then Jane, who would now be about 3 years younger than me so in her late 60s, went into a care home where I believe she is very happy. That was the last time I visited **Bristol** as I now live with my husband in **South West France** in an old farmhouse.

I spent months in Bristol in 1967 when I first joined **Midland Bank** as I attended their training centre in **Clifton**. There was prearranged accommodation which had to be adhered to but I spent many a happy evening and every weekend at **Auntie Lil’s**.



Cockle Lady Lillian Davis with daughter Rita Rees receiving MBE

My contact with you Wayne and with Shire came about because my daughter Eleanor who lives in **New Zealand** found the articles via Twitter and copied me into them. Otherwise I’d have had no idea. I well remember from the 1960s how Lillian used to go with the cockles to **Shirehampton and Pill**. As I recall Rita would sell cockles in Bath at the same time. **Selwyn’s** van would come up to the **Severn Bridge** on a Friday night and Rita or Byron would meet it there to take the cockles ready for the weekend.

Lillian was a wonderful aunt. She was one of about 11 children. Their father **Llewelyn** was a coal miner struck with pneumoconiosis at an earlyish age. Our grandmother **Margaret** was a fiercely strong woman in mind and body and went to gather cockles on a daily basis. These would then be sold on **Swansea** market some 7 or 8 miles away. One of Lillian’s brothers (obviously another uncle of mine) was **Professor Idwal Jones** - an interesting link here <https://biography.wales/article/s2-JONE-IDW-1899>.”



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The Arts in Shirehampton

Craft Exhibition 2023 – Is this the last Craft Exhibition?

As usual this is an early warning for crafters in and around Shire that the Shire Craft Exhibition will be from Tuesday 24th October till Saturday 28th October this year. So get crafting and make sure we have a wonderful week.

The future of the exhibition is dependent on the right volunteers being willing to take it forward. Gail & I have been involved and leading the organisation for over 30 years and we have decided that it is time to step back, and hopefully enable a few more people to work with the dedicated group of volunteers who organise and run the exhibition for the week.

The Exhibition needs people who can help to manage the following tasks in conjunction with our existing group of volunteers.

- Help organise and update the booking system, stock control and labelling of items. This is quite intense for the period from the receipt of booking forms to the exhibition itself.
- During and at the end of the exhibition, manage the collection and distribution of payments.
- Organise advertising and publicity especially through social media. This includes the production and distribution of fliers.

- Organise and recruit a team of volunteers to move heavy screens, tables etc., for the setting up and taking down of the exhibition.
- An overall lead for the exhibition supporting the volunteer teams and the local crafters to create an enjoyable experience for all.

The first planning meeting for this year will be Tuesday 20th June at 7.00 pm. If you are interested please contact Ed or Gail on 0117 982 1879 or email ed_amphlett@hotmail.com

Ed Amphlett

Tandem Arts & Shire Inspire

A couple of them are still up but all the others have gone now: Window Wanderland is now but a memory. Tandem Arts has been keen to find a way to build a legacy from this one-off event which brought out into the open more local artistic/creative talent than ever before. We are delighted to let you know that we have our much-valued post office on board, providing us with a window that can be used as a small community gallery. This initiative to find suitable exhibition spaces in our village will go under the name 'Shire Inspire'. We are hoping that there will be more venues interested to offer some wall or window space for chosen works by local artists.

Some creative people never show publicly what they do. Many post photos of their work on Instagram and generate a wider interest and following that way. Taking part in exhibitions involves connecting with other towns and regions away from our immediate neighbourhood; our work may travel anywhere in the UK or even abroad.

One local artist, **Betty Marten**, found many ways of exhibiting her work. Alongside exhibiting regularly in many places in the Southwest region, in solo as well as group exhibitions, she also turned her garage into a gallery from where she held regular weekend exhibitions for many years. Betty started her career as an artist after she retired from teaching at the age of 60. Now, at 96, she is still as active as possible and just as passionate about art as she has always been. Betty also raised a lot of money supporting various charities from the sale of her artwork. We

are delighted to have Betty on board with **Inspire Shire**, her support and experience with art trails will be very valuable to us. You can find two films on **YouTube** which feature Betty Marten. One is titled **Betty Marten Artist**, the other **Meeting the artist Betty Marten**.

If you are interested in joining a group and mailing list as a local creative/artist please contact Sarah or Annelies on shireinspire@gmail.com.

Annelies Egli is currently showing work in Bath **NEWARK WORKS**, 2 Foundry Way South Quays BA2 3DZ and also at the Church of St James The Less in Foxcote, Hemington, Bath BA3 5YE. Both shows are part of the Fringe Arts Bath and are open until June 11th. See more under www.fringeartsbath.co.uk.





