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Wildfire in Shire

The woods are a wonderful place to be when it is hot. A tree's canopy blocks out up to 90% of the sun's radiation and mean that we can lose more heat to our surroundings by cooling the ground beneath us.

We are so lucky in Shire that we have **Penpole Woods** just up the hill, five hundred metres from the **High Street**. In the **August heatwave** the kids and I went up early in the morning to enjoy the shade and have a drink stop at **Morgan's in Kings Weston House**.

What we found was wildfire burns on the grassy area opposite the **High School**, and an unnervingly dry forest floor. Patches of tree leaves were yellowing and dropping, a drought response.

If you're anything like me, the effect that climate change and intensive farming is having on our wild spaces and biodiversity is really, really scary. It is sometimes labelled '**climate anxiety**'. This doesn't do it justice. Anxiety suggests a disproportionate worry. It isn't, and what many of us feel, at times, is more like **climate terror**.

Each of us hears the facts. They are hard to face, and sometimes knowing that my children are going to have a far more difficult life than I have enjoyed makes me feel sick. Fear is a very unpleasant feeling, so is guilt. It is so tempting to look away, block it out, keep it at

arm's length. Crop failure happens far away, so do floods, so do wildfires. Oh no, hang on...

As awful as fear and guilt are to experience, they are important feelings too. They help to keep us safe. They tell us, deep down, when something is not right. When we are not safe, something needs to change.

When our gardens are silent of bugs and birds, our paving slabs radiating heat into already hot homes, and our natural spaces are burning, it's time to look the situation in the face. It takes a huge amount of courage to face our fears, and our guilt, but it frees us, we stop being trapped by a terrifying situation that feels out of control. We can make choices about what we want for our children. About how we live our lives and how we hold our institutions to account.



One of the things I love about Shire is its sense of community, and a certain sense of independence. A feeling that as a community we can own our decision making and feel confident about what is important to us. That is a pretty strong foundation for facing up to reality and creating the futures we need.

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

For any information – contact Julia Jarman on 0117 9829390

Diary of Events: September - December 2022

6th Sept - Local History - Ken Edwards

20th Sept - Christmas Craft

4th Oct - 'Scams' Information

18th Oct - To Be Arranged

8th Nov - Origami

15th Nov - A.G.M.

2nd Dec - Christmas Meal at Shirehampton Golf Club

6th Dec - 'In House' Christmas Party

SHIREHAMPTON GROUP PRACTICE

Covid Boosters and Flu Vaccinations – Autumn 2022.

This year, Covid boosters and Flu vaccinations will again be offered to **everyone over 50**, along with those **under 50 who are at risk**. Appointments will be bookable only. We are running **2 Saturday clinics**:

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2022	SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2022
Morning – 65s & over	Morning – 65s & over
Afternoon – 18-64yrs	Afternoon – 18-64yrs

We will be holding clinics at other times as well, including flu for 2 & 3 year olds.

Details are available on our website: www.shirehamptongrouppractice.co.uk – 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. Please do not attend if you are experiencing any Covid symptoms.

AVON (UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT) COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - AGM

The Annual General Meeting of this long-standing local charity which runs the Shire Advice Service, will be held on **Wednesday 14th September 7-8pm** in the **Tithe Barn, High Street, Shirehampton.**

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The *Shire* Community Pages

Troubling Times for *Shire* Newspaper

We have just celebrated 50 years of publishing Shire during which time it has become a mainstay of village life keeping our community in touch with each other, campaigning on our behalf, supporting local activities, like “Carols on the Green” and other community groups through small grants out of the surpluses it made.



“Shire” has always been a **completely voluntary** run paper, from its **editorial group** who collate the articles sent in, and provide some themselves, making sure they reflect what is happening in “Shire” through to the **distributors** who each month, without fail, count and bundle the **5,000 papers** and pass on the bundles to the group who **deliver to all the households in Shire**.

In between these there is the **management group**, again voluntary, who ensure the smooth running, sorting out the adverts, providing photos, managing finances, keeping in touch with what is or maybe happening in Shire.

The **main costings** for the paper are the **printing and set up costs** that we have, plus some minor management costs like insurance, online services etc.

To pay for these costs the paper has used its **advertising pages** as its only source of revenue which has up to now been sufficient to cover these costs and provide a **small surplus** which has been **reinvested back into the community**.

The **last two years have been difficult**, coming out of the lockdowns, during which time we lost large amounts of revenue, and had to call on our reserves to cover that period.

