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We head into Spring this month and look forward to the associated celebrations. Don't forget the special ladies in your life on Mothering Sunday, 6 March. Easter is not far behind, we are pleased to bring you a full list of services you will be welcome to attend. Plans are also well underway with Winterbourne Down's Village Carnival, it promises to be bigger and better than ever, if you would like to get involved the committee would be delighted to hear from you.

One local family share their touching story on their baby daughter's experience of Hip Dysplasia and invite you to support Baby Hip Health Week 7 - 11 March 2016.

I am pleased to report on the success members of Paul's Place Boccia team had a recent competition, with many of the participants amongst the medals.

Winterbourne Musical Theatre celebrates 40 Years this year, I hope you enjoy reading about its interesting history and news of the latest production.

There are several more interesting reports and updates from local groups and societies throughout the publication so grab a cuppa and enjoy the read!

Take care until next time.





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First free bikes given to South Gloucestershire school pupils through recycling scheme

Pupils at Elm Park Primary School in Winterbourne are the first to receive free bicycles through a new scheme called Bikeability Recycled. The recycled bikes were presented to three pupils at Elm Park Primary School in Winterbourne in January by South Gloucestershire Council's road safety team. The bikes are gifted to pupils without access to one of their own, to enable them to take part in Bikeability cycle training.

The road safety team have been collecting used and unwanted bikes from local schools and with the support of SUEZ, the council's waste and recycling contractor, from Sort It recycling centres. Qualified



bike mechanics within the council's cycle training team then refurbish and make the bikes roadworthy. before they are redistributed through schools to people in the community without access to one. By providing families with better access to bikes, it is hoped more children will take part in Bikeability training and make cycling part of their life.

Planning, Transport and Strategic Environment Chair Cllr Colin Hunt said: "All schools in South Gloucestershire are offered free Bikeability cycle training by us through their school, however sometimes we are not able to provide this service to all children because they do not have their own bike. By refurbishing and redistributing these bikes to local school pupils we are hoping that more people take part in our cycle training. We have seen a huge increase in cycling in South Gloucestershire and it is important that young people are taught to cycle safely and with consideration for other road users."

One of the pupils receiving a free bike, Connie Starkie, aged 7, said: "I really love my new bike! I did have a smaller one before but that one had stabilizers on it. One of the Bikeability instructors gave me some tips for my new bike and will be coming back to teach me how to ride it without using stabilizers."

Bikeability courses improve students' on-road riding abilities, and aim to make them more road aware. To get their Bikeability award, students are instructed on how to ride their bikes to the government-approved National Standard for Cycle Training, which sets out the training and skills essential for making cycling trips on roads. Courses are available during school time and also during the school holidays.

More schools in South Gloucestershire are invited to get involved either by donating used bikes or by helping to identify families who could benefit from this project.

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Baby Hip Health Week 7 - 11 March 2016

A local family's story

This month we were pleased to be contacted by a Frampton Cotterell family with a request to help raise awareness of the organisation STEPS - a national charity supporting children and adults affected by a lower limb condition such as clubfoot or a hip condition. This is a charity particularly close to their heart after calling on their support when their youngest daughter was just a few weeks old.

Mum Mady explained to me it was during her baby Beatriz's eight week check that the doctor suspected she may have Hip Dysplasia, a scan confirmed this. At ten weeks young Beatriz was put into a harness, the family were told she would have to wear this for sometime between two months to two years and surgery may be necessary.

Recalling the events Mady told me it was an extremely traumatic time both emotionally and on a practical level. The brace that pins the legs into a frog like position could not be removed at all, so there was no bathing, no swimming and clothes had to be adapted to fit dear Beatriz. It was at this frightening time that the family discovered STEPS. The charity's website filled with practical information was a life saver, the family were also able to read about several success stories on the site and were given hope. "They made the condition seem ok and we could see there was light at the end of the tunnel" said Madv.

Amazingly at twenty weeks Beatriz was able to be released from her harness. The physio the family saw, told them in twenty five years she had never

seen such a bad case. So it is remarkable what a great recovery she made in that time. Beatriz was signed off with the consultant at twenty months and has never looked back.



Now four years old, she is extremely active and loves swimming and gymnastics.

When I spoke with Mady, Beatrix was tearing around in the garden with little sister Lorena. It was expected that Lorena would be born with the same condition but thankfully this was not the case.

The local family would like to encourage people to support STEPS in anyway that they can, perhaps by hosting a 'Put the Kettle on' coffee morning at home or work to spread the word about baby hip health and help raise vital funds at the same time. Alternatively you can make a donation via the website - www.steps-charity.org.uk where vou will also find lots of helpful advice. Alternatively you can contact the STEPS Helpline on 01925 750271 or email info@ steps-charity.org.uk.







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News fron Winterbourne Down WI Report

Our President, Dawn Mahoney, welcomed everyone to the meeting and after the business and reports had taken place we were transported back to our childhoold by listening to Tim Lewis and Sheila Furneaux as they recounted and sang their version of the Wind in the Willows.

Tim at first gave us a history of the author, Kenneth Grahame, who was born in Edinburgh on 8 March 1859. His father married Betty Ingles in 1855 and they had four children who used to enjoy listening to bed time stories told by their father about being in the countryside and by the river.

At the age of five Kenneth lost his mother to childbirth and his father took to drink, so the children went to live with their grandparents in Cookham Dean in the village of Cookham in Berkshire.

Kenneth was an excellent scholar at St Edwards School in Oxford but did not go to University as his grandfather wanted him to go directly into Banking. This he found to be rather dull so he started writing articles in papers and periodicals. He married Elspeth Thomson in 1899 and they had a son Alistair who was born blind in one eye and who had health problems. Kenneth enjoyed reading stories to his son and hence wrote his masterpiece The Wind

in The Willows. Alistair went to University, but got depressed and committed suicide. His father became a recluse after his sons death. He spent time in Italy and Cornwall and died 6 July 1932 at the age of 73. He is buried in Holywell Cementry, Oxford.