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“The Big One”

You probably don't know that there was an enormous Climate demonstration in London at the end of April. Four days of marches, speeches, vigils, pickets from Trafalgar Square to Parliament Square all down Whitehall and through Westminster. The BBC didn't report it on national television. There was an item on Points West on Friday the 21st because the event opened with a BAAN march against airport expansion lead by Bristol. Several of us from Shirehampton and Sea Mills were there among the 60,000+ who had come from all over the country and beyond to take part. We wanted to remind the government and the country that climate change is a real threat. We wanted to make sure we stood up to be counted.

Saturday the 22nd was Earth Day and stepping just outside the conventions of daily life onto the streets released a flood of creativity. This was a colourful, joyful event where people wore costumes and carried symbols representing the biodiversity of creatures and places on the Earth most threatened by **Climate Change**.

The wonderful thing about the four days was that we were so many gathered together with one purpose, one thought. We were all there to say we know the natural world we love and depend on is under ever

increasing threat from the way we choose to live: from carbon emissions from cars and planes; from the way we grow our food and heat our homes. But most of all our world is threatened by our complacency. Our government continues on its destructive path and will do all it can to prevent such a joyful, peaceful gathering taking place again. Nevertheless, together in our millions with our small actions, we can and we must slowly but surely transform the way we live so we can continue to live on this beautiful Earth.

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Nature Notes

Our great tits are still feeding their young in the box outside the front garden. I am keeping alert to the presence of magpies and any of the other hunting birds around, and employing the tried and tested approach of madly waving my arms from the window, or noisily exiting out of the door! Both work quite well!



© Bobbie Perkins

Sadly there has been no return to our box in the back garden this year. However, yesterday saw the arrival of young starlings with their parent. Such a big favourite of mine. I managed to scatter some dried mealworms about and then enjoy watching them from inside. They are always a joy.

It has been good to enjoy better weather for a while, both for the wildlife and the gardens. The colours everywhere are amazing as all the spring flowers burst into new growth. Last year a lovely neighbour of mine gave me a fistful of sweet pea seeds. I kept them safe in the envelope and was very excited to pot them up this year, only ever having tried to grow them once before. That didn't go well.

I am happy to report that I have managed to transfer them into the garden inside a metal obelisk, and with everything crossed, there should be a riot of colour for the Shire next month! Wish me luck!!

Before I go, good news about my damaged trees on the river bank. Both have successfully grafted and are doing well, with beautiful foliage on the ones we tied back.

Hope you like the photo. Happy nature watching, Bobbie.

PS: After sending off the notes to the editor, I watched a wood pigeon painstakingly flying backwards and forwards between the grass outside our front garden towards the nest it was building in a large shrub on the riverbank just yards away! It was very fussy about which scraps of twig were suitable!!

Tynings Field Community News

As the summer starts wet and cold we make the most of it and any dry spells to plant our seeds and plants and welcome some new enthusiasm in new members to the field, clearing and planting up.

We have mulched the young fruit trees which now produce an orchard of blossom as **Gem**, one of our members, shows us some dead branches on a pear tree ready to prune.

Spring pruning is light, avoiding fruit bud branches; winter pruning is more thorough. The bulbs you all kindly donated, **Anne Redford** and a few others in our local community, were all gratefully received, planted and now look great.

As rain continues to fall from the dismal sky the ground is wet but perfect for digging. Five more young apple trees have been added to the ever expanding orchard as we await the summer weather.

We have all the plots taken.

If you are interested in ad hoc volunteering on grass cutting, helping out and tidying up please call us.

We accept summer bulbs seeds and flower donations all year around.

Caroline Penny



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One sign it's really spring is this little fella finding the garlic mustard for a meal. Orange tip butterfly floating around Tynings Field Community which is home to a wide variety of butterflies and moths.

SHIRE COMMUNITY LITTER PICKS

Meet 10.30am at Shire Public Hall on the 3rd Thursday of every month & tidy for 1 hour

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Churches in the Shirehampton Area

Hello from Shire Methodist

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We are delighted to have received a Bronze Eco Church award. Over the past few years we have focused more on how to look after God's creation as best as we can, particularly with the threat of the climate and biodiversity crisis. The Eco Church programme offers churches a survey to complete on the areas of worship and teaching, building and land management, community and global engagement, and lifestyle.

We were particularly commended on our webpage, "Eco Church: Striving to be Good Stewards of God's Creation", which has more information on why we signed up to the award scheme, what we can do to better look after the Earth, where more information can be found, and prayers of adoration, confession, and commitment.

We had a very interesting visit at the beginning of May from a thermal imaging surveyor from the CHEESE project. One area in which we can all make a difference to our carbon footprint is to insulate our buildings more effectively. This leads

to needing to use less heating, which is also good for money saving too! The surveyor used a little machine to show up all the places that we are losing heat in the church. We now have a very long list of helpful tips and tricks which we can gradually work through to make our church building better insulated.

