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Dear Residents,



Welcome to the November issue, as we write this the trees are turning golden and it is feeling decidedly

Autumnal, our local countryside is looking beautiful.

Many of you enjoyed the recent Orchard Harvest Day at Winterbourne Medieval Barn. We were blessed with glorious weather - as you can tell by the front cover. You can see further photos within the magazine, along with details of their next big event - Carols in the Barn.

There are numerous festive fairs, musical shows and activities taking place over the next two months, find out more throughout the magazine.

Share in the fun and excitement of Year 6 pupils from St Michael's Primary School, as we

print news of their recent adventure to Morfa Bay, South Wales.

We were pleased to be contacted by Frampton Cotterell and Coalpit Heath Branch of the Royal British Legion this month, although it was with the sad news that the last of their branch members to have served in the 1939 - 1945 conflict has now passed away. We are pleased to pay tribute to Mr Royston Fudge. You will also find details of the local Remembrance Day services in this article.

We bring you news of a lovely nature walk at Says Court Solar Farm that would make a perfect Autumnal activity.

There are reports from all your favourite local groups and plenty of ideas for activities to take part in.

Enjoy the fireworks at Sunnyacres Farm!



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Congratulations Lexi!

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The competition took place at Thornbury Leisure Centre. The event drew in competitors Wales and Bournemouth, as well as local areas.

Lexi fought a number of girls her age and belt grade to make her way in to the final!

At time of writing, 12 year old Lexi, who attends Winterbourne Academy, is due to be competing in Manchester, for a chance of the title of world champion! She qualified for the world championships in West Bromwich, taking 2 podium wins for sparring and forms.

She is currently the international champion in Dragon Tang Soo do in which she trains in as her martial art, in Baileys Court Primary school.

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Morfa Bay Adventures

What a start our Year 6 had to the year – a five day residential in South Wales! It was an action packed week, filled with lots of fun activities.

Before we left Winterbourne, the bus was buzzing with excitement and the first of the sweets had already been opened! On arrival at Morfa Bay camp we were whisked straight off to squeeze into our wetsuits for the first activity – boobyboarding at Pendine Sands. I have never seen so many children (and adults) so happy to be in the water at once, splashing about and trying to catch the ultimate wave. Our first evening was spent 'hiking up and down dale' with the intention of wearing the children out for their first night away – it worked!

The rest of the week went equally as smoothly with our children participating in all of the activities with courage and vigour. Many of the activities were new to the children and one of the highlights for them must have been the mud assault course during which they rolled around in large muddy puddles, climbed through water filled concrete tubes and tested their balance skills out above large ponds of muddy water amongst numerous other obstacles. Fears of height and small spaces were overcome by many of the children who went climbing, on the high ropes course, the zip wire and caving.

The teamwork that was displayed throughout the week and the care the children had for each other was second to none – they were a real pleasure to take away. We returned with some very tired children, but they created memories that week which will last them a lifetime.

Kirsty Robson

Deputy Head, St Michael's Primary School, Winterbourne

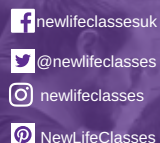


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Lest We Forget

Winterbourne & Frampton Matters was pleased to hear from the Frampton Cotterell and Coalpit Heath Branch of the Royal British Legion this month, although it was with the sad news that the last of their branch members to have served in the 1939 - 1945 conflict has now passed away.

Mr Royston Fudge, late President of Frampton Cotterell and Coalpit Heath Branch of the Royal British Legion, passed away on 9th September 2016, aged 90 years. Roy joined the Royal Navy in 1942 and served with distinction till the end in 1945 on HMS Beagle, HMS Formidable and HMS Hogue. He was in the Battle of the Atlantic escorting vessels carrying supplies to Russia for which he was awarded two medals from the Russian Government - one from President Mikhail Gorbachev and one from President Vladimir Putin. He received an additional medal from the people of the Soviet Union in gratitude for his duties. Roy also served on one of the Ships that liberated the Channel Islands, for which he also received a medal.

Roy was very well known in the village, having lived in Frampton Cotterell for many years. He joined the Frampton Cotterell and Coalpit Heath Branch of the Royal British Legion, (RBL), where he remained a regular for the rest of his life. On speaking to members, Winterbourne Matters has heard that Roy was a young and active man despite his years. Always smiling and fun loving, he particularly loved his dancing; often on the door of the club he loved to get up on the dance floor - and this was still the same right up to just a few weeks before he died. Roy also loved his bingo and was a regular at the Coalpit Heath Miners' Club.



Roy liked to help others and took on the mantle of Branch Welfare Officer for many years, visiting those who were ill or infirm, and he always had a ready smile and a kind word wherever he visited.

Roy served on the Branch Committee and rose to become Branch President. He will always be remembered by the Officers and members of Frampton Cotterell and Coalpit Heath Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Rest in Peace Roy.

"We will Remember them"

Remembrance Services:

Sunday 13th November, 11am at the Cenotaph, with service following at St Peter's and then later in the afternoon Parade with all service groups leaving from Royal British Legion at 2.30pm to St Saviour's in Coalpit Heath, for a short Remembrance Service and then parade back to the Legion for refreshments.