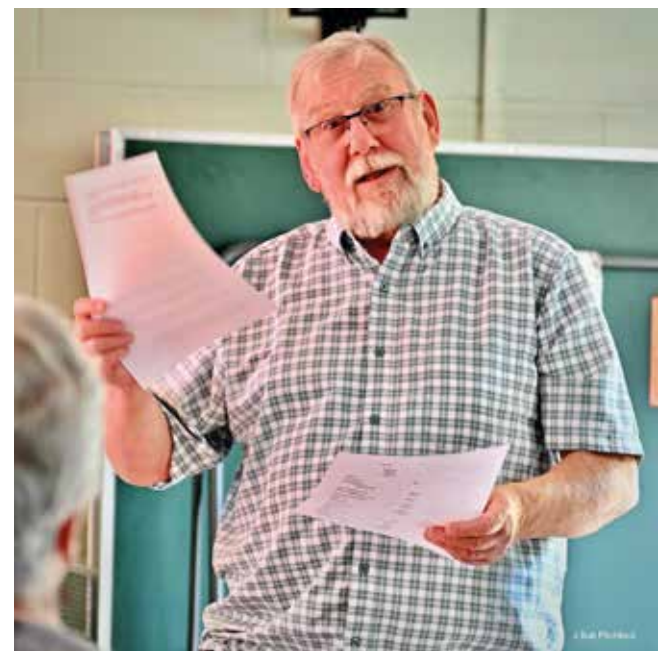
Since then the amount of advertising has steadily declined with businesses closing, people retiring, and more use of the internet.

At our last **AGM in August** we declared a net profit of only £414 for the year.

After a recent **increase to our printing costs** we have been advised that are likely to **rise again** in the near future. In response to this we will now have to raise our advertising rates accordingly (see across) as we have no other costs we can cut.

However, we will work hard to continue to make the paper viable and would welcome any support you can give, whether by advertising in the paper, sponsoring some aspects of the costs or any **other ideas that will help us to survive the next 50 years**.

Ed Amphlett – Treasurer/Advertising Manager



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Photos from the recent AGM by Bob Pitchford.

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

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

Many thanks.



CALLING FOR ANY PHOTOS FROM THE REMOUNT DEPOT

Dear Editor,

I am a member of the **Friends of the Lamplighters Marsh** and we are raising money for the **Warhorse Statue**. I met someone today who's granddad served at the remount depot in Shirehampton/Avonmouth during the first

world war. So can I ask your readers if they have any old photos from this era. e.g. people/ places/horses. Any copies can be sent to me at richard17smith@outlook.com I would like then to promote our cause.

Regards, *Richard Smith*



Shire Craft Exhibition 2022

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St. Mary's church was filled with celebration on July 17th, where a large dance show was finally held after a slight delay due to covid, to mark the 10th Anniversary of local dance company ConfIDANCE- a non-profit community group providing free and subsidised dance sessions to children and young people in the Bristol area.



Dancers aged 3-16 from 3 Shirehampton STOMP groups were joined by other ConfIDANCE groups including **Patchway STOMP, Lockleaze ConfIDANCE Crew and Severn Beach ConfIDANCE Crew** to put on a display that showcased everyone's hard work through a variety of routines whilst also raising money for local good causes.

The show was made up of current numbers from each dance group, featuring themed dances such as the Lion King, Pirates Sea Shanty, 100 years of dance styles, Candy Land, Street Dance routines and a Musical Theatre piece about celebrating uniqueness. Each dance group also learnt an older piece from the 10 years of ConfIDANCE to remember our dance journey over the years. These routines were significant to the dancers in different ways - some teen dancers wanted to bring back a favourite ConfIDANCE performance from their childhood, some had fond memories of learning the routines at a dance camp or performing it at the **Colston Hall** and one dancer even had an adult family member who was a dancer 10 years ago with us and wanted to learn a routine that they performed too!

In addition to the group pieces, dancers were given the opportunity to choreograph their own performance piece, choosing and editing their own music, sorting costumes, and creating their own moves. The dancers who took part in this challenge

showcased themes including Encanto, Friendship, Kung Fu Fighting, Spies, Sunshine and Moonlight, Beach Vibes, Cheerleading, Hip Hop, Street Dance, Musical Theatre and Tik Tok inspired dance moves.

To round off the show, we held a special award ceremony to commemorate the 10 years of

ConfIDANCE clubs in action, with every dancer taking home a trophy for their group work and choreography challenges. We were also able to give some special awards for dancers who have grown up with ConfIDANCE and have now developed into leadership roles of helping to lead younger classes, operating our tech systems and volunteering at shows and events. Finally, 2 dancers were awarded a dedication trophy for lasting the whole 10 years with us- well done!

A huge thank you to everyone who came and celebrated with us- we were able to raise £250 which will be split between ConfIDANCE and **Mental Health Charity Mind**. A big thanks also to our volunteers who have given up their time to ensure classes were able to run each week and thank you to the local families who donated trophies in order for us to be able to hold an award ceremony.

I have thoroughly enjoyed running all of the ConfIDANCE classes over the years, watching the children and young people grow in confidence, reach their full potential and perform at various church events, school workshops, community fairs and theatres- here's to the next 10 years of ConfIDANCE!

Amy Boucher ~ ConfIDANCE Director.

The Shirehampton ConfIDANCE groups are run in partnership with St. Mary's Church and are provided free of charge to the community at the Tithe Barn. Please feel free to contact confidance@rocketmail.com if you would like any more information about joining these classes. Thank you





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SHIREHAMPTON PUBLIC HALL NEWSLETTER

A Special Building Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday 2nd August in the library and was well attended. The purpose of the meeting was to inform Members and the public about the current situation with the roof works and the intention to proceed with phase two (internal renovations) once the roof is completed.