In connection with the JTE Hub, we have many events happening in our building on weekdays: films, games, community fridge, benefits and jobs advice, and a new memory café which is particularly for people affected by dementia.

If you are unsure where we are located, our building is opposite Boots, Lloyds Bank and the Job Centre on the High Street. The entrance is on Penpole Avenue. There are three doors; the most accessible entrance is the white door a little way up the road. Please don't hesitate to ring the doorbell if the door is shut to keep the building warm and insulated!

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

Everyone at Shire Methodist

We hold Morning Worship each Sunday in our church building from 11am. The first Sunday is led by a guest preacher, the second is All-Age Worship, the third is Holy Communion (and Church Council this month) led by Reverend Patrick Stonehewer, and the fourth is a more informal event with coffee and conversation.

Baptist Church News

May 2023 will be remembered for some significant events chief among them the Coronation of Charles III, the street parties and the Eurovision Song Contest and sadly the dreadful Civil War in Sudan.

On May 7th in our morning service we thought about Climate Change now maybe the biggest threat to mankind. Our speaker Sally Hunter, a Lay Reader and a member of the Green Party, reminded us as followers of Jesus Christ that we have a responsibility to do all we can for the future of our beautiful earth. Some of our Rock Steady members performed a short drama and it was good to see some parents and members of our local Climate Change group join us.

Our next Songs of Praise Café meets on June 11th, 4:45pm - 6pm at the Community Hall, Dursley Road. Joan Call will be telling us more

of her fascinating life in Uganda where she was a missionary for many years. A short talk on a favourite Charity or book and some chosen songs will also be included in the programme. We begin each week with refreshments cafe style. We are from a number of different local churches but you do not have to belong to a church to join us. All are welcome.

Our next Life Café opens on June 29th at our building in Station Road. Do come and enjoy the home made cake and a chat

The Rock Steady Club for Primary School Children meets on Thursday afternoons in term

time at 3:30pm - 4:30pm. They enjoy drama, music, craft and puppet making, and games

We meet every Sunday at 10:30am and there is a Zoom Bible Study at 4:30pm.

It has been good to welcome some new people on Sundays. We also have some members who are going through difficult times. None of us are exempt from suffering or problems but we do have a God we can turn to at all times and who is a Present help in times of trouble, Psalm 46.

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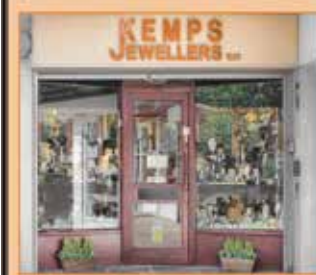


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St Mary's News

Hi Folks!

Well, what an exciting month May proved to be! Starting on May Day Bank Holiday, the Noise Event in the Churchyard during the afternoon was an exciting and fun day. It was very much appreciated and received many favourable comments. Congratulations to those who organised it and for all the hard preparatory work beforehand. And the weather was good too!

It certainly was a very busy week - **Coronation Day** was on **Saturday 6th May** and I suspect that the majority of us were glued to our Television Screens for such an historic occasion. The music from **Westminster Abbey** both before and during the Coronation Service was out of this world, especially when **King Charles & Queen Camilla** entered the Abbey and the combined Choirs struck an almighty sound singing **Parry's Anthem**, I was glad when they said unto me....It really sent a shiver down your spine. I remember hearing it for the first time at the **1953 Coronation Service**, when a kindly neighbour let a crowd of us kids sit on her front room floor and watch it on a 12" black & white TV. Later on, an edited version appeared on colour film at **The Savoy Cinema** which certainly brightened our lives after the very dour times we had in the years after **World War II**. At the ceremony this time there was the **Ascension Gospel Choir** who sang a second **Alleluia by Debbie Wiseman** - what a lovely sound was heard from around only 8 singers! The weather was very similar to that in 1953, nevertheless a wonderful piece of history and pageantry.

The next day - **Coronation Sunday** - dawned bright and warm and St Mary's was able to host its **Coronation Sunday Lunch** in the Churchyard much to the delight of everyone. Tables were set out from the High Street gate to the Pembroke Road gate. It was a **Bring & Share Lunch** and there was plenty of food for all which was very much enjoyed. **Coronation Bank Holiday Monday** was wet, but the **Big Help Out** where skills and crafts were displayed to visitors was held in the Church, and those who came along had a go at different things, much to the amusement of others looking on! I expect many will be looking forward to a rest after all this activity!

Goldies takes place at **St Mary's on Wednesday 7th June at 10.30am**, the first Wednesday of the month.