Tim and Sheila told us

the story in verse and song about the Wind in The Willows. It was very entertaining with familiar music from different recognisable songs which related to the rythme, telling us the story of toad, mole, ratty and badger. Very clever, amusing and most entertaining.

Our next meeting is on 3 March and our Speaker will be Martyn Poole talking about the Soup Run and the Homeless. On 7 April the talk is on The Really Expensive Chocolate Company given by Nicola Eaton. All are welcome to join us at 7.30pm in All Saints Church Hall, so see you





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Coalpit Heath WI had their first meeting of the New Year on Wednesday 6 January. We were delighted to welcome Mel from Melanie's Kitchen. in Downend. Armed with a food mixer, she showed us how to create some lovely desserts, all very simple but we all agreed very tasty. The lemon cheesecake was a particular favourite.

After receiving a bye for the first round of the skittles tournament. Coalpit Heath faced Chipping Sodbury in the second round of the WI skittles competition. The match was played at Shire Community Centre, Yate on 22 January. Unfortunately, Chipping Sodbury arrived with a player short, which meant that the lowest score on their team was counted twice. The final score line saw a win for Coalpit Heath at 118 points and Chipping Sodbury 86 points, with Leigh Smith being our top scorer with a total of 25 points. Coalpit Heath will now progress to the 3rd round.

At the meeting some of the ladies expressed an interest in learning new craft skills so we kicked this off on Tuesday 26 January with a crotchet and knitting night at St Saviours Church Hall, Eighteen ladies made a brave attempt but some of us are going to need decidedly more practice!

aiming at an additional meeting a month where we can draw on the varied craft skills of members.

At the February

meeting we welcomed the aptly named 'funky farmer'. Richard Cornock, who gave us an entertaining and fascinating insight into a 'Year in the Life of a Farm'

Richard's family has owned New House Farm in Tytherington since the early 1900s. Richard now runs it along with his brother and Dad.

He took us through the different stages of the land through the year. Showing us photos he has taken at the different stages. He finished the talk with an amusing video of skipping cows being released into the field after spending the winter in the barns.

His work carried out through the Higher Level Stewardship scheme was of great interest.



Particularly the project involving replanting an orchard and inviting families to help with the

The members enjoyed the talk so much we are hoping to arrange a tour of the farm this summer.

We are looking forward to our March meeting when Liz Ranger will be visiting from the West of England MS centre.

Our meetings are held at St Saviours Church Hall, Coalpit Heath on the first Wednesday of every month - start time 7.45 pm, new members are welcome.

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Fired Up Netball Club

Winterbourne Matters was delighted to find out more about a relatively new social netball club training twice a week in Winterbourne.

Fired Up Netball Club started just over a year ago with the aim of providing a friendly and sociable way for ladies to get back to playing netball, meet new friends and get fit at the same time. The group usually plays on the outdoor courts at Fromeside Community Centre, next door to the gymnastics club on a Tuesday evening (7 - 8pm) and also on Saturday mornings (9.30 - 10.30am). However the Tuesday session has currently moved to the Jubilee Centre in Bradley Stoke to take advantage of the floodlights - it will be back in Winterbourne from the beginning of April.

Understanding that everyone has lots of work and life commitments, the club goes the extra mile to make it as flexible as possible. Some ladies are able to train regularly whilst others only train when they can, and this is completely fine. A regular weekly commitment is not expected but obviously it is lovely to see ladies returning week on week and really enjoying having fun whilst having a workout! Fired Up Netball play friendlies with local teams and have also taken part in a few Back to Netball tournaments. There are also regular social events.

You don't need to have any previous experience of playing netball as all the rules are explained. Most of the current group hadn't played since school (which for some was a very long time ago!) The club is open to ladies over 30 of any level of fitness and ability. They have just run some Back to Netball sessions through Avon Netball and have welcomed more new players back to the court, which is great. Hopefully some of our readers will be encouraged to go along and try out your netball skills (good or

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Crossbow Singers are now well into rehearsals for their Summer Concert, under the temporary leadership of Carolyn Dutton, ably assisted by Liam Grogan and accompanied on the piano by Mary Darby, Our regular Musical Director, Rachel Gittoes. is currently on maternity leave and we all wish her well. At the time of writing, Rachel is still awaiting her new arrival, but, by the time this article goes to press, all that may have changed! Good Luck, Rachel, we send you our love.

The music for our Summer Concert has been chosen by our newly appointed Music Committee. They have decided upon the theme 'Great Music for Great Britain', choosing music written by British composers from various ages and genres - hopefully something there to suit all tastes. Our Summer Concert will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 4th and 5th July, so put it in your diary now and look out for our posters around our area nearer the time. All profits from the Summer Concert will be shared between two charities nominated by members of the choir. We rehearse and perform in Crossbow House, School Road, Frampton Cotterell.

Before the concert, however, Crossbow Singers will be holding their AGM, when the items under discussion will range from business matters such as appointing officers, to what refreshments to have at the concerts and whether we should change our dress code! The important matter of the charities to be supported this year will also be decided. The AGM will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday, 11th April in Crossbow House.

Would you like to join us?

As always, and sadly in common with many mixed choirs, we are in need of more tenors and basses. We are a friendly group who meet each Monday evening during term time, starting at 7.30 and finishing around 9.00 pm. Although helpful, it is not necessary to be able to read music – all 4 parts are practiced thoroughly. However, a love of singing is essential! So, if you sing tenor or bass and have Monday evenings free, why not come along and give us a try? We look forward to welcoming you. A rather belated Happy New Year to all our

supporters. Chris Palmer, Choir Secretary









An update from -Floral Friends of Frampton **TOP SOIL**

Thanks are due to local builders Draisey and Company, who are restoring a house in Church Road and kindly donated about 4 tons of good quality topsoil (with some bulbs growing in it) for us to top up the hollows in the Woodend/Beesmoor strip - amazingly daffodils are already beginning to flower here! Spare topsoil has been bagged up in preparation for the proposed raised vegetable planters at the planned future Sensory Garden at the Brockeridge Centre.