Members and friends were taken on a tour of the building so that they could envisage the plans for the next phase. If you would like to view a copy of the minutes these will be displayed in the Hall foyer or will be available to view on our new website: www.shirepubhall.org.uk.

Future Events at the Hall:

- September (date to be announced) – Hall Quiz Night
- 22nd October 5-7pm, Halloween Disco for 11 years and under
- 17th December (time to be announced), Hall Children's Christmas Celebration.

The Gardening Volunteers Group which meets in the Hall Garden from 10am on the first Saturday of the month have started meeting once again now that things are growing once more! Everyone

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

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

The Public Hall is very keen to hear from anyone with drive, determination, and a flair for listed buildings to join their team of Trustees

For details on how to support the Hall as a volunteer or Trustee, or to book meeting or party/celebration space, or any other questions, please contact the Hall Manager on 0117 9829963 or email bookings@shirepubhall.org.uk

Amanda Parsons

SPOTLIGHT ON GROUPS AT THE PUBLIC HALL:

Pop Up Play Village - North of Bristol

This month we are showcasing the Pop-Up Play Village. Run by the lovely Sarah Murphy, this is a prebook only session for toddlers, with exceptional play experiences to be had!

We are a mobile, educational role play village for children to engage, explore, and have fun. We have created an environment where children from babies through to 6 years are inspired and excited to play!

Enter our role play world where children become doctors, chefs, artists, vets, builders, posties, waiters and shopkeepers. Here imagination leads the way, so no two play sessions are ever the same!

We host events in Shirehampton Public Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9:45am - 11am. Numbers are limited, to ensure everyone has a safe and fun play experience please book your tickets in advance at <http://bookwhen.com/popupplayvillagenbristol> or search for "Pop Up Play Village - North of Bristol" on social media.



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With the summer upon us it has been another busy month. Cadets are going boating at Bristol Adventure and are gaining qualifications and experience which is good to see after such an extended period without boating. Our thanks go to Bristol Knowle Unit for facilitating.

As we head through the summer a number of cadets will be attending **Weymouth Boat Station** with **Weston Unit** and enjoying a week of boating whilst others continue to boat closer to home.

On **Thursday 21st July** our **District Officer Lt Cdr (SCC) Richard Priest RNR** visited to present **CPO (SCC) Richard Lawes** with his **third Clasp**. This is such an amazing achievement as it denotes 30 years of service in Sea Cadets. CPO (SCC) Richard

Lawes is a very experienced member of the team with particular interest in Marine Engineering, he has given freely of his time not just to Avonmouth but also many other units within the MS-SC and attended many Districts Training and Events and competitions. Our Congratulations and thanks go to CPO Lawes on this wonderful achievement and for his continuing support and valuable contribution to **TS Enterprise**.

Friday 22nd July saw **OC Lottie** receiving her **Aviation Silver Wings** the culmination of a week's **CNAC Silver Wings Course** at **RNAS Yeovilton**. A lot of groundwork but also the chance to get off the ground with an instructor and enjoy some flying. Congratulations to OC Lottie as this was a great achievement.

We now have places on our **September intake, Thursday 15th** for both **Junior Cadets (10-12)**



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and **Senior Cadets (12-18)**, if you are interested, please contact the unit - either phone **Avonmouth Sea Cadets 9823938** (Answer phone available), or Email avonmouthseacadets@gmail.com

Additional we are very keen to expand our adult volunteers, we have a number of flexible roles available, again if you would like more information about volunteering with us then contact us on the above email for more information.

Terri Booker



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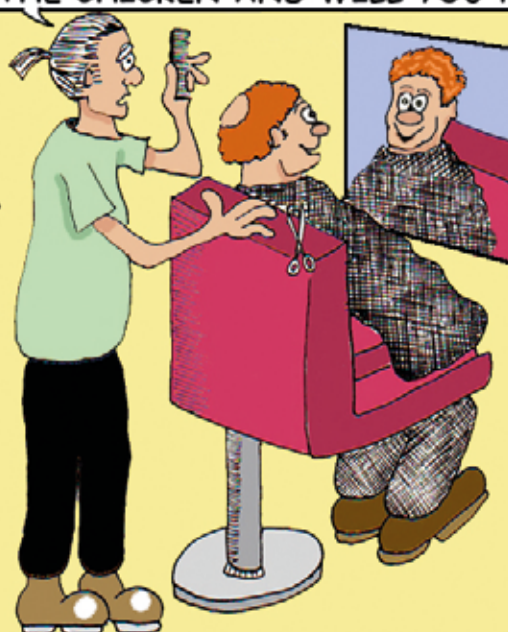


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Climate Action Plan for Shirehampton

The Climate Emergency Group has joined forces with Shirehampton Community Plan and SCAF to develop a Climate Action Plan for Shirehampton. We'll be holding an interactive workshop to discuss local priorities and actions in response to climate change.

Interactive Climate Plan Workshop

Tuesday 13 September, Cotswold Community Centre, Dursley Road, 7:30 pm.