Shelley Cox, who is a Mezzo-soprano, and her pianist friend, **Julia Cobby** are returning to St Mary's this month as promised, following their very successful Concert back in January. Their next Concert, called **'One June Day'**, will be in St Mary's Church on **Saturday, 17th June, from 6.00pm until approx 7.00pm**. Tickets priced £5.00 will be available on the



door and will include Refreshments. If you are a lover of Classical music then this Concert is a must for you!

Early in July, we have another Concert on **Monday, 3rd July**, when we have a return visit from **The West Bristol Concert Band**. Once again this will be held in St Mary's at 7.30pm - Tickets are £5.00 with Concessionary entrance for £3.00. Light refreshments will be available during the interval.

Sadly, one of our very regular Coffee Customers - **Mary Deurance** - died after a fairly short illness. At her funeral at **Canford Crematorium** a collection was held in her memory and it was Mary's wish that the proceeds should be donated to St Mary's in thanks for the many happy hours she had spent there during our **Coffee Mornings**. The total amount donated was £280.00 which was very much appreciated.

Now try and answer this yarn! Question: What is a Dentists favourite hymn? Answer: Crown him many Crowns.

'Bye for now.

C.M.E.

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Shire Markets Coronation Celebrations

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Thank you to:

- The **Lord Mayor of Bristol, Paula O'Rouke**, for being part of our **King Charles III Coronation Celebration** on Saturday and for her wonderful uplifting speech
- The **Shynee Ladies** for entertaining us all with their East meets West dancing. The audience loved it and loved joining in a last dance. **Lee & The Line Dancers** in particular enjoyed it all!
- **BBC Radio Bristol, Shire Community Newspaper** and **Direct Local** for their continued support not only for our Coronation events but our High Street Markets too. Not forgetting the **New Bridge** for your support as well.
- The **New York Times** for spending several hours at the main Saturday event, writing an article about the Coronation and the Royal Family and collecting opinions that day. **Marilyn**, a volunteer for the Shire newspaper and High Street Markets was quoted along with two stall holders **Rosie and Ashleigh**. Photos from the event made it into the American Newspaper along with photos & opinion from Stokes Croft and St. Pauls.
- Our local **MP Darren Jones** and **Councillor Don Alexander**, our local community police officers, and our **High Street Shops and Businesses** taking part in our **High Street Character Hunts**.
- **Sherralee**, our in house cake maker extraordinaire who makes such lovely cakes not only for our **High Street Markets** but also for our **Community Fayres**. Sherralee made our Coronation Cake for Saturday's event.
- The **wonderful volunteers** who helped out on Saturday at our King Charles III Coronation Celebration. You all worked so hard and are a great asset to our Saturday Community Fayres - **Jean, Paul, Peter, Lee, Kim, Jim & to Lucy** for stepping in for a couple hours to cover our arts & crafts room. (At least 6 more volunteers are needed to join the three Saturday Community Fayres.)
- **Bobbie, Jeff, Terri, Juliet & Annelies** for your transport help and putting up the bunting at the Public Hall for our King Charles III Celebration. And **Amanda** too.
- Our loyal High Street Market volunteers who join us for most of our monthly market days - **Colin, Marilyn, Neil, Paul**, - plus **John, Amy & Peter** who help out when they can.
- **Our stall holders**. Without you all being part of our markets & fayres there would be no Shirehampton Markets and no events to look forward to. You all do such a great job.
- **Our local communities** who visit as our customers each month. Please keep returning to our markets, fayres and special events as without your support, shopping local, stopping by for a cuppa, we could not survive. Keep spreading the word to family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues. As the old adage says 'use it or lose it'.

We provide goods not available on our High Street and all our stall holders are small business owners making unique and individual items. They are self-employed & it is the way they make their living. **Keep supporting us all now and in the future.**

All the best! Kathryn, Ash & Katherine

You can find more information about Shirehampton Markets at www.facebook.com/shirehamptonmarkets.

The High Street Markets are held on the first Thursday of each month at the Tithe Barn in Shirehampton on 1st June, 6th July, 3rd August, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November & 7th December.

The Summer Community Fayre takes place on Saturday 22nd July and Autumnal Christmas Community Fayre takes place on Saturday 18th November at the Public Hall in Shirehampton.

Kathryn Courtney



Cotswold Coronation Celebrations

On Saturday 6th May many residents on the Cotswold Estate came together to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. The band of volunteers from the Community Centre spent the morning setting up tables and decorating the hall in preparation for the tea party in the afternoon. Guests arrived around 2 o'clock and were all presented with a crown, which "Welcome Space" attendees had been making leading up to the big day.