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SPRING FAIR - A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Floral Friends will be holding a Spring Fair on St George's Day – Saturday April 23rd 2016 - at the Brockeridge Centre (10.30 am. - 2 pm.).

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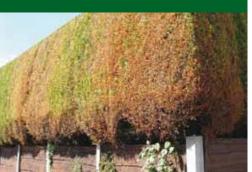
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Winterbourne Matters was pleased to catch up with Claire White from Winterbourne Rabbits (and Guinea Pigs!) for this issue. We learned that rabbits are the UK's 3rd most popular pet and there are more than 60 breeds to choose from (who knew that!)

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However, re-homing is an expensive process, including not just food and board but also vaccinations,

neuturing (where necessary) and vets' bills. The rescue centre is operated on a very small budget. relying on donations to help contribute towards the expense.

There are plenty of rescues looking for loving homes, so if you are seeking a new pet rabbit or quinea pig, why not contact Claire - she may well have the perfect pet for you?

Winterbourne Rabbits will be at the Royal Bath & West Show on 3rd/4th June this year raising awareness of the Rabbit Rescue, along with some rabbits and guinea pigs looking for new loving homes!

Winterbourne Rabbits are dedicated to the welfare of rabbits and guinea pigs and are happy to provide advice and guidance where needed - there is a wealth of information under 'caring for your pet' on their website www.winterbournerabbits.co.uk that you are welcome to browse and Claire would be pleased to hear from you if you require further information. Telephone 01454 774 965 or 0771 373 2210, you can also find them on facebook 'Winterbourne-Rabbits' and follow them on twitter /WbourneRabbits.



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Community Matters:

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Each year the Holiday Inn Bristol Filton chooses a charity to support. Last year they raised in exess of £3,500 for the local Macmillan Cancer Support for the Macmillan Wellbeing Centre based at Southmead Hospital. They held a variety of raffles and cakes sales and also hosted



Photo shows Margaret Coffey, Raphael Herzog, Matthew Stubberfield and Georgina McMenamin

a Family Fun Day and coffee morning which raised over £1,000. Members of staff from across the hotel team also got involved in the fundraising, such as Food and Beverage Assisstant Lee Allen who rasied £120 from a sponsored body wax! The Conference Ops Team hosted a bag packing session at the local Asda and raised £400, whilst the Housekeeping team raised £230 by making and selling magnets and good luck charms!

Shaun Wilde, General Manager told us: "We're delighted to present to Macmillan the funds our team has raised last year, and look forward to seeing the difference it will make to the support centre at Southmead Hospital. Whilst we enjoyed every minute of our fundraising activities, the real reason for organising and taking part in the events was never far from our minds. Macmillan is a charity close to our hearts and we know what a difference every penny makes."

The chosen charity for this year is the Make A Wish Foundation, although they are also still looking for a local charity to support too. The Holiday Inn Bristol Filton will be hosting its second Family Fete & Fun Day on 25th September this year, from 12-4pm. Margaret is looking for additional local commuity groups who may wish to join in with the fun day and participate by running a stall or putting on a demonstration on the field. If your community group would like to get involved please contact Margaret directly via email: margaret.coffey@hibristolfilton.co.uk.



Don't miss our even more exciting

Winterbourne Down Village Carnival Saturday 30 April - Monday 2 May 2016 News from the Carnival committee

As stated in the heading, we are planning to make our carnival even more fun-filled and exciting than last years!

On Saturday, 30th April, we will be hosting an evening of line dancing and Fred and the team will provide a lip-smacking BBQ. The committee are also considering providing a family event such as a children's disco/entertainer which will start at 6.30 pm in All Saints Hall. This will be aimed at those families who have young children and will lead nicely into our line dancing and BBQ evening commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets go quickly for this event, so don't leave it too late to order yours.

On Sunday 1st we are hoping to combine the Treasure Hunt with our Scarecrow Trail - details to follow. Our Sunday evening Songs of Praise will take place in the Methodist Church at 6pm. On Carnival Monday, apart from some new and exciting acts to entertain you throughout the day, we

are once again inviting commercial stalls, as well as the charity stalls, to line the streets/ pathways. Therefore, if you or someone you know has a creative flair and wishes to set up a stall and are willing to pay for a table and make a contribution to our chosen charity, please contact Anthé Evans on 01454 778156.

Our theme for this year will be 'Mystical

Creatures'. We will be decorating Down Road as usual and extend an invitation to residents to join in the spirit and display flags etc..

So, in brief, Family Disco/Entertainment, Line Dance and Barbecue at All Saints' Church Hall on Saturday, 30th April. Tickets will be on sale from 1st April - contact Fred Smith 01454 772072 or Sue Cessford 01454 777881. Ticket prices to be confirmed but Line Dance ticket price will include the delicious Barbecue. (Bring your own drinks and plastic glasses).

On Sunday, 1st May - Family Village Treasure Hunt combined with Scarecrow Trail starting at 2.00 p.m. from Winterbourne Down Methodist Church Hall, Refreshments will be on sale in the church hall from 2.30 pm and from 2.45 pm. entertainment will be provided, free of charge, by the Westerly Showband. Everyone is welcome. This will be followed at 6.00 pm by Songs of Praise in the Methodist Church with entertainment provided. The charity for the collection this year will be the Red Cross.