Bristol City Council has been encouraging communities to develop their own strategies for addressing climate change. We want to discover how we here in Shirehampton are being impacted. We need to find out what measures people would like to take to make Shirehampton more resilient.

One thing we can do is calculate our carbon footprint.

A carbon footprint is the total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions caused by an individual, event, organization, service, place, or product, expressed as carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e).

When we know what our carbon emissions are and how we cause them we will be able to find ways to reduce them. As you can imagine, this will be a big project which will need input from everyone in Shire. **The workshop will be an opportunity to say what YOU think needs to be done.**

SCEG is also hoping to offer a morning of expert advice on heating, insulation and reducing fuel costs. This will probably be in early October, so watch this space.

Moving Bristol Forward

A number of us from Shirehampton and Sea Mills joined the Bristol on Board Day of action at the end of July.

Moving Bristol Forward is a coalition between Zero West and the Transport for Greater Bristol Alliance campaigning for integrated and AFFORDABLE public transport.

Since transport is a major contributor to CO₂ emissions we hope everyone will support the Fair Fares for Everyone campaign. The more we use public transport the cleaner our air will be. Find out more at www.movingbristolforward.co.uk

Funding for Bristol – Portishead Line Secured

At the same time WECA (West of England Combined Authority) has secured funding to re-open the Bristol to Portishead railway line.

The Secretary of State has set a new deadline of 19 February 2023 for the decision on the application. Metro Mayor Dan Norris said:

“This is a really important project. It will provide fast links for people in South Bristol and across the city to Portishead and back. It is a vital part

of helping us reach our very ambitious net zero target of 2030. It will also impact positively on the whole of the West of England and North Somerset economy to create jobs and opportunity while cutting car use.”

SHIREHAMPTON CLIMATE EMERGENCY GROUP

Next meeting!

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

Tuesday September

13th, 7:30pm in

the Cotswold

Community

Centre, Dursley

Road, BS11 9XH.

Hope to see you then.



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

Think Global: Act Bristol at the M Shed

There is a new exhibition at the M Shed, Think Global: Act Bristol explores Bristol's role in the climate and ecological emergencies. It looks at the big environmental questions affecting people in the city and presents perspectives from a wide range of local voices. The exhibition examines how we might harness the power of collective thought and action through seven themes - power, technology, consumption, nature, health, justice, and future Kye Dudd, Cabinet Member for Climate, Ecology, Waste and Energy, said, “It has never been more important to talk about the climate and ecological emergencies that we are facing”

Through innovative art installations and fascinating historical objects, Think Global: Act Bristol takes on the big questions - How did we get here? What's Bristol's role in it? What does a just, green future look like? Everyone is invited to join the discussion and contribute a vision of a future Bristol”

Think Global: Act Bristol is open now until 30 October 2022. Entry is 'pay what you can'. Tickets are available from www.bristolmuseums.org.uk and M Shed box office.

It Is Wise To Be Eco-friendly!

The hot weather saw a few trees begin to struggle in the orchard until, we were blessed with rain. We have started cutting the long grass down in stages. A fox had a picnic on a wood pigeon and left the feathers for us!

I would ask people not to encourage or feed foxes in their gardens, they are breeding well enough and becoming prolific this in turn affects the ecological balance and predatory food chains in a negative way.

Much of our veg is ready. Plum and damson trees have done well and **Caroline** has set about making **Tynings Orchard** damson mead for Christmas and jam.

The orchard is available to the paid in members of the group but unless you are a member please don't help yourself with no permission, if you are caught it is theft. Free fruit can be found in the daisy field.

Chinese lanterns in full flame were seen flying overhead from the riverbank towards the allotments, posing a high risk of causing a wild fire. If this was you, you could face a charge of arson as they are **banned**.

We open our field for a work session on 17 and 18th September 2 till 5pm. Anyone can come on this day and lend a hand, buy eggs and whatever produce we have.



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Tynings Field Community

As the summer closes upon us we harvest the fruit from the orchard and make deserts. This year also we are making Tynings Field Mead, a fruit Wine which will be ready for Xmas.

One of the geese has already started enjoying windfall apples.

The desert below is made from baked plums and cut crumpets.



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Our workday for cutting down the grass in the orchard will be coinciding with our open day 17th September 2 till 4pm.

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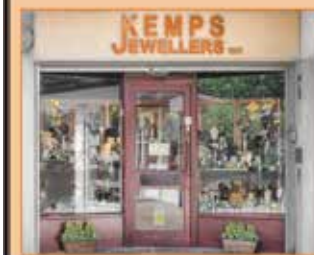
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Fun and Games at the High Street Market

With summer holiday's underway, the August High Street Market added some activities to their event not only to keep children entertained but the adults could be part of it too. There was a large snakes and ladders garden game which children and adults loved playing, one mum completed the Buzz Wire game on her second attempt and obviously had a steady hand. There was the game Bounce which didn't prove easy as first thought and D.I.Y face painting where two Smurfs and Spiderman made a visit. There were colouring books for children and adults, quizzes, word search and Sudoku books too, you could also colour in your own face mask. The annual Painting Poppies sessions were also there as well.