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News from Coalpit Heath WI

What a better way to spend an afternoon than being shown around a Gin Distillery. Bramley and Gage Ltd based in South Gloucestershire were our hosts for the afternoon. We were welcomed with a large gin and tonic, from their own range by our tour guides Nick and Sally. After the welcome talk, which included the origins of the distillery, we were given a guided tour. We were shown the preparation room right through to the packing area. Our guides were extremely knowledgeable, about their craft, very approachable and actively encouraged our questions. A number of Christmas purchases were made from the shop at the end of the tour.

Our October meeting saw a revisit from Catherine Dando from C Squared, who gave us first aid training, earlier in 2016. This time we were advised on the best courses of treatment for burns, including chemical and electrical burns. We were shocked to learn that anyone suffering from an allergic reaction could be dead within 3 minutes! These allergies can often be as a result of contact with nuts, shellfish, bees – this can be diagnosed by checking airways (often swollen), fat tongue, difficulty in breathing/whooping and anxiety. We were then given a demonstration on how to use the pen method of providing relief to sufferers. Catherine was asked to give us a refresher on how to dislodge obstructions from the throat and what to do in the event of someone choking.

Special thanks to Frampton Cotterell WI, who hosted a game of rounders at Crossbow. All in a bid for members to get some exercise and have some fun. We certainly did have fun, despite it being the hottest evening for some time and most of us were not used to running (or hitting the ball) – it was done in good spirit. We will have to think of another event for us to host a re-visit! Maybe something not quite so energetic.



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We meet on the first Wednesday of the month in St Saviours Church Hall at 7.45pm, all visitors welcome.



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If we start by breaking the word down, Osteo means bone, myo means muscle, ology is a suffix meaning 'the study and treatment of'.

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Treatments available. Having so many helpful tools in her kit to call upon when treating her patients is one of the many things Dawn loves about being an Osteomyologist. A selection of the treatments she is qualified to practice include; Acupuncture, Aromatherapy, Confidence and Self Esteem Coaching, Cranial Sacral Therapy,

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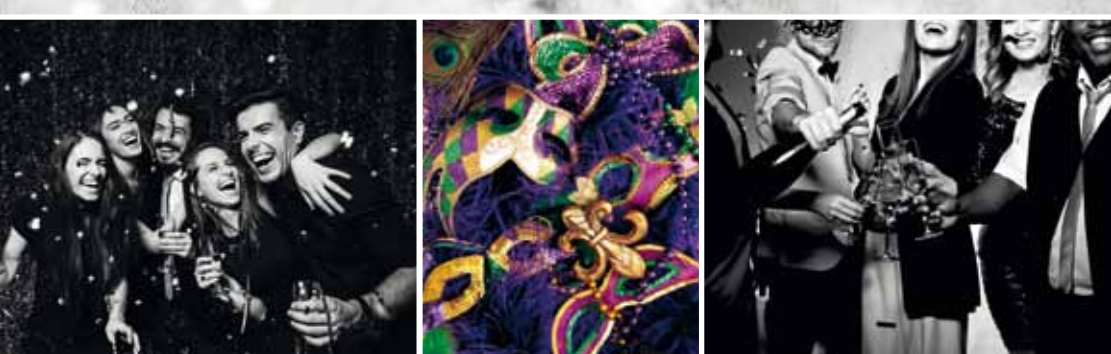
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News from Floral Friends of Frampton

Autumn Tidy for Woodend – Floral Friends have been busy tidying the Woodend/Beesmoor strip of wild flowers. Seeds have been collected for next year's displays and bulbs have been planted to improve our Spring display.

Planters and Hanging Baskets – The summer displays are coming to an end now and we hope that everyone has enjoyed them. The planters and hanging baskets around the village will have their plants replaced with winter bedding over the next few weeks; we hope the displays will brighten the winter days to come!

Bulb Planting – During October more bulbs were planted around the village and in Crossbow Park, Floral Friends are grateful to all the kind local residents who have donated bulbs this year.

Scarecrow Preparations – As you can see by the picture above, at time of writing, preparations are well under way for Floral Friends' contribution to the Frampton Cotterell Village Scarecrow Trail held at the end of October. This year the theme is the Olympics, we hope you enjoyed spotting our Olympic scarecrows on the bench outside St Peter's Church.

Much more information about our activities is available on our website – <http://ffframpton.wix.com/fframpton-cotterell> – and if you'd like to help us (no gardening experience necessary!) please email us at floralfriendsofframpton@gmail.com



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Orchard Harvest Day 2016

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The crowds enjoyed locally produced barbecued lamb burgers and delicious ice-cream, Cotswold beer and Madhatter cider, as well as Lorraine's fantastic pasties and cakes. Children had a chance to hold a hawk, fire an arrow, play skittles, 'splat the rat' and look at the llamas, geese, pigs, and horses. It was a fantastic day out for all ages, with something for everyone. If you missed it – see you next year!



Carols in the Barn

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4pm

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Tickets are £2 for adults, £1 for children, which includes mulled wine/juice and mince pies. They will be available from 7th November from Daisy's Coffee Shop, Flaxpits Lane, Winterbourne, or ring Gill on 01454 774479. There may be some tickets on the gate, but numbers are strictly limited so availability on the day cannot be guaranteed.