Monday 2nd May is Carnival Day, when there will be a procession from Bradley Avenue shops. leaving at 10.15 am, to the Methodist Church grounds. Please arrive at starting point by 10 am because Fred will be offering a special prize for the best dressed participant in the procession. Judging of age groups will take place at the Methodist Church grounds where great money prizes will be awarded. Remember to turn out your mystical character costumes - Tinkerbell, Little Mermaid, Shrek and Avatar, are all welcome. Now is the time to start looking!

Craft and Charity stalls will be set up in Down Road and Camp View. If you wish to run your own stall to raise funds for your favourite charity or you would like to rent a table to sell home made produce/crafts and are willing to make a donation to our chosen charity, please contact Anthé Evans on 01454 778156 for further information. Activities are being planned for the





or Tuesday from 7.30 pm in the Winterbourne **Down Methodist Church** hall. Contact a committee member for details.

We will once again be seeking volunteers to help during the carnival day with setting up/manning stalls/manning the road closure areas and tidying up. Please contact Fred to add your name to our 'volunteer list'. All we ask is an hour of your time to help make this carnival day another great success.

For further information please contact either the Chairman on 01454 772072 or myself, Sue Cessford, on 01454 777881 or visit our website www.wdcarnival.org or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/wdcarnival.

whole day, full details of which will be available in the Carnival Programme on sale from 1st April from committee members. Please come along and enjoy the weekend and don't forget to invite your friends.

Donations please! The carnival committee runs its own stall during the carnival day, the proceeds of which go towards the next carnival and to local charities. We are in need of any spare items you may have sitting around (unwanted Christmas presents!). This can include good quality toys, books, household goods, good quality bric-a-brac. etc. Please contact any committee member for more information.

Can you help? If you want to be involved in the organisation of our carnival, please come to one of our meetings which take place on either a Monday



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Price includes light refreshments



Paul's Place compete at Boccia Heathcoat Cup

On Saturday 23 January, seven of Paul's Place Boccia players took part in

the inaugural pan disability individual tournament in Guildford, Surrey.

For those of you that are not familiar with the game. Boccia is a Paralympic sport for athletes with disabilities that have a major impact on motor skills. It is a target ball sport belonging to the same family as petangue and bowls, a game of strategy in which players demonstrate great skill and determination to overcome their impairments.

This event was the first time that all of their players were officially classified, which means they are now properly registered to take part in any pan disability competition. Players were entered into three of the eight categories - BC2, BC5 and BC8.

In BC2, Matt Badman did amazingly well, winning all four of his games, to win the gold medal! Simon Hill played in the same class and also did brilliantly winning the bronze medal.

In BC5, two of Paul's Place players met in the final, where Mark Rance won the gold, beating Andy Batten. Nick Brake came 4th, narrowly losing out on the bronze on a tie break. What fantastic results!

Luke Jones and Martin Long both played in BC8, but could not guite get amongst the medals. This was somewhat surprising as Luke is probably the best player the team have, but there were mitigating circumstances which might explain this. All the matches were played over two ends, which effectively gives you little or no chance of saving a game, if your opponent has a lucky shot on the jack or indeed a good one.

This competition was also the first time the team have played as individuals, which takes a bit of getting used to, and to give them credit, the opposition were pretty good.

Strangely the players who got the most out of the weekend were the players who did not win a medal. Nick has hardly played for 18 months, due to health issues, and came into the weekend completely undercooked. His performance exceeded all expectations and will do wonders for his confidence. Luke rarely experiences losses and coped with the disappointment amazingly well. He was gracious in defeat, congratulating his opponents on their victory in a magnanimous way and philosophical afterwards, keeping things in perspective and his emotions under control. Luke responding in this was awesome and in a strange way will do him more good than him getting just another win. We are sure the team will benefit from his mature response to what must have been a very disappointing

Martin was always going to struggle a bit playing without teammates, who help with his decision making, but as the day wore on, he got to grips with the different format and ended up in a positive place.

Mark, Andy and Matt have now qualified for the finals later on in the year for this new competition, called the Heathcoat Cup, so watch this space for an update in the next magazine.



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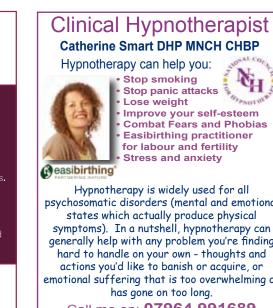
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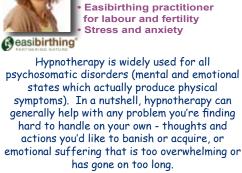
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Wed 9th - Carer's Club, Zion, 2-4pm. Carers welcome to stay with the person they care for or use the free time as they wish. More details from Jean 01454 775786 or Rona 01454 886925.

Fri 11th - Frampton Folk Music Club, Crossbow, School Road, 8pm.

Wed 16th - Community Coffee morning, Manor Hall, Coalpit Heath, 10.00-12.00. Free entry. Sponsored by NISA. Alison Allan Tel: 07873 747513 for more details.

Wed 16th - Frampton Local History Society, Zion Church, 7.30pm. rockthom@btinternet.com.

Sat 19th - Community Centre Dance, WADCA, Watleys End Road. 7-11pm. Tel. 01454 774997.

Wed 23rd - Forget-me-not Singalong Group. Zion, 2pm-3.30pm. For local people who like to have a sing a long. Details from Jean 01454 775786 or Rona 01454 886925.

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Sat 2nd - The Alligators, Rock 'n' Roll Band, WADCA, from 7pm. Tickets £8 in advance or £10 on the door. Tel. 07710 626746. email ca.winterbourne@gmail.com

Fri 8th - Frampton Folk Music Club, Crossbow, School Road, 8pm.