With plenty of refreshments and cake available from the Market Kitchen, Jamaican and Sri Lankan hot food was also available to eat in or take away. There were plenty of stalls to browse through including gorgeous baby and children's clothes, plenty of home and garden plants, a great selection of jewellery, fresh fish & shell fish, gift ideas and ethically sourced fair trade clothing and accessories to name but a few.

On the 1st September Shirehampton Markets celebrate their 3rd birthday at the Tithe Barn in Shirehampton. Just follow the balloon trail to the venue and help everyone celebrate. The Children remain on School Holiday's so the market will continue with the activities they did at the previous event in August and will be adding a discovery game called 'Find The Sun Flower' where 15 Sun Flower characters can be found throughout our very own High Street. And yes, adults can help the children find them. It's a bit of family fun to share and every

sheet of paper completed with right answers will get a lucky dip of sweets for their hard work finding each sun flower.

The next High Street Market will be on Thursday 1st September, doors open from 10am until 3pm at the Tithe Barn on the High Street, just follow the balloon trail and join in the celebrations. All welcome. Remember all the markets and events they run are free entry.

For more information about Shirehampton Markets go to: www.facebook.com/shirehamptonmarkets

Kathryn Courtney



ENTERPRISE HUB

Our first Jobs Fair was in June and the place was packed with employers and training organisations, plus Sustrans and I got my bike fixed! Approximately one third of visitors (around 100 in total) progressed to second stage meetings/ interviews or directly into employment as a result of the event. We have another coming up 13th September - see the poster!

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

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

Dates and Events:

- The **ESOL Conversation Club** is an enormous success and is ongoing during the holiday period and all the way up to Christmas, **every Thursday 10-11am**. Do come along if you need to brush up on your spoken English.
- **Basic Computers - by Community Learning** - from **Tuesday September 20th 1pm to 3pm**. Similar to previous Digital Skills sessions, these courses are small and friendly so if this is of interest, please contact **Suzanne Gaffney** at suzanne.gaffney@bristol.gov.uk or call **07887 451776** - For adults with few or no qualifications.
- **TIME TO TALK Support Group** - each **Monday 7.30 to 8.30pm** - come and chat with one another - start that conversation!

- **NEW - Intro to Business Admin/Office Skills course** - from **Friday September 23rd 9.30-11.30am**. If this is of interest, please contact **Suzanne Gaffney** at suzanne.gaffney@bristol.gov.uk or call **07887 451776**
- Our **Hub's Cups Job Club** - pop in on **Tuesdays 11am-12.30pm** including free tea and coffee - or call **Darren** if you can't make Tuesdays.
- **Film Club** on **two Tuesdays each month - at 7.30pm**. See announcements on our **Social Media** for more details.

Keep an eye our Social Media for other events and more dates - Twitter and Facebook - @shirejtehub and Instagram - Shire JTE
Email: projectcoordinator@jtehubshire.org
to register interest in any of the above, or for a one-one appointment to discuss your needs. Also Tel. 07305066478 or check the Website - <https://jtehubshire.org/>

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Churches in the Shirehampton Area

Hello from Shire Methodist

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We plan to continue holding Morning Worship each Sunday in our church building from 11am. The first Sunday is planned to be a guest preacher, the second is All-Age Worship, the third is Holy Communion led by Reverend Patrick Stonehewer, the fourth will be a more informal event with coffee and conversation.

We will be welcoming our minister, Reverend Patrick Stonehewer, back from his sabbatical in September. He successfully completed his planned pilgrimage, walking from the most north-westerly point to the most south-easterly point of the UK mainland: walking more than 1,125 miles over 65 days, 2,230,231 steps as recorded by his smart watch!

We are incredibly grateful to Reverend Emma Langley for kindly supporting our church while Reverend Patrick was away.

At the time of writing this, we are looking forward to having a wedding in our church in August. It will

be wonderful to have a full church celebrating such a wonderful occasion.

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

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

Everyone at Shire Methodist

Victoria Crane



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St Mary's News

Hi Folks!

September is with us and already we can see leaves falling from the trees. Although it is late Summer/early Autumn no doubt the extremely hot and dry weather we have had has brought about this phenomenon. The Autumn colours on our trees are always magnificent but to me they always herald that Winter is but a short distance away.

The first Wednesday of the month - 7th September is Goldies singing session in church at 10.30 am. Don't miss it if you are a regular songster!!

Now that September is here, we have the joyous news that our new Priest for St Mary's - The Revd Alison Sowton and her husband Derek will be in the parish with us. Revd Alison will commence her duties on Monday, 12th and her first service will be on Sunday, 18th September. We welcome her after a 14-month interregnum. The Induction Service when she is formally installed into our church will be some time in October when either Bishops Viv or Lee has a vacant date in their diaries. The date will be published in the October edition of St Mary's News.

Also on the week commencing 12th September our Tithe Barn activities - Stomp and the Youth Group etc recommence after the Summer break.