Everyone enjoyed the buffet of sandwiches, quiche, chocolate dipped strawberries and delicious cupcakes plus "proper tea poured from pots".

We had a grand sing song, of old songs, including "Roll Out the Barrel" and "The Lambeth Walk". Everyone was in fine voice and I'm sure we could be heard the other side of the Portway! After which we toasted the new **King and Queen** with Prosecco.



A great time was had by one and all and it was a pleasure for us volunteers to see everyone enjoying themselves.

The **Cotswold Community Committee** would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year.

We are indebted to the **John James Foundation** once again for their very generous grant towards this party and our Christmas and Easter ones too.

Jill Williamson



Shire Joins the Coronation Celebrations

On Saturday 29th April members of the Shire team were invited along to the Coronation Market at Shirehampton Public Hall. The day had such a joyful atmosphere, and once again the Shirehampton community did themselves proud!

Shire had a stall in the main hall, which we shared with members of the **Shirehampton Climate Emergency Group**. We also helped out in the **Arts and Crafts room**. Visitors helped us to create a **Coronation Paper Chain** by drawing pictures and writing messages for **King Charles III**. Lots of people joined in, from the very young, including 18-month-old **Ffion**, who created a beautiful link, covered in sequins, **Sam** who drew a Union Jack, **Eve** who created a beautiful drawing of an orb and **Amelia** who covered hers in glitter! And the adults got involved too, including **Marilyn**, who

wrote a message of congratulations to the King and **Barbara** who drew a wonderful teapot and crown. In the Arts and Crafts room **Felix** used paper to create his very own castle, which looked fantastic! Children decorated crowns and added to the paper chain using stickers, sequins, glitter, and pens! If anyone has any ideas about where we could hang our wonderful paper chain for the community to enjoy, then please do get in touch!

The whole Shire team had a thoroughly enjoyable day, and we look forward to being a part of the next community market.



Coronation Paper Chain



Felix with his paper castle.

Dursley Road Coronation Street Party

As Sunday was the designated day for Street Parties and Celebrations around the country for the Coronation, we decided this would be the ideal day for ours. Last year we celebrated the Platinum Jubilee on the following Sunday as, frankly, the weather was awful so we all had everything crossed that it would be a sunny day this time. And so it proved thankfully.

We had a great range of activities, including Street Games, Tug of War and a Sack Race in the Lamplighters Field. A Bake Off for Adults and Juniors, well done **Helen Jared** and **Dylan Bushell**.

We had a wonderful Barbeque and everyone brought a plate of food along to complement it, live music from the **Dursley Nibleyites**, **Johnny G** the Children's

Entertainer, and a **Silent Disco** to end the day. We also had a lovely photographic tribute to two long-standing residents, **Terry Davis** and **Mike Smith**, who've both sadly passed away in the last few months.

Finally, many thanks to the band of volunteers who helped make the running of the event go so smoothly this year.



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Station Road 1953 Coronation Street Party.
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Old Barrow Hill Coronation Party

On the 6th of May 2023 a new era started in the United Kingdom. King Charles III and Queen Camilla were crowned in an absolutely lavish ceremony in London attended by the who's who of the world. It was, what most people would call, a typical British weather day, with rain pouring down every so often and as I sat and watched the coronation with my scones and tea, I kept on opening the weather app on my phone, wondering what the rest of the weekend would bring, it was after all a bank holiday weekend.

I was getting more and more anxious when **John Windsor** sent a message on our local group. It was a photograph of the predicted weather for **Sunday the 7th of May 2023** and his message simply read: "The gods are smiling on us." And indeed, they were.

The excitement in our road was almost tangible. **Miranda** had come with the suggestion that we should celebrate the coronation with a street party on the 7th of May, the day after the coronation: "It makes sense, you know. We will all want to watch the coronation first." and so, on the morning of the 7th of May when the residents on our street woke up – we were ready for a day of fun, food and celebrations. The tables came out and slowly but surely everyone drifted towards the middle of