Only limited parking will be available on site, so where possible please walk to the Barn. If using a car, please approach from Beacon Lane only. (ie. one-way system exiting onto Winterbourne High St).

www.winterbournebarn.org.uk

News from Frampton Cotterell WI

The big event for us this summer was the wonderful Frampton Festival which we all felt was a big success, in spite of the sunshine being rather shy on the day. That said, it didn't rain and the turnout was impressive, so we really can't complain. Our members did a great job in baking a wide range of cakes, scones and snacks for sale on the stall, and also in selling them – at the end of the day we were left with no stock remaining, thanks to everyone's efforts.

In August we take our traditional annual break from the monthly meeting, however members took part in a country walk in late August followed by afternoon tea at Poplars Farm Shop – this time the weather was on our side and so we were all able to enjoy the sunshine. We also had a summer rounders match in September where we took on Coalpit Heath WI, although our congratulations must go to our opponents who (sadly for us), beat us fair and square!

At time of writing we are looking forward to a talk on Coastal Marine Life and December brings a number of social opportunities with a festive note, including carols, a Christmas Bingo night at Crossbow House, our book club Christmas meal and our contribution to the Christmas Tree display at St. Peter's Church. And a new events programme for the New Year is currently being organised.

Visitors are welcome to our monthly meetings at St Peter's Hall on School Road at 7.45pm, on the 4th Tuesday of the month. There is a charge of £2.50 for the evening and any new members can join by paying a membership fee. Special interest groups that meet separately including a book club, choir and our skittles and darts teams. Please search FramptonCottWI to find out more, and do like our page.



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Frampton Cotterell

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Remember, Remember!

This year's bonfire and firework event organised by 1st Winterbourne (St. Michael's) Scouts will take place on 5th November at Sunnyacres Farm, Cloisters Road, Winterbourne.

Gates open 5 :30 pm ,bonfire at 6.00pm, fireworks at 7.00pm.

Burgers and hotdogs supplied by a local butcher and cold and hot drinks will be available.

Tickets (£4 Adults, £3 children) will be available in advance from Daisy's coffee shop in Flaxpits Lane or on the gate.

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Elm Park's Marvellous Roald Dahl Day

Last term, children and staff at Elm Park Primary School celebrated 100 years of Roald Dahl. It proved to be a wonderful day with everyone coming to school dressed as one of Dahl's fantastic book characters.

Each key stage showed off their costumes during a fancy dress competition. The Enormous Crocodile and Violet Beauregarde stole the show in their respective key stages.

The children were completely immersed in the works of Roald Dahl; Key Stage One created a beautiful collage of the Enormous Crocodile, Lower Key Stage Two designed dreams in their own dream jars, and Upper Key Stage Two created new storylines involving a plethora of Dahl's most famous characters. Children also enjoyed a Roald Dahl themed school dinner.

It was a truly fabulous day topped off perfectly by a cake sale to raise money for Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity, an organisation that supports children with life-limiting illnesses. All cakes sold were kindly made and donated by some of our wonderful Elm Park families. A fantastic day all round!



News from St Michael's Church of England Primary School Winterbourne

We welcome Winterbourne Early Years preschool on to our site. We look forward to building a successful and long term relationship.



Winterbourne Early Years Centre is a registered charitable organisation overseen by a parent committee, and managed on a day to day basis an Early Years Professional and a team of qualified and experienced Early Years Practitioners. Based in the Greenfield Centre, Winterbourne Early Years Centre offers preschool provision for 2, 3 and 4 year olds as well as free community baby and toddler groups.

This September the centre has expanded to provide a wonderful new preschool provision; Rainbow Bears room at

St Michaels Primary School, Linden Close, Winterbourne, which is initially open on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9am – 3pm, and will expand to the full week as demand increases.

Rainbow Bears room is led by Preschool Leader Jean Essom (pictured top left), a qualified teacher in Early Years, and Deputy Preschool Leader Freda Walker (pictured bottom left), a highly experienced NVQ qualified Practitioner. The management of the setting is overseen by the Centre Manager, Sally Bowd.

The children have access to a wide range of stimulating learning activities both in and outdoors and will have the opportunity to learn through 'forest school' activities as Jean commences her Level 3 Forest School Leader qualification.

If you would like further information about 'Rainbow Bears' please contact Sam (centre Administrator) on 01454 773781 or email enquire@winterbournepreschool.co.uk

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Events at WADCA

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Friday 4th November – Britpop 90s Night with the Inflatable Sharks. A fantastic night with 90s hits from Oasis, Stereophonics, Supergrass, Ocean Colour Scene and much more. Doors open 8pm. Band starts at 9pm. Tickets £8. To pre-book contact WADCA on 01454 776268 or email ca.winterbourne@gmail.com or find us on facebook.

Wed 7th – Fri 9th December – “Trial by Jury” and music from “Me and My Girl” and “Salad Days”. Three very different British musicals from the 1870s, 1930s and 1950s, to celebrate 40 years of Winterbourne Musical Theatre. Tickets £9 from 01454 317408. www.winterbournemusical.co.uk

All sorts of activities available – Why not check out the range of regular clubs and societies that meet at WADCA (badminton, bowls, karate, scrabble, theatre, etc) and try a new activity for the winter.

For details about local clubs or facilities for hire visit www.wadca.co.uk / 01454 776268.