Can I remind you that Foodbank North West (Avonmouth) is very busy at this time with requests for help and are looking for more donations. They would be grateful for: Toilet Rolls, Tea bags and Coffee, Tinned Rice Pudding/Custard, UHT Fruit Juice, UHT Milk, Tomato Ketchup, Tinned Fruit & Veg, Tinned Soup, Tinned Meat, Chocolate, Crisps, Toothpaste, Deodorants & Nappies. There are two plastic crates on a table outside the window of our Admin Office inside the church building for you to place your donations. Someone from the Food Bank will look in periodically to St Mary's and collect any donations left there. May I thank you in anticipation!

Messy Church recommences in church on Tuesday 20th September from 3.30 pm until 5.00 pm. Again may I remind you to let someone know by the previous Friday whether you require refreshments so the appropriate amount of food may be purchased beforehand.



Tim Forder, our Organist & Choirmaster, has asked me to publish this reminder that the Shirehampton Area Choir practices, for our forthcoming Christmas Concert, will start again at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 20th September. If you enjoy singing do come along - no auditions are held. If you are able to read music that will be a great advantage.

I do hope Revd Alison likes the jokes I include each month at the end of this publication because this one is for the benefit of her and Derek, who own a motorcycle!

Question: What do you call a laughing motorcycle?
Answer: A Yamahahaha!

I'll chat to you again next month if I've not been sacked as your correspondent!!!!

'Bye for now! C.M.E.

Eleanor

Shirehampton Baptist News

Come ye thankful people come. Raise the song of Harvest home, many churches will sing this song in September at their Harvest Festival services. We will thank God for all our wants to be supplied but remember those places where there is no harvest due to drought or war.

Our Church will celebrate **Harvest on September 18th at 10-30 am.**

Our monthly **Songs of Praise Café** will meet on **Sunday September 11th, 4.45pm at the Cotswold Community Hall, Dursley Road.** We welcome all to join us, and enjoy an informal time of sharing favourite hymns, exploring Paul's missionary journeys and learning about various charities not forgetting refreshments.

The same group of people are holding a **Fun Afternoon on Bank Holiday Monday August 31st.** All ages welcome to enjoy refreshments, games, face painting and crafts. Same venue as above from **2pm to 5pm.**

Our **Rock Solid Club** for infants and primary school age made a good start before the end of term, the children enjoyed drama, games and craft.

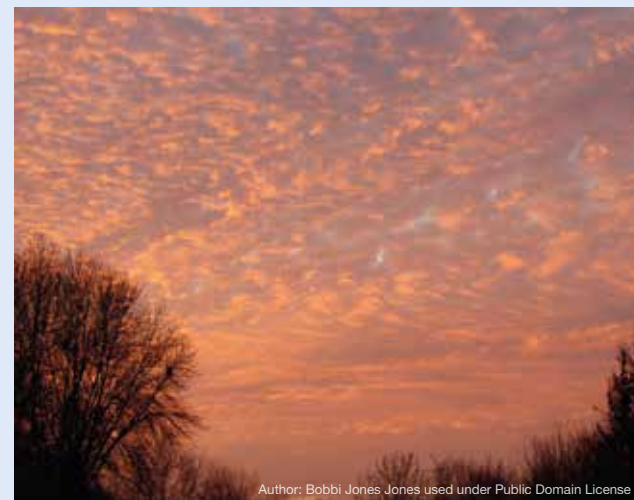
For more information see contacts below. The club meets every **Thursday school term time from 3.30pm to 4.30pm** in our building.

On **September 29th** we welcome all to our **Life Café from 10-12pm.** The homemade cakes taste so good and it is a chance to meet old friends and make new ones.

During **September and October** many homes in Shire will get a **Good News Paper,** We trust that you will be inspired and helped by the articles from people from all walks of life

We meet every **Sunday at 10.30am** and on **Zoom at 4.30pm.** The church building is open for private prayer on the **third Thursday of the month.**

There are many in Shire who believe in God but feel no need to attend a church for various reasons. May I encourage you to find a church where you



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can learn more about the Bible and prayer also help from one another.

A Harvest Celebration could be a good time to start.

We send our love and prayers from all at Shirehampton Baptist Church, Station Road.

Contact numbers 07743 683684 or rhodespaul@gmail.com

Mair Blandford

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

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

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



Cotswold Community Association
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REGULAR EVENTS

- MONDAY** Pilates 9.30-10.30am
Kettlebells 5:15-6:15pm & 6:30-7:30pm
- TUESDAY** Film Night 7:30pm* (1st & 3rd of each month)
Shire Climate Emergency Group 7:30pm (2nd and 4th of each month)
- WEDNESDAY** Keep Fit 10:30-11:30am
Kettlebells 5:15-6:15pm
Pilates 6:30-7:30pm
- THURSDAY** Bingo 2pm
Kettlebells 5:15-6:15pm & 6:30-7:30pm
Table Tennis 8pm
- FRIDAY** Trainmaster North Somerset 10-11am (1st of each month)
Contact Sophie on somersetnorth@trainmaster.co.uk
Create to Elevate Workshop 7-9:30pm (2nd & 4th of each month)
Contact Tom on 07455 956826 for more details.
- SATURDAY** Coffee Morning 10am (2nd of each month)
- SUNDAY** Cotswold Christian Community Service 4:45-6pm (2nd of each month)