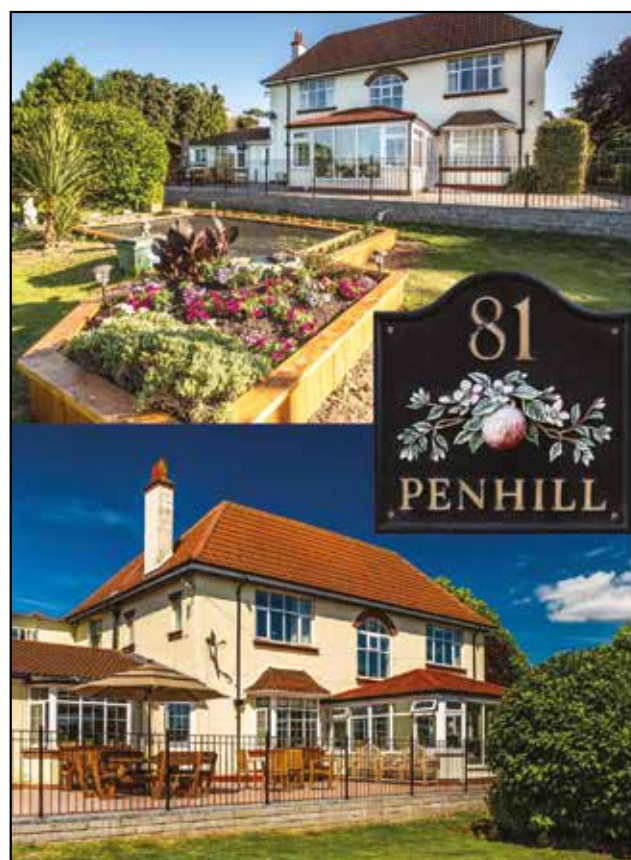
the road. **Alyson** appeared with balloons, crafts for the younger generation, bunting etc. Not long afterwards, the first bottle of wine was opened by **Christian** and soon he took it upon himself to ensure that our glasses were full. As the men in the road saw that the party had started, they came out with ice and chairs and to be honest, I don't even know how or when the party started but soon there were crowns being made, drawings on the tarmac, music playing and laughter all around. It has been a long time since I saw children without a screen in sight and even some of the teenagers ventured away from the iPhones and came to give us a quick hello. Eventually we had to open up the street, and with a sense of sadness some ventured home and



some migrated to our home to watch the coronation concert together.

It has now been a week since the street party and our little road has truly been transformed into a community. We have had interactions with each other before, but this coronation party has given us the opportunity to get to know one another and to become a part of each other's lives. Our street is ready for the next big celebration, and trust me, if it does not happen soon enough, we will find something to celebrate, 'cause a street party, is our big thing.

Margaret Swanepoel



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100th Birthday at Granville Lodge

Gladys Gitsham celebrated her 100th Birthday on May 16th with a gala tea party at Granville Lodge Care Home in West Town Lane. Her son Chris and his partner Kathy were there along with other care home residents. The staff had decorated the residents' activity room for the occasion and provided an enormous birthday card signed by all the residents and staff to sit beside birthday greetings from the King.

Gladys was born in Birmingham but spent more than half her life in Bristol. She worked in the school kitchen at Bedminster Down School and lived in Hartcliffe before moving to Granville in Shirehampton.



Let's Welcome Another Refugee Family to North West Bristol

What is Westbury Welcome?

We're a local group that has brought together the people and resources of our community and welcomed two Syrian refugee families to North West Bristol under the UK Government's Community Sponsorship Scheme established in 2016. Amongst other things Community Sponsorship involves raising money, finding and equipping a home, finding schools, assisting with learning English and generally helping a family settle into the community. We're also helping Bristol City Council to support three other refugee families. It has been and continues to be a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

We are now preparing to welcome another family under the Community Sponsorship Scheme and want to offer the opportunity to other areas in North West Bristol to find out more and be part of a community that welcomes those who have found themselves forced out of their homes and their countries through no fault of their own.

We have set up two opportunities for you to find out what this could mean for your community and how you can make a difference:-

- Wednesday 28 June 2023 – The Tithe Barn, High Street, Shirehampton @ 7.30pm
- Tuesday 4 July 2023 – St Peter's Church, Rodingleaze, Lawrence Weston @ 7.30pm

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Community Event Makes Plenty Of Noise!

The first Bank Holiday Monday for May kicked off with a community event that everyone could enjoy at St. Mary's Church in Shirehampton. It may have only been for a couple hours but you couldn't miss hearing the laughter, the joy and the music that everyone seemed to be part of for a couple hours on a sunny spring day.

There were games, arts and crafts, toys, face painting, hair braiding, grow your own vegetable plant, hot dogs and doughnuts to eat as well as refreshments and it was all free. St. Mary's Church joined up with The Noise for this special one off event. The afternoon saw two dance demonstrations by young children. Parents and grandparents watched with pride. The arts and crafts area was packed with children with parents helping and there were family board games that all ages took part in. There was also the play corner where the younger children interacted with toys, mini kitchen and mini train track.

"Everyone has an inner child within them no matter what their age. I've seen adults with hair beads in, face tattoos, dancing along to our songs and in the doughnut queue as well, so definitely they have a child at heart" said Amy Boucher, Project Co-ordinator

at The Noise that day and Children's and Youth Minister at St. Mary's Church in Shirehampton.