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www.winterbournepreschool.co.uk

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The Greenfield Centre, Park Avenue, Winterbourne

Funding Boost for Community Sensory Garden

Floral Friends of Frampton are celebrating the news that they have received a £8,425.00 funding award from SUEZ Communities Trust (formerly SITA Trust) for a Community Sensory Garden.

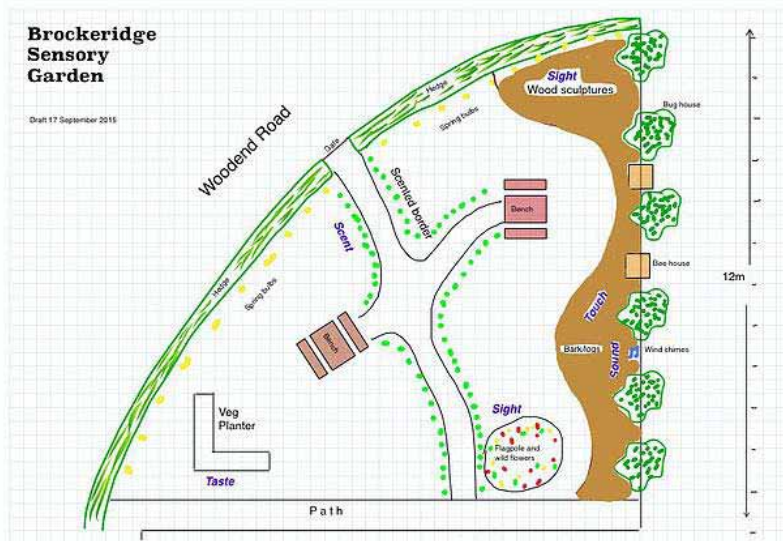
The award will allow the group to create an attractive, tranquil space at the heart of the village and will aim to benefit residents of all ages, from young children to older folk.

It will be carefully planted with colourful, fragrant and tactile plants and will be fully accessible, with seating and picnic benches providing a place for people to meet. Spaces for bird feeders, a bug 'hotel' and homes for bees and other insects will be provided thus enhancing the space for all!

Celia Zlobec, Chair of Floral Friends of Frampton said, "We are delighted to receive this funding which will help us to provide an oasis of beauty and tranquillity in the centre of our village for residents and community groups to enjoy."

Lisa Helyar of SUEZ Communities Trust added "Floral Friends of Frampton are an enthusiastic voluntary community group, set up to improve their local environment by planting flowering plants around the village of Frampton Cotterell. Our funding will see the creation of an attractive community sensory garden that will be accessible to all. We can't wait to see how this project evolves. SUEZ Communities Trust provides grants through the Landfill Communities Fund. This important source of funding has been available since 1997 and has provided such worthy projects with more than £1.4 billion."

Winterbourne & Frampton Matters looks forward to keeping you posted on this exciting prospect for the local area, congratulations Floral Friends!



UWE Students Build Bird boxes for Two Local Woodlands

UWE student volunteers at a recent UWE volunteering day built a number of Bird Boxes for the Sims Hill Community Woodland, which lies in the Winterbourne Parish Council area and is round the edge of the Bristol Business Park near UWE, and its nearby sister woodland, Splatts Abbey Wood, which is near the MoD and Cheswick Village.

Both woodlands have developed a close relationship with the University of the West of England and the Students' Union at UWE. Jenny Idle, Project Officer at UWE Volunteering told us "The students had a great time learning a new skills, alongside other highly skilled students from the Centre for Performing Arts. It is hoped that the

bird boxes will have a lasting impact in the woodland and encourage a greater number and variety of birds to our local area".

The two woodlands are delighted with the boxes, which they will put up at workdays.

"It has been a pleasure for myself and students from UWE to participate in the creation of these bird-boxes, further establishing the close ties which the students and university have with both woodland sites. We look forward to this relationship continuing and the resumption of our workdays - in which we hope to see the bird-boxes put to good and lasting use."

Thomas Haines, UWE GreenSpace Project Leader

David Bell, Chair of Splatts Abbey Wood Group commented "The Bird Boxes are great, and will be put to good use and we are very grateful to the UWE volunteers for making them for us. We look forward to developing our woodland through the workdays."

The two woodlands are holding workdays and would like to get more community involvement in their group, including recruiting more volunteers. So if you are interested in finding out about your local woodlands and getting involved in conservation activities please get in touch.

Both woodlands run work days which include activities such as cutting back brambles, clearing pathways in the woodland and coppicing trees. No experience needed as they will train you on the day and it's a great way to learn a new skills, get some fresh air, meet new people and get a bit of exercise!

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700 Year Celebrations at St Peter's

As a part of our 700th year celebrations we held an open weekend and invited the local community to come and toast the tower with us.

On the Friday evening there was a Folk Evening at which there were a number of singers and groups from around the area. A reasonably full church was treated to some excellent entertainment and we were grateful to those who helped set everything up for this event. The bar and refreshments were busy during the evening and added to the pleasant atmosphere in the church.

On the Saturday the church was open to visitors. There was plenty of room in the newly arranged back of the church for coffee, lunches and cream teas as the day progressed. There were various displays in the church including some of the old documents from the church archives which proved popular and very interesting.