Sat 9th - Fun Pictorial Quiz, WADCA 8pm. Teams of 6 but you can make up teams on the night. Bar from 7.30pm. Raffle. Tickets £5 tel. Margaret 01454 773370 or WADCA 01454 776268

Wed 13th - Carer's Club, Zion, 2-4pm. Carers welcome to stay with the person they care for or use the free time as they wish. More details from Jean 01454 775786 or Rona 01454 886925

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Wed 20th - Frampton Local History Soc, Zion church, 7.30pm. rockthom@btinternet.com

Wed 20th - Sat 23rd 'Patience', Winterbourne Musical Theatre, WADCA, Watleys End, 7.30pm. Saturday matinee 2.30pm. Musical comedy. Tickets tel. 01454 317408 www.winterbournemusical.co.uk

Wed 27th - Litter Busters, 10am - 12:00, meet Heather Avenue.

Wed 27th - Forget-me-not Singalong Group. Zion, 2pm-3.30pm. For local people who like to have a sing along. Details from Jean 01454 775786 or Rona 01454 886925

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Thur 12th - Sat 14th - Winterbourne Players production, WADCA 8pm

Fri 13th - Frampton Folk Music Club, Crossbow, School Road, 8pm.

Wed 25th - Forget-me-not Singalong Group, Zion, 2pm-3.30pm. For local people who like to have a sing along. Details from Jean 01454 775786 or Rona 01454 886925



Winterbourne Musical Theatre: 40 Years On!

Winterbourne Matters was delighted to hear from the Winterbourne Musical Theatre Group, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary with their forthcoming performance of Patience.

It was in 1975 that the idea of forming a group to be called The Winterbourne Singers was suggested by the late Edward Bailey the Rector, The Rev. Roger Clifton and Steve Bedell the organist, who invited members of the congregation of St Michael's Church to join with the purpose of staging one of Gilbert and Sullivan's operas.

Among those who expressed an interest was the Head of The Collegiate School (now Silverhill), Miss

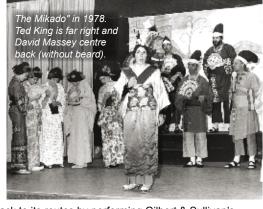
J.Cable. As a result the theatre of the school was the venue for the first production - "Trial by Jury"- 40 years ago this year! Productions were staged there until 1994 when the school was sold and the Winterbourne Community Centre thus became the new home for the group.

From the outset it was very much a family affair with both parents and children appearing together in many productions. In 1978 there were three members of the Massev family in the cast list of "The Mikado". Happily this is still true today as George Lunt and his daughters will all be performing in "Patience" this

Three of the group's current members are celebrating their 40th year with the company, Ted King, David Massey and Barbara Smith who are all in their eighties!

Times change. For the first 20 years the company only performed Gilbert & Sullivan, but changing tastes lead to a greater variety of programme. The group was renamed Winterbourne Operatic Society in 1981 and several years later became Winterbourne Musical Theatre, this reflecting more accurately the type of show being staged. In 1994 they were accompanied by an 18 piece orchestra today it is just a piano!

This April, in celebration of its 40th Anniversary year, the Winterbourne Musical Theatre is going



back to its routes by performing Gilbert & Sullivan's Patience. The play satirizes the "aesthetic craze" of the 1870s and '80s, when the output of poets. composers, painters and designers of all kinds

was indeed prolific — but, some argued, empty and self-indulgent. This artistic movement was so popular, and also so easy to ridicule as a meaningless fad, that it made Patience a big hit. The topical nature of the story may make Patience somewhat less accessible to some modern audiences, and Gilbert & Sullivan fans tend to have strong feelings one way or the other about Patience.

Synopsis: All the well-born young ladies in the village, rapturously caught up in aestheticism, are in love with two contrasting aesthetic poets - a "fleshy" poet and an "idyllic" poet. But the poets

are both in love with Patience, the simple village milkmaid, who cares nothing for poetry. Patience learns that true love must be completely unselfish--it must wither and sting and burn! The girls' military suitors don't see the point to aesthetics, but they decide to give it a try to win the women's hearts. It is touch and go for awhile, but everyone ends up with a suitable partner, even if it is only a tulip or lily.

Winterbourne Musical Theatre is a lively and friendly group who make everyone welcome. They meet at the Winterbourne Community Centre at 7.30 every Thursday evening and are always on the lookout for new (and certainly younger) talent. Why not go along and join in? You never know what you can do until you try!

Barbara Smith is in the red hat.

show and the gent is David Massey.

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The Parishes of Frampton Cotterell, Iron Acton, Winterbourne and Winterbourne Down

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St Michael's Church Winterbourne

Sunday 20th March 10.30am Family Communion

Monday 21st March 7.30am Holy Communion

Tuesday 22nd March 7.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 23rd March 7.30am Morning Prayer

Thursday 24rd March 7.30am Holy Communion 7.30pm Joint Communion Meal

Friday 25th March
9.30am Communion of the Cross
11.00am Children Service

All Saints Church Winterbourne Down

Sunday 20th March 10.00am Holy Communion

Tuesday 22nd March 7.30pm Station of the Cross

Wednesday 23rd March 9.15am Holy Communion

Friday 25th March 9.15am Communion of the Cross

Sunday 27th March 9.15am Parish Communion

St Peter's Frampton Cotterell

Sunday 20th March 10.30am Family Communion Thursday 24th March 8.00pm Holy Communion & Watch

Sunday 27th March

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St James, Iron Acton

Sunday 20th March 9.15am Holy Communion

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Friday 25th March 10.30am Station of the Cross

Saturday 26th March
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Sunday 27th March 9.15am Family Communion

Bethesda Methodist Church Winterbourne Down

Sunday 27th March 10.30 Easter Day service 4pm Baptism and Confirmation

Salem Methodist Church Winterbourne

Wednesday 23rd March 7.30 pm Film shown in the Church relating to Easter, all welcome

Friday 25th March
11.00am Good Friday joint service with Bethesda

Sunday 28th March

10.30am Easter Sunday Service 6pm Easter Sunday Service

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HOW TO CONTACT US – Telephone one of the co-ordinators – Mary on 07542100417 or Rose on 07780936078 – or the Benefice office on 01454 776518.