Beth Richardson, Bristol Noise Event Co-ordinator, explained a little more about The Noise. "We are a charity that helps empower churches to show God's love in practical ways within their community both on this Noise Weekend and also 365 days a year. We do practical projects as well as community events. We run community events, for seniors, events for families, events for children, yes, all kinds of ages, indoors, outdoors, cafés, all sorts and completely free for anyone to come along and enjoy."

These community events cannot work without the help of volunteers and Amy explained about ways to become a volunteer. "There are different teams to join, either by signing up through families or by

signing up through the churches. You are given a project to go through either by your church or by the main web site which is Bristol Noise. We have volunteers from other faiths and some with no faith at all. It's been a lovely weekend, lovely to see all the community coming together and we're very thankful for all our volunteers."

You can find out more about The Bristol Noise and their events via their web site www.thenoise.org.uk

Kathryn Courtney



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An Update from Darren Jones MP, Bristol North West

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In my first speech in Parliament, back in 2017, I said I was deeply humbled to represent my home constituency. I was reminded of that sentiment during a recent visit to a school just down the road, Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School, where the children were eager to hear how a working-class boy from Lawrence Weston ended up being elected to Parliament. I hope my visit will help to inspire them to dream big – we need more people with diverse backgrounds in positions of power, in both politics and business.

The school year is quickly drawing to a close. But, before the summer holidays get underway, I'd like to invite you to come to my **Summer Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st July**.

This event is for constituents from across **Bristol North West** to get together and chat with me about local or national issues over a free cup of tea or coffee. (Essentially, it's like a bigger version of my **Café Politics**.) I'm holding the event at **Henleaze Bowling Club** and the plan is to enjoy a few games on the club's bowling green after the discussion. For those who aren't playing, we can continue to chat informally over another cuppa and take in the scenery.

If you'd like to attend, please head to www.darren-jones.co.uk/events for the **Eventbrite booking link**. If you don't have internet access, or if you have accessibility needs, please call my office

on **0117 959 6545** to book. If you'd like to bowl, there's a £1 fee for 30 minutes of instruction and play that should be paid directly to the club on the day. (There's no charge for children to have a go with lightweight bowls while the grown-ups talk politics.)

Rolling on to other news, I recently contacted the **Council** for an update on **Iron Bridge**. Believe me, I share in your frustration that we've had the planning permission and the funding since December, but the repair work is yet to get underway. I was promised that a timetable for the repair works would be published in the next couple of weeks for the work to be carried out this year. Stay tuned for an update in my next column.

Speaking of timetables, several constituents have contacted me about the removal of timetables from bus stops, with posters instead displaying QR codes



to view them online. Clearly, this isn't adequate. Not everyone has data or a smartphone, and the timetable changes came into effect on **2nd April, which is more than enough time to get some new timetables printed**. I'll follow up on this matter with the **West of England Combined Authority**.

Finally, I would like to thank **Shirehampton Markets** for inviting me to their Coronation extravaganza. And congratulations on the event being splashed across the pages of the **New York Times – putting Shire on the international stage!**

As always, if you need my help or have a question, please get in touch on darren.jones.mp@parliament.uk, call the office on **0117 959 6545** or visit www.darren-jones.co.uk. For the latest updates, follow me on social media: fb.com/darrenjonesmp @[darrenpjones](https://twitter.com/darrenpjones)

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Avonmouth Sea Cadets

It seems quite a while since we put out an update doesn't it? Finally, we have some better news to share as the building work has commenced on our main training building. The builders from GMD Contracting Ltd are doing an amazing job along with Daley Electrical Services Ltd and things are moving swiftly to completion. Our thanks go to both who have been extremely helpful in getting the works needed underway. The cadets and Instructors at the Unit are really looking forward to getting back to the normal routines and the groups that use the space are also very keen to get back into the building.

At the **King Charles III** celebration event at **Shirehampton Public Hall** on **Saturday 29th April** the cadets hosted a sponsored row and encouraged members of the public to donate £2.00 to have a go at rowing. The aim was to row just over 16 nautical miles, the distance from Bristol City Harbour up the River Avon to Bath. Our local **MP Darren Jones** took part with one of our senior Cadets and I understand a good race was had between the two. This was to raise much needed funds for training equipment and additional maintenance required at the unit. Our thanks to all who contributed to our total, just over £200 so far with more sponsor money due in.

Our boating season at long last has begun and cadets will be off boating at **Bristol Adventure** and other venues throughout the summer. This is exciting as we have not been able to get any regular boating in the past couple of years.

We are now in a position to recruit both **Senior Cadets 12yrs-18yrs** and **Junior Cadets 10yrs-12yrs**. Please get in touch if your child would like to join and enjoy the **Sea Cadet Experience**. We are also urgently looking for **adult volunteers** to join the team. There are a number of roles that volunteers can get involved in as general helpers, committee members or uniformed volunteers. If you would like to know more, in the first instance please email avonmouthseacadets@gmail.com.