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Shire Craft Exhibition 2022

Tuesday 25th – Saturday 29th October

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If you would like more information about the exhibition please contact: Ed or Gail Amphlett 07776 170053 or email gail.amphlett@hotmail.com



Shire Craft Exhibition 2022

Shirehampton Public Hall – Station Road –
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Tuesday 25th October
to Saturday 29th October

Opening times 10am – 4pm
(Late night Thursday 10am – 8pm)

Application Form

Name: Tel No.:

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Exhibit 1: Price/N.F.S.

Exhibit 2: Price/N.F.S.

If you have more than 2 items, please add a continuation sheet.

I would like to steward on am/pm

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- Closing date for applications is Wednesday 19th October 2022 -

Please return this form to gail.amphlett@hotmail.com

8 Penpole Place BS11 0DR or Shire Public Library, Station Rd, Shirehampton BS11 9TU

For more information, contact **Gail & Ed** on 0117 9821879 or 07776 170053

The Hall will be open **Monday 24th October 9.00am – 4.00pm** for registration of exhibits.

The Hall will also be open **Sunday 23rd October 5.00pm – 6.00pm** for large items.

Collection of exhibits will be on **Saturday 29th October 4.45pm – 5.30pm.**

No charge on exhibition items unless for sale, then a 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 – 12.5% 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.

Stewarding – 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.**

Do not send any money with this application, it will be collected at registration.

GOSPEL CHOIR

It was wonderful to be back performing in Shirehampton - back in May! Our gospel choir sang at the Shirehampton Jubilee Celebrations, and it was lovely to have a live audience and get such wonderful comments.

So, we are now about to start a new term of rehearsals and we are open to new members! We meet Wednesday evenings, 7pm, weekly at Shirehampton Baptist Church. We are a very friendly group; we start each rehearsal with tea/coffee and sometimes yummy cake, and we just love to learn new songs together.

The Shirehampton choir is one of 5 GGCC choirs that meet across Bristol, we all learn the same songs and then come together to perform as one big choir! We have sung at festivals, street parties, on TV (live by the Severn Bridge with Only Men Aloud & Amy Wadge) and much more.

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“Back in 2020 the Kings Weston Action Group tried to run some of their heritage walking tours only to be thwarted by lockdown and global pandemic. This year they have returned! The volunteer group who aims to conserve, enhance, and celebrate the Kings Weston estate will be running tours of the parkland on Saturday afternoon 17th September. The walk will begin at 2pm at Shirehampton Road public car park and last for about two and a half hours. The route will be about 2 miles in total and take in many of the historic highlights and hidden secrets of the estate.

Walks will cost £5 with payment on the day, and with all funds going towards helping KWAG with its ongoing projects. Under sixteens can come along free. Unlike previous years there is no need to pre-book places, and anyone is welcome to turn up on the afternoon.

Previous walking tours have been popular, and we hope that everyone goes away having discovered something new about the historic parkland. So come along and find out about the people who created Kings Weston and uncover their past.”

Heritage walking tours of Kings Weston

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Foraging Walk With Steve England

On a hot sunny day in July Steve England arrived at Lamplighters Marsh to lead a Foraging Walk with just over twenty people in attendance. Included in his audience were several children too, one being a young boy called Logan who soaked up all the information that Steve gave on this walk with great enthusiasm. In fact Logan carried the basket that would later contain the ingredients that Steve picked up along the way, that he would later cook for all of us.

Steve told us all about the plants to avoid and the plants that were beneficial to eat, to use for a camp fire and strip back as an alternative to string. He even played a joke on us all at the beginning of the walk stating he had caught a weaver fish from the river earlier. This turned out to be something he had weaved earlier with thin branches in the shape of a fish. We all fell for it!

John Hastings, a member of Friends Of Lamplighters Marsh said “Steve never fails to educate and entertain. His ‘down to earth’ knowledge and attitude engages with all who come across him”.

Whilst Steve England summed up the afternoon “It was great to return to Lamplighter Marsh once again leading a walk for FOLM. It is a wonderful place to explore and go for a walk along the river. There is always something exciting to see and I’m always finding new things. To show the local residents

some of the interesting finds that can be seen along the river, not many people realised that Sea Trout swim up the river or how valuable the mudflats are to wildlife. Everyone who attended the walk was thrilled especially when we foraged for wild Sea Beet an edible estuary plant. We cooked it after the walk and served with Marsh Samphire and butter, yummy.”

We await for Steve’s return and hope it won’t be too long.