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11.15am Zion United Church (a short service followed by hot cross buns!)

Easter Sunday: Dawn Sunrise Service

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Good Friday

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Easter Sunday

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Good Friday

2.00pm Liturgy of Good Friday

Easter Sunday

10.00am The Easter Liturgy

6.00pm Easter Evening Prayer

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Dear Friends.

By the time you read this the four churches in the forthcoming Fromeside Benefice. St Michaels Winterbourne, St Peters Frampton Cottrell, All Saints Winterbourne Down and St James the Less Iron Acton, will have been without a fulltime priest for 14 months. This is a situation that many churches have faced during my time as a Licensed Lay Minister. I was licensed in 1982 in the Oxford Diocese and by 1984 I was taking morning or evening prayer in churches on the Berkshire downs. These congregations knew they were to be linked with a neighbouring church and would have to share an incumbent.

The church over the centuries has built a support network that we have come to rely on and now we feel vulnerable. like the twig at the end of a branch in a high wind.

Over the past few days I have been reading again that great adventure story that we have in the Acts of the Apostles and as I read of the persecution and scattering of the church it struck me that so often situations of adversity frequently give organisations the opportunity to regroup and grow stronger.

I read of Stephen's vision before he was stoned to death, an act witnessed and approved by Saul: then of the persecution and dispersal of the infant church and also of Phillip's success in Samaria, and his encounter with the Ethiopian. Then we read of the one event that was to really move the young church out to everyone who would listen, the conversion of Saul. His experience on the road to Damascus, where it had been his intention to once again eliminate the Christians in that city, led to his conversion. Saul is cared for by Ananias and is baptised and, as we know from his three missionary journeys, he founded churches in the countries we now know as Turkey, Greece and Macedonia. We know of these churches because of his letters to them after he had founded them.

I think at this time when we feel so exposed we need to look at these churches in Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi. Colossus. Thessalonica and his final destination Rome. They too must have felt very isolated and exposed when Paul left them to continue his work in other places, we have to remember that they survived. As we know from Paul's letters they had their difficulties but they came through them and survived, through them the Christian Church spread even further. At this time we need to be encouraged by the example they have given us and spread the good news of God's love to all we meet.

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Chatterbooks group for young people in Years 5 and 6. The next meetings will take place on Saturday 19 March 2.30-3.30 pm.

Book Group for Parents will next be meeting on Friday 18 March – 3.00 pm. New members are welcome - please speak to a member of staff.

World Book Day 2016 on Thursday 3 March Winterbourne library will have some £1 tokens to give out to pre-schoolers so make sure you get yours by visiting one of the events above. For more information about WBD visit http:// worldbookday.com/

Craft Group the next meetings will take place on Saturday 5 and 19 March 10.00 am - 12 noon. New members are always very welcome.

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Building the Heart of the Community

Unable to attend the recent, hugely successful WADCA open day, I was pleased to pop in for a coffee and a chat with Business Development Manager - Mandy Nicholls, to hear more about the day and their plans for the future.

Excepting a rather raucous 40th birthday soiree, this was my first time within the community centre, which now employees a part-time management team to work alongside a dedicated committee, staff and network of volunteers. I was stunned at the sheer size of the centre, an almost labyrinthine space of rooms complete with stage, bars, skittle alley and sports hall, centred around a freshly decorated lounge area, where local artists are encouraged to exhibit and sell their work. The fresh, new turquoise decor of the skittle alley hints at the fifties diner feel the team aspire towards.

Mandy explained how the open day was designed to showcase the facilities on offer. The well stocked kitchen provided tasty jacket spuds, whilst a Keep-Fit group burst into flash mob exercise routines. Live music was provided by acoustic group - 'The Shillings', before Blues and Soul cover group - 'Kick the Cat' rocked the stage. Stalls selling an assortment of gifts and crafts were housed within the skittle alley.

Award winning start up company - Synergetic Media have also seen the potential in their local community centre and have opted to base themselves within an







upstairs meeting room. Keen to help out, this fresh faced team are redesigning posters and banners for WADCA as well as supporting their promotional campaigns.

Continuing their new approach, the WADCA team have reworked the newsletter into a full colour A5 magazine, packed with information on the numerous clubs and groups who make the community centre their home, alongside workshops, sports events and performances you may wish to attend or even host yourself! Rates are very competitive starting at only £8 per hour hire for members and with plenty of parking available, a fully licensed bar, utensils and crockery catering for unto 100 people, why travel further afield?

Can you help? - Looking to the future. the renovation campaign continues throughout 2016. The centre really needs the support of local businesses and individuals to complete this much needed revamp. Can you spare a few hours? -WADCA have been invited by Asda Patchway to raise funds by bag packing at checkouts. They ideally need a team of 10-12 cheerful, happy folk to help raise a fantastic £1,000!

New members welcome! - Don't forget, new members are always welcome, currently only £5 per year entitling a third off any room bookings!

Find out more at the new website www. wadca.co.uk or find, 'like' and share on Facebook - 'WADCA Winterbourne Community Centre'.

Article by Lee-Anne Jameson

Local Estate Agent Sponsors **Sports Department**

MacKendrick Norcott is the proud new sponsors of Frampton Cottrell C of E primary school sports department having supplied funding for PE teacher Mr Osborne to design four new full sports kits for the Netball, Football, Basketball and Rugby

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FOCUS ON: Local resident Ian Haddrell

This month it was great to catch up with Frampton Cotterell resident Ian Haddrell, who is heavily involved in many aspects of community life, as well as being an accomplished author with a number of books in print.