Local MP Darren Jones.



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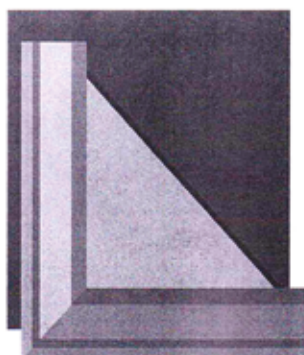
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City and Port of Bristol Bowling Club

The 2023 bowling season is now in full swing at the City and Port of Bristol Club and despite some indifferent weather has got off to a good start.

From the first friendly game on April 15th things moved on very quickly with Wednesday afternoons and week-end games followed by the start of both Men's and Ladies Bristol League games on April 27th when the Men travelled to Keynsham. The Ladies had to wait a further week for their first game at home to Olveston B on May 5th.



Back on the green – first game of the 2023 season on April 15th. Bristol St. Andrews were the visitors.

The Club League started on Tuesday 9th May. The season started with some success in mixed friendly games and more success followed when the Men's League campaign started and they won the first two games against Keynsham C and Knowle C, on both occasions winning one rink by sufficient margin to overcome mathematical defeat on the other two. Men's league games are played on three rinks over seventeen ends counting and two



Ken Davies about to deliver a wood in the first Mens League game of the 2023 season in Keynsham Park on April 27th – Keynsham C were the opponents.

trial ends which do not. Two points are awarded for each rink won and four points for winning the game on aggregate overall. So City and Port won the opening two games by six points to four.

Playing in Division Four again this season Captain Bill Hatherall will be hoping the results continue to go his way and lead to a return to division three next season.

The Ladies League Team also started their season with a win at home to Olveston B. Ladies League games are played on two rinks and eighteen ends with two trial ends that do not count. They won one rink of the two by three shots losing the other by one and in doing so won the game overall by two shots to take six points of the eight on offer. Playing in Division Two again this season new Ladies Captain Mary Lomas was very pleased with the result against a good Olveston team. This was the day before the Coronation and Mary decorated the club pavilion beautifully in all things red, white and blue to mark and honour the forthcoming occasion for the tea and biscuits that are taken at the end of Ladies League games.

The club has one new and one returning member. Tony Bennett who bowled previously at Canford joined this season and has already played both friendly and league games. Julie Looker who had successful seasons at the club pre-pandemic has returned and has already played friendly and league games. Her return is very welcome.



The Ladies League campaign started with a home game against Olveston B on May 5th. Gill Hinksman is about to deliver a wood.



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Howard Surman delivering a wood in the first Club League game of the season on May 9th.



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An early season friendly at Page Park – notice the black mats on the green to protect it from wear while it is wet.

County Competitions are already underway and the club has a number of individuals and pairs involved this season. Ken Davies and Bill Hatherall have already played their City and County Pairs game against brothers Glenn and Spencer Wintle at Bristol St. Andrews on April 25th and it was the home pair who came out in front by twenty three shots to seven.

To look forward to: Thursday June 15th will see members of the Bristol After Stroke Club visiting the green and Saturday July 1st will be President Flo Grimes' first Presidents Day.

LATE NEWS: the Club League started on Tuesday May 9th and winners of the first round of games were Nomads and Three of Each. The league and cup continues until early September.

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

NEWS FROM SHIRESTRONG KETTLEBELL CLUB

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



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Helena Richardson.

In April our focus has been to improve our upper body strength through completing a variety of press up and kettle bell presses. Repetitions and loads were adjusted at each session to build both stamina and strength.

At the end of the month, we tested progress with a 1 rep maximum press. There were some amazing results. **Helena Richardson** with a 14kg press, **Lucy Steeds** and **Erika Glanville** both with 18kg.

Our **Member of the Month** for April is **Annabel Stewart**. Annabel joined **ShireStrong** in January. She takes part in boot camps and kettle bells and her positivity is encouraging to other members of the club. When asked about her experience of the club Annabel explained that she had seen the advert in the Shire and that she often walked past the Cotswold Centre and had seen the class going on so eventually decided to give it a go.



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Member of the Month Annabel Stewart.

Sessions are varied and there is always something new. The emphasis is on technique which means that she gets most from the session and that it helps to prevent injury. She explained that she enjoys the non-competitive environment with plenty of equipment to go around and that she looks forward to sessions.

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Shirehampton Sailing Club are Back on the Water!

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New members are always welcome, and we now have several club sailing boats which are free to hire for club members. We also have some spaces in our dinghy park for new members to store their own boats. Sailing sessions are run when high tide is during the day on weekends and rowing sessions sometimes run on weekday evenings.

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