For more information about Friends Of Lamplighters Marsh go to www.facebook.com/groups/150885459274793 and for more information about Steve England go to: <https://steveengland.co.uk/>

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Anyone is welcome to come along and see if it's for you. We usually stay for about an hour, or whatever you can manage. We have children and adults who come along – it really is for everyone, and we would love to see you there. The garden continues to take shape, but with the summer heatwave taking its toll we recently had the water butts installed by **Kevin from the Sea Mills Repair Café!** We were incredibly grateful as we will now be able to collect rainwater to keep our plants thriving. If anyone has any plants to donate, we would be very grateful as some didn't survive the hot summer weather. **Please email shirehamptoncommunitygarden@gmail.com or just come along on a Tuesday morning, and we will happily accept donations.**

We are looking to get an outdoor noticeboard too, so if you have one going spare do get in touch. It has been wonderful to see people making use of the garden – please continue to enjoy it and leave it as you found it by taking litter home with you. And if you have not had a walk down **Pembroke Avenue** recently, you might like to visit for the first time!

Thank you - Joanna Leighton



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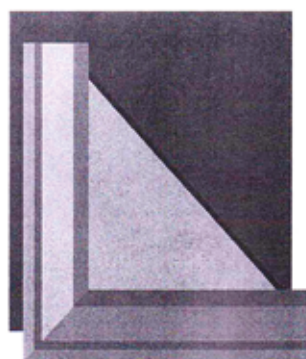
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City and Port of Bristol Bowling Club

The long awaited, twice postponed summer tour based in Eastbourne finally happened on Monday July 4th.

Travelling on **Lynn's Coaches** and heading for the splendid **Langham Hotel** - last visited in 2016, were 40 bowlers and supporters from five bowling clubs in Bristol.

Playing four games of bowls - three against clubs visited on the previous tour, and one that broke new ground at **Seaford**, the sun shone throughout and a great time was had by all.

As well as bowling there was plenty of time to explore the wonderful **East Sussex** countryside and seaside resorts.

Eastbourne has a pier owned by a Sheik, aptly known as '**Sheiks Pier**'. The cafe on the pier is

spectacular, chandeliers and all - is there a better one anywhere?

The resort also boasts some lovely flower gardens and a land train that goes a long way, not just along the sea front. Some folk on the tour went on the open top bus, others on a more conventional bus to **Brighton** which was just an hour away and well worth a visit.

There was no bowling on the day of arrival this tour, the first game was on **Tuesday** at **Parade Bowling Club**, situated next to a fort built in Napoleonic times. This green is only a short walk from the hotel.

The club has two greens, and both were pressed into action for the seven-rink game.

There was a different captain for each day, day one was **Gordon Dimond**. The hosts came out in front but the result on tour is always much less important than the pleasure gained from being on the green, meeting like-minded people from another club.

On **Wednesday**, the destination was **Bexhill-On-Sea** where there are four greens, it is near the promenade and beach. There was a huge raffle, lots of people went away with a prize. Another good afternoon bowling where **Bill Cook** was captain ended in defeat but great hospitality on the patio outside the club bar.

Rottingdean was the venue on **Thursday**, near to Brighton and the only win of the week. **Captain of the Day** was **John Bartlett** and was proud of it.

The **final game** of the week, at **Crouch Bowling Club** and a nearly win - three shots in it, **David Hinksman** was captain of the day.

Club Summer Tours have traditions which go back many years. A reward for being the best rink on the day and the wearing of something around the neck for the greatest losing rink. This year a duck, not real and are just two of them.



After the game at Bexhill-on-Sea – time to relax swap stories and have a well deserved drink.

Gordon Dimond once again did a great job of presenting a quiz and bingo on the coach. **Carol Green** presented a quiz of a different type late in the week.

Organised by **Mary Lomas** and the **Tour Committee, Eastbourne 2022** was a great success and very enjoyable.

The club's interest in **County competition** ended on **July 25th**, when **David Hinksman** and **Howard Surman** were beaten by 23 shots to 15 by **Joe Hardwick** and **John Smallwood** at **Olveston**. They competed well and were ahead at one point against county level players from a leading club in the county.



Howard Surman, and **David Hinksman** – on the left who played **John Smallwood** and **Joe Hardwick** on the right at **Olveston** in the City and County Pairs on Monday 25th July.

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



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Despite Bristol's own Doors Open Day taking a year off, Kings Weston house will be open to the public free of charge as part of the national Heritage Open Days.



This is a rare opportunity to explore the Georgian interiors, once the magnificent home of the **Lords de Clifford**, enjoy the **Sir John Vanbrugh** designed house and garden buildings and take in the 300 acres of parkland.

Once the home to the **Irish Southwell family** and later the wealthy **Miles dynasty** the house is central to **Shirehampton's history**. Come along and join volunteers of the **Kings Weston Action Group**, in discovering how the mansion was designed and built by Sir John Vanbrugh and evolved to celebrate the wealth and political ambitions of its owners over time. The event is being held courtesy of the current owner **John Barbey** and will offer the chance to explore one of the finest collections of family portraits in the Southwest, still decorating the huge saloon today. Free tours of the interiors will be given throughout the day and an exhibition of the park's history will be held in the **Oak Room**. Light refreshments will be available in the house, and the vaulted café will be open throughout the day.

The house will be open to view between 10am and 4pm on Sunday 11th September, and everyone is invited to take advantage of the opportunity.

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