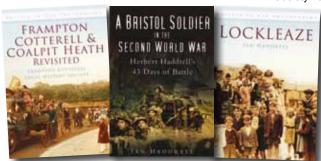
In future issues of Winterbourne Matters, we look forward to him contributing articles, in the meantime enjoy finding out more about this talented local resident.

How long have you lived in Frampton Cotterell and what made you chose this area to set up home with your family?

My wife, daughter and I moved from Bristol to Frampton Cotterell 20 years ago, in 1995, having spent all of my life up to that point living in the city. We had all developed an interest in horse riding and wanted a more rural location to live in, in order to be closer to riding schools and stables, and our daughter Georgina was at an age when she was becoming interested in having her own pony. We liked the ambiance and feel of the Frampton area, the history of the place, the closeness to the countryside, and the sense of community in the locality.

What are your favourite parts of village life?

With a keen interest in the past, I do enjoy the richness of the history, the old buildings and the dry stone walls which remain giving the area it's unique character. And despite Frampton Cotterell and Coalpit Heath being very much "commuter villages" there is nonetheless a great sense of community in the area, with many organisations available for local residents to participate in. I enjoy being able to walk to all the local amenities, whether that be the local pubs, post office, or the number of small shops, which need to be supported in order that they remain viable. I also enjoy the close proximity of the countryside and in particular the walks along the River Frome





I believe you were involved with the Twinning group, were there any particular memorable events that took place?

We joined the local Twinning Association soon after we came to Frampton Cotterell and I became actively involved, joining the committee before becoming Chairman for a number of years. Frampton Cotterell is twinned with Kelbra, located at the foot of the Harz mountains, a village that was formerly in East Germany. We have regularly visited Kelbra and welcomed German guests to our home, which has resulted in many longstanding friendships with many of the Kelbra residents. The actual twinning ceremonies, in Frampton and Germany were memorable events, as was my performance as James the Butler in 'Dinner For One', as part of the celebrations in Kelbra to celebrate 20 years of twinning! The short British play from the 1960s is shown on Germany television every New Year, and is something of an institution there.

Can you tell me a bit about the local history group you are involved with? Did your association with the group lead to the publication of your first book Frampton **Cotterell and Coalpit Heath?**

Frampton Cotterell and District Local History Society has been active for many years, providing

> talks at their monthly meetings, carrying out research in local matters, and producing publications on local history. I have been on the committee for a number of years and was keen that the collection of old photographs and postcards, in the possession of Trevor and Maureen Thompson, was made more readily available to those with an interest in the area. Publication also ensures a permanent record. It was from this idea that the society produced its

first book of old photographs in 2007, followed by a second publication 'Frampton Cotterell and Coalpit Heath Revisited, five years later. We are planning to produce a third volume of old photographs in the near future, and always welcome contributions from residents who have old pictures that we could include. Our meetings, held on the third Wednesday of each month, 7.30 pm at Zion Church are well attended, reflecting the quality of the speakers and diversity of topics.

You have gone on to write a number of other publications, how did you chose the subject matter for these?

I am very interested in local history, family history and have supported Bristol Rovers since I was a young lad. It's these interests that have determined the subject matter for the books that I have written. I attended Lockleaze Secondary School in Bristol, and rescued approximately 150 photographs of the school, that were going to be thrown away, when the school closed in 2004. These pictures formed the basis of the two Lockleaze books. together with former pupils' and residents' photographs. As previously mentioned I have been instrumental in the production of the two Frampton Cotterell and Coalpit Heath publications. Together

with an old junior school chum of mine, Mike Jay, who happens to be a Bristol Rovers historian, we have co-authored four books about the club: two about successful seasons (1973-74, 1989-90) and two about significant former players (Geoff Bradford and Harold Jarman).

The book that I am most proud of is the one that I wrote telling the story of my father's experiences in the army in Normandy during the Second World War, 'A Bristol Soldier in The Second World War'. Fortunately I was able to publish it whilst both my parents were still alive.

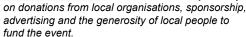
My next project is a book of old photographs and history of Dings Crusaders, the Lockleaze based rugby club, who began their existence in the St Philips area of Bristol in the late 19th century. I would also like to publish a third volume of old Lockleaze photographs.

If people would like to get hold of copies of one of your books where can they purchase them?

The books are available in book shops and from book sellers on the internet. The Frampton books can also be obtained locally from the society's Chairman, Trevor Thompson, on 01454 775265. and I have a stock of my own books, call 01454 772706.

Are there any other local projects you are involved with?

For three years I have been involved in helping to organise and run the Frampton Festival, a free community event for local residents, put together by a small group of volunteers, that takes place annually in Centenary Field, Mill Lane, Frampton Cotterell. This year's festival will take place on Saturday 16 July 2016, and will feature many of the usual attractions; fairground rides, beer tent, tractor rides, food stalls, entertainment. and live music. The finale will be the lighting of the beacon followed by a firework display. We are always looking for new or different things to include in the festival and welcome enquiries from anyone interested in being part of the festival. We rely entirely



If people would like to volunteer or get involved with 2016 festival who should they get in touch with?

We have started organising the festival already and if any one would like to join the committee or become a volunteer to help keep the festival running, then why not come along to one of our very informal committee meetings held alternatively at The Globe and The Rising Sun, the next meeting is on Monday 11 January 2016, 7.30 pm at The Rising Sun. If anyone would like to help on the day itself, even for just an hour or two, that would be a great help.





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We have to date given 3,500 flu vaccinations to

patients this year. Do get in touch if you are eligible but have not yet arranged to have yours. You are entitled to a free flu vaccination if you are 65 years or above, or if you have a chronic condition such as diabetes, heart or kidney disease or asthma. We have also provided nasal flu vaccinations to children aged 2, 3 or 4 again this year. We offer private flu injections separately for those not eligible for the free NHS vaccinations at a cost of £10. Free Shingles vaccinations are also given to eligible patients who are 70, 78 and 79 this year, who should already have received an invitation.