The weather was quite good during the day which enabled lots of our visitors to take a trip up to the top of the 700 year old tower to enjoy the views around the area and to see the bells and the clock mechanism. These tours were much appreciated by our visitors. During the day the visitors were also entertained by David our organist and by a group from The Crossbow Singers which all added to a very pleasant time in the church.

Sunday brought the close of the weekend with a Songs of Praise service for the benefice, during which the new room, and the moving of the font were dedicated and blessed for us all. There were some final celebrations with tea and cake helping us all to relax after the busy few days. Our thanks once again must go to all those involved in any way with the planning and organising of the weekend.



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Dear Friends

So it is official we are now a Benefice, the Archdeacon commissioned and blessed us all at Iron Acton in a wonderful service and celebration on the 9th October. However the truth is, we have legally been a Benefice since the 27th July, so now both the Diocese and the Crown have given their blessing so its full steam ahead, all we need is the New Rector!

On the 8th December I will take up that position and together we will begin an exciting and challenging journey to truly establish the 'Fromeside Benefice' as a living and vibrant faith Community. Four distinct parishes, with their own traditions and uniqueness working together for the 'Kingdom of God' in this beautiful part of his world. What we can do better together we will and as for the rest we will encourage and offer loving support to each other in the key areas where we continue to minister in our particular local communities. We will be, I hope, a living example of 'Unity with Diversity'.

I have been asked to share with you this month what my priorities are? I believe there are three key areas which we need to focus on over the next 18 months;

1. Establishing the Benefice
2. Equipping ourselves for Discipleship and Mission
3. Work with Young People, Young Families and the Local Schools

We have already done a considerable amount of work here and our key focus will be to develop it further and cement our working partnership effectively. However as further ideas and initiatives grow, I want to see more of us readily embrace our corporate action, laying aside the limitations of parochialism, There will be so much more we can do effectively together if we share resources, use our many gifts and skills strategically, both underpinned with prayerful love.

If we are to successfully make connections within our communities bringing new disciples to faith within the Christian Community we have to first deepen our own faith both in study and prayer. I want to see the establishment of Study/Prayer Groups, meeting regularly to enable both study of and nurture in the faith, availing to everyone support and care. All this is vital if we are truly to discern Gods will for us as we move forward. If we are to make disciples of others I feel we must build ourselves up for the task ahead.

In the New Year I will be bringing together all who work with young people in our Parishes to discuss our strategy for taking this vital work forward. It seems to me that our greatest priority is to work with the Young and Young Families. Hopefully by Easter we will have introduced an alternative service to engage with those on the fringe of Church life and those who are seeking. I will also be giving a high ministerial priority to my work with the three Church schools and trying to establish stronger links with the other schools in the Benefice area. We must never forget that young people are 'The Church of today and the hope for tomorrow'.

It is for me a great privilege to serve you all as your New Rector, I believe deeply that God is calling us together to enable something powerful to happen for the Kingdom in our Benefice area. We will make

connections with the local communities and each other, we will build on the traditions we hold dear and which have been established so lovingly over the years. But most of all, our four Parishes together will be a solid rock on which the Christian faith continues to be built and where love of God and love of neighbour will be at the heart of all we do.

Exciting times! God Bless

Malcolm Strange



All Saints Church, Winterbourne Down

The Dodington Parish Band will be performing their Christmas Concert at All Saints on Saturday 17th December, 7.30pm

Tickets available from Wendy 01454 886070 or come on the night. £10 per person to include canapes and wine.



New Service 'COMMUNITY CONNECTORS' launched to help local residents improve their wellbeing

Community Connectors is a new service designed to counter social isolation and loneliness by helping people re-connect with each other, local services and communities. The service is a three year programme and is being delivered in partnership with Curo, a not-for-profit housing and support organisation, and will involve GP surgeries, the Voluntary Sector and local community groups working across the whole of South Gloucestershire.

Support available includes:

- Information and guidance over the phone, face-to-face or by email
- Tailored support to help people play a more active role in their communities
- Help to set up groups and activities that benefit their community
- Opportunities to meet new people, learn a new skill or to volunteer
- Sign-posting to local services and agencies.

Who would benefit from being referred to Community Connectors?

The service is being targeted at the following groups:

- People regularly presenting at GP practices whose wider needs cannot be supported through traditional medical treatments on their own.
- People at risk from or experiencing social isolation and loneliness who may not be eligible for statutory services.
- People who's physical and mental wellbeing needs may also be met through non-medical interventions and can be supported through "social prescribing".
- People who have experienced a life-changing event that has impacted negatively on their confidence and wellbeing.

Referring individuals – Council staff, South Gloucestershire based GPs, community health and voluntary sector partners can all refer to the scheme. Additionally, individuals can self-refer:-
By calling Curo's dedicated phone line: 0300 123 2464 or email – communityconnectors@curo-group.co.uk.

For more information and to discuss how these services could benefit your service users, please contact Jack Bailey jack.bailey@curo-group.co.uk or Robin Woodward robin.woodward@curo-group.co.uk at Curo.

Frampton Singalong meets on first Thursday afternoon in the month, 2 pm – 3.30 pm at The Community Centre, Crossbow House, School Road, Frampton Cotterell, where members of the community can enjoy singing favourite songs lead by experienced singers and musicians and take a break for cup of tea and homemade cakes. The next Frampton Singalong is on Thursday 6th October 2016, 2 pm.

Frampton World Dance meets on 4th Thursday afternoon in the month, 2 – 4pm at Zion Church Hall, Upper Chapel Lane, Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2HY. The dances are taught by an experienced teacher, are suitable for beginners of all ages and no partner is needed. They are gentle dances from around the world including from Balkan, Jewish, Greek, Welsh, English and other traditions and danced to live music. The next Frampton World Dance will be on Thursday 27th October 2016.

Community Connectors are looking for volunteers interested in helping with to run these groups. Circle dance teachers, singers and musicians are also welcomed. For more information about these groups or to volunteer please contact Hilary Jay, Wellbeing Worker, Mob 07792 495 367 or email: hilary.jay@curo-group.co.uk



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See full performance details below.

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Fab Family Nature Events at Says Court Farm

Right at the end of August, Avon Wildlife Trust was joined by the Hawk and Owl Trust and six families to peek out the last of the summer holidays with a family nature day and picnic at Says Court Solar Farm.



In the glorious sunshine, armed with digital cameras to record our nature finds we walked across the farmland to the new wildflower meadow, stopping on route to look at the owl box and learn all about the birds of prey who use the farm. We also spied a wheateater in the field stocking up before its long journey to central Africa.

Once in the wildflower meadow, surrounded by bird's foot trefoil, oxeye daisies and red clover, we went on a mini-beast hunt. Grasshoppers were the most impressive find, but we also found butterflies and ladybirds as well as bugs, spiders, flies and much more. Everyone also had the opportunity to make a bird feeder and bug hotel to take home – to encourage wildlife into their gardens. There was even time to do a spot of charcoal drawing, taking inspiration from what we had spotted on our walk and bug hunt. We all then relaxed over a picnic and took time to edit our photos (or take more!) before heading our separate ways again.

Did you know?

- Says Court Farm is a fascinating site with a solar farm at its heart. In addition to 84 acres of solar panels, two new wildlife areas have been created to improve biodiversity and benefit the residents of Westerleigh. As the site develops Avon Wildlife Trust will provide opportunities for people to explore the area and discover more about the nature on their doorstep this event was the first. There is also a 3 mile circular walk which is great to enjoy at autumn time (featured opposite).
- The new eastern habitat consists of a barn owl hunting corridor of tussocky grassland plus a species rich grassland and is crossed by the public footpath, enabling walkers to enjoy this new nature rich landscape alongside the fast flowing stream.
- Over 97% of all flower-rich grasslands have been lost in Britain since the 1930s, reducing pollen and nectar sources and leading to a serious decline in the wildlife depending on wildflower-rich habitat. The creation of new flower rich meadows will provide essential food for pollinators who in turn provide food for us.
- The solar panels on Says Court farm have been generating electricity since April 2014. Avon Wildlife Trust and Westerleigh parish council are working alongside the landowners and AEE Renewables to restore the natural environment and increase biodiversity alongside increased renewable energy capacity.
- The addition of native hedgerow plants such as hazel, hawthorn, blackthorn and field maple will thicken old hedges, create new natural corridors and provide valuable flowers and berries for insects and birds.



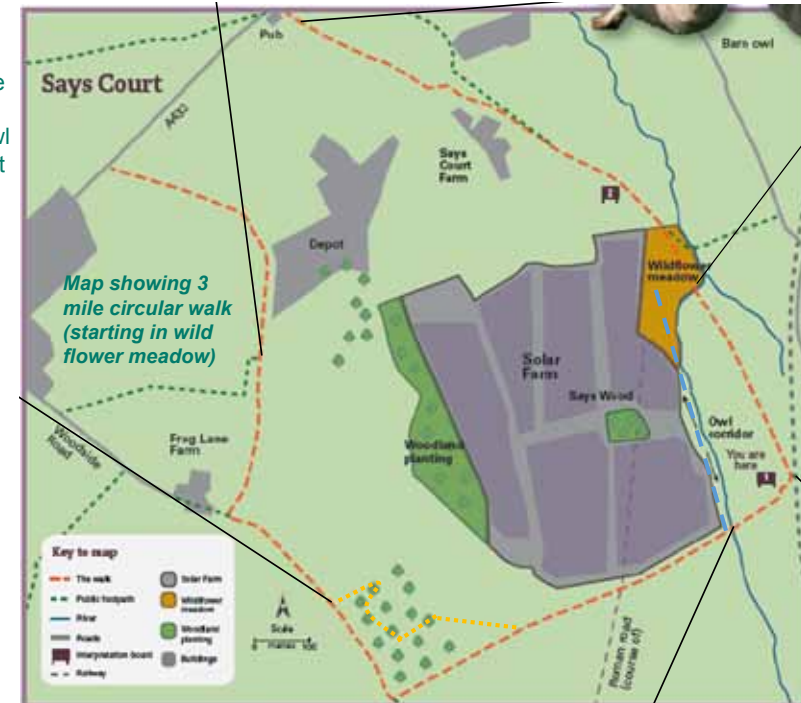
After the success of the family nature day, the Avon Wildlife Trust and Hawk and Owl Trust came together again at Says Court Solar Farm for an Owl and Bat evening.

People and Wildlife Officer, Nicole Daw shared with us the below account.