If you care for a relative, friend or neighbour and would like support, do tell us. A carers group meet regularly at the surgery and find it a useful opportunity to support each other and exchange information. We also have an active Patient Participation Group which meets regularly to discuss the patient experience and help us to provide the best possible service. The Friends of Frome Valley Medical Centre continue to provide very valuable support, fundraising to purchase items of equipment which might otherwise be difficult to fund. All these groups welcome new members if you have a little time to spare. Do let us know and we will put you in touch.

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Wind Band Association Celebrates Charity Status

Two years after its formation, Avon Wind Band Association is celebrating being granted full registered charity status by the Charity Commission.

The Association came into being in February 2014. It comprises four bands with a total of nearly 90 members. Between them the bands cater for players of all levels and abilities ranging from Grade 8 players to complete beginners.

The Phoenix Wind Band (top photo) is the senior band with the majority of its 28 players being of Grade 6 standard and above. It rehearses at Emersons Green Library on a Monday evening. The Phoenix Band was also formed in 2014.

The Apollo Band (photo 2) has been together for just over three years and caters for players of around Grade 3 and 4. It meets in Yate on a Tuesday evening.

The Westerly Winds Staple Hill Band (photo 3) has been playing for just over two years and, as its name implies, meets in Staple Hill Library on a Wednesday evening.

The most junior band is Winterbourne Winds (photo 4) which was formed just under eighteen months ago for complete beginners and returners. They meet at the Greenfield Centre, Winterbourne on a Thursday evening.

Having a "family of bands" at all levels offers the opportunity for players to move to a different band as their skills develop. Currently the minimum age for band membership is 18 years but the Association is on the point of offering membership to 16 and 17 year olds. Although based in South Gloucestershire, many of the players were attracted to the bands from further afield.

Keith Hunt, Chairperson of the charity, said "We are always open to welcome new members of all abilities and it would be a fitting way to celebrate the new status of the Association if the membership reached 100 this year."

Anyone interested in joining should contact Keith on 0117 9049125 or by e-mail keh35@ blueyonder.co.uk who will be pleased to answer any questions. Further information can be found on the Association's website

avonwindbandassociation.com









Community Matters cont ...



Volunteer to bring joy to the lives of older people: Volunteers (aged 50+) are sought by respected charities, Alive! and RSVP, to lead activity sessions for older people in care homes involving music, poetry, reminiscence and armchair exercise. Make a real difference to the lives of older people and have a great time doing it. Comprehensive training and ongoing support will prepare you for one of the best voluntary roles in town. Feel good, meet new people, develop your skills and use your outgoing personality to light up lives in Bristol care homes. For further information: contact jan.snook@rsvp-west.org.uk or ken.dolbear@rsvp-west.org.uk or 0117 942 3085

South Gloucestershire Fine Arts Group presents Shakespeare and Company with Nicole Mezey Nicole's lecture on Thursday 17th March celebrates the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death by looking at the visual and material world and social changes which influenced him. He left a Warwickshire village for the intrique, glamour, fear and squalor of London. An age of portraits, playbills, parades, theatres, a Virgin Queen and an anti-smoking, witch-hunting king. Meeting at Bradley Stoke Community School BS32 7BS (near Bradley Stoke Library and Leisure Centre), we are a friendly group and always pleased to welcome Guests and new Members. Refreshments from 7.00 pm, welcome and slide illustrated lecture at 7.30 pm. Good parking & easy access. To join us please call Sally Kitching on 01454 774401 sallykitching@googlemail.com http://sqdfas.org. uk. No artistic ability required – just an enquiring mind and an interest in the Arts.

Winterbourne Down Society are hosting a presentation on the plans for new housing in North Bristol

Tim Bowles, councillor South Glos., will talk about the plans, which involve identifying land in the North Bristol area to build 68,000 new homes. What are the implications for Winterbourne Down, Hambrook and Moorend? How can we influence the planning process? The meeting is on Tuesday 15th March 2016, 7.30pm in All Saints Church Hall, Winterbourne Down. The talk will be followed by the Winterbourne Down Society AGM. Members are welcome to stay for this.

Barnforce Morning Usually the 3rd Saturday each month, 10am-1pm. A small friendly group which maintains and improves the barn site, and tends the productive garden. Anyone welcome on any Barnforce morning – ring Robert on 0117 957 4921 for details or just turn up! Check the website for dates, www.WinterbourneBarn.org

Garden Group Friday mornings 9.30 - 12.30. For 5 years we have been growing vegetables at the Barn and selling some produce to 'Melanie's Kitchen' in Downend. The Barn acts as a allotment for people who have some, or no, expertise in growing vegetables, to learn and have fun. We meet on site on Friday mornings in a very informal manner - those who want to turn up do. For more details ring Liz Smith 01454 775306. www.WinterbourneBarn.org.

South Gloucestershire Young Entrepreneur's Award 2016: Be recognised as a young entrepreneur!

A small group of independent business owners in South Gloucestershire have decided to encourage young entrepreneurs with their business idea or venture. Past and present Committee Members of South Gloucestershire's Branch of the FSB (Federation of Small Businesses) are supporting this award scheme, some of whom will form the assessment panel of judges. The idea is to actively encourage young entrepreneurs with their ideas and offer them the opportunity of being assessed and recognised by experienced business people in the area. This is not meant to be an onerous or daunting process. We currently have the support of South Gloucestershire Council, John Lewis, The Lost Coin Financial Planning Ltd., OdysseyWEB and are in consultation with a variety of local business owners. Prizes are financial, vouchers, work experience, mock interviews, recognition etc. Entries are completely free, but must comply with the criteria found on the front of the website http://www.sqvea.uk/

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