At the end of September, we were joined by 26 people from the local area which was fantastic. We started by dissecting owl pellets and had some fascinating finds.

They could tell all the owls had a taste for voles (including one of the largest vole skulls I have ever seen) but there was also some shrews too!

As dusk settled we started on our walk around the farm. Though we didn't see any owls in flight we were treated to lots of interesting owl and general nature information including what makes a good nest site and how owls fly silently. As darkness descended the bats came out and we could pick them up on the bat detectors as they swooped overhead. At the end of the evening we were all treated to saying hello to a native tawny owl and a native barn owl that Dave and Paul from the Hawk and Owl Trust had bought along. Both owls were beautiful and very happy to pose for photos.



News from the Crossbow Singers

The Crossbow Singers are now busy rehearsing for the Christmas Concert. This will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 12th and 13th December.

As usual, the programme will be packed full of seasonal melodies designed to put you in the Christmas mood. Our Musical Director, Carolyn Dutton, has been putting the choir through their paces, aimed at bringing out the best possible sound. So please come along and support your local choir.

The concerts start at 7.30 and tickets are £6 each. These will be available from November 1st, by contacting Rose on 01454 772675 for Monday tickets, or contact Mary on 01454 887885 if you would like to come along on Tuesday.

New Tenors & Bases Needed!

As always, and sadly in common with many mixed choirs, The Crossbow Singers are in need of more tenors and bases. A friendly group of about 35 members, they 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 the choir a try? Better still, why not come to one of the Christmas Concerts? It would be lovely to meet you.

The Crossbow Singers rehearse at Crossbow House (in the main hall), School Road, Frampton Cotterell, and this is also where the concerts are held.

A warm welcome awaits you - see you there!

Chris Palmer, Choir Secretary

Events at St Saviours Church Coalpit Heath

Saturday 3 September was St Saviours Church Coalpit Heath, Annual Horticultural Show. The day was once more a success, with people entering into the competition classes and exhibits. Children took part and won prizes too. The Ride and Stride event was enjoyed, members walked to St Peters and then onto Bridge House for Tea and Super Train rides.

Saturday 5 November – 10am – Full peal of church bells.

Saturday 12 November – A Welcome Festive coffee morning in the church hall 10am – 12 noon.

Saturday 26 November – Our Christmas Fayre will be at 2pm with several stalls also light refreshments do come along and enjoy.



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So early in January 2016 I said to Jo, 'we're off to Slimming World this evening' and we went along to Watermore Infants School in Frampton Cotterell. Just over 6 months later I reached my target weight, having lost 1 stone 10 lb. Jo joined me at target a few weeks later.

I feel better, look better, and I'm much fitter. I had begun to hate pictures of myself and now I'm actually pleased and relieved when I see pics of me, and I've stopped avoiding the camera!!

Jo's Story – Like Emma, I had recently visited the GP surgery for a health check, and was shocked to hear the nurse tell me my weight. I knew that I should address my continuing weight gain, but it was hard to actually DO something about it.

So when I came in from work on the first Monday of 2016 and Emma said we were off to Slimming World, I was slightly taken aback.

But I decided to commit to the Slimming World way of life, and my mind-set around food changed.

Also, I started taking the dog for far more walks, walking between offices at work, and even running. It helped massively that Emma and I followed the Slimming World way of life together,

cooking and eating the same healthy food and encouraging each other - perhaps even being a bit competitive!! I finally hit my target weight loss of two and a half stone in early August. I am enjoying being consistently lighter that I have been for about twenty-five years, and feeling so much better for it!



Emma & Jo - before & after, below



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Frampton Cotterell and Coalpit Heath Village Diary

November 2016

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Fri 4th - Quiz night, Crossbow, 8pm. Open to anyone £1.50 Tel. 01454 772947 www.fcdca.co.uk

Sat 5th - Traidcraft Christmas Sale, Zion Hall, 10am-3pm. Light lunches, teas, coffees.

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Fri 11th - Folk @ Frampton, Crossbow, School Road, 8pm, small charge. All welcome.

Sun 13th - Bingo Night, WADCA, Watleys End 7pm. Tel: 01454 776268 www.wadca.co.uk

Thu 17th - Community World Dance, 2-4 pm, Zion Church Hall.

Fri 18th - Bingo Night, Crossbow, 8pm. All welcome. Tel. 01454 772947 www.fcdca.co.uk.

Sat 19th - St Peters church Christmas Fair, 10.30am-1pm.

Tue 22nd - Frampton Cotterell WI, St Peters Hall, School Rd, 7.45-10pm Tel. 01454 773426.

Wed 23rd - Singalong Group, Zion, 2pm-3.30pm. For local people who enjoy a singalong! Details from Jean 01454 775786 or Rona 01454 886925.

Thur 24th, Fri 25th & Sat 26th - Winterbourne Players host a Murder Mystery evening, WADCA 8pm. Tickets £8 incl nibbles. Sit in teams of 6. Tel. 07899 808943 or winterbourneplayers.co.uk

Wed 30th - Litter Busters, meet 10am Gingerbread Man cafe. All welcome.

December 2016

Thur 1st - Community Singalong, Crossbow, 2-3.30pm. £3 includes tea and cakes.

Fri 2nd - Brass Band concert, St Peters church, 7.30pm.

Fri 2nd - Quiz night, Crossbow, 8pm. Open to anyone £1.50 Tel. 01454 772947 www.fcdca.co.uk

Wed 7th, Thur 8th & Fri 9th - Winterbourne Musical Theatre '40 Years & Counting' triple bill show, WADCA, 7.30pm. Tickets £9 from 01454 317408. www.winterbournemusical.co.uk

Sat 10th & Sun 11th - Carols in the Barn, Winterbourne Medieval Barn, 3.30pm. Adult £2, child £1. Booking required, Tel. 01454 774479 www.winterbournebarn.org.uk

Sun 11th - Bingo Night, WADCA, Watleys End 7pm. Tel: 01454 776268 www.wadca.co.uk

Wed 14th - 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.

Thur 15th - Community World Dance, 2-4 pm, Zion Church Hall.

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Wed 28th - Singalong Group, Zion, 2pm-3.30pm. For local people who enjoy a Singalong! Details from Jean 01454 775786 or Rona 01454 886925.

Sat 31st - New Year Party, WADCA, from 8pm. Tony Graham of "The Alligators" sings 50s, 60s, 70s hits and DJs your requests. £20 incl food. Adults only. www.wadca.co.uk

January 2017

Thur 5th - Community Singalong, Crossbow, 2-3.30pm. £3 includes tea and cakes.

Wed 11th - 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.

Thur 19th - Community World Dance, 2 - 4 pm, Zion Church Hall.

Wed 25th - Singalong Group, Zion, 2pm-3.30pm. For local people who enjoy a Singalong! Details from Jean 01454 775786 or Rona 01454 886925.

Thur 26th, Fri 27th & Sat 28th - "Pirates of the River Frome" Panto from St Peters Players, WADCA, Watleys End Road, 7.30pm (Two performances on Saturday with matinee at 2.30pm). Tickets £10 adult, £5 child.



A Bloomin Beautiful Day for Paul's Place

This year Paul's Place entered their community garden into BBC Points West Garden competition, we were pleased to receive the below account of the award ceremony by two members of Paul's Place for you to enjoy.



On 30th August, Joe, Annie, Joe and Kath travelled to Bowood House for the BBC Points West Garden Competition. We had teas and coffees first of all, whilst they explained what the day involved. We then went for a tour around the private walled garden, with our guide Mandy Dobson. We viewed a massive variety of different plants, our personal favourite was the Aztec Dahlias.

We then returned to the marquee, where we had sandwiches and a question and answer with Capability Brown at Bowood House and Matthew Pick head gardener from the prestigious gardens of Prior Park and they did the first 3 awards. Ours was the first award, unfortunately we were runners up in the Community Garden category, but they said it was a really hard decision.

We had to have an interval whilst Alex Lovell had to do her part for the BBC Points West introduction, then it went to live TV for the final award "Best Private Garden"

Afterwards we all had a chance to mingle with Alex, Lord Landsdown and the other competitors and had a group photo in front of Bowood House.

A great day had by all!

Joe & Annie (Paul's Place members)

News from Winterbourne Down W. I.

At our October meeting we were entertained by Sue Dugan who showed us how to decorate cup cakes, the theme being Hallowe'en. Members of our Committee made the cup cakes and Sue gave us bright green and orange icing and showed us how to make a witch with a black hat and a decorated pumpkin. We also made an owl and a bat. There was much amusement and chatter as the cake decoration progressed. All members went home with four decorated cakes.

This month is our AGM, followed by drinks and nibbles. On 1st December we have invited *Senior Moments* who host the game of *Call My Bluff*. They have been to us before and everyone enjoyed a fun evening.

Visitors are welcome to join us at 7.30pm in All Saints Church Hall.

Charity Dinner with Brian Moore

Whether you are an individual who loves Rugby, a group of people infatuated with the beautiful game, or perhaps you are part of a business that would like to treat its staff and/or colleagues to a great night, this should prove to be an awesome evening of entertainment!

The real kicker is that while you are having fun, you're also helping raise money for a very worthy cause!

First off, we have Brian Moore as our guest speaker! Brian ripped it up as an England hooker, he now commentates for T.V and radio, you might say he definitely has his own style? From Donald Trump, to Rugby, wine and just about any other topic, Brian has probably got something to say! Do you dare pit yourself against the 'Pitbull'? Could be entertaining?

Introducing SOS Kit Aid; this charity works with sports clubs around the world, it redistributes kits and equipment to clubs in the UK and abroad who are unable to afford the necessary gear needed to keep children safe and motivated while they partake in team sports. There is no doubt that club sports are of a real benefit to children, whether they are from under-privileged situations or not! We agree with SOS Kit Aid; sport gives kids community, belonging and discipline – help keep them safe, help keep them playing! Please visit www.soskitaid.com for more info.

We are offering a delicious 4 course meal, a charity auction and raffle, and of course a late license bar. The event is to be held on Friday 11/11/16 at North Bristol Rugby Club from 19.00 onwards, and all are welcome.

Please visit our website – www.jjsportscatering.co.uk/celebrity-charity-events for all info and prices and how to book your seat.

Please hurry as we have limited tables and spaces left available.



Come to Mortern Tavern on 26th / 27th November!

The young people of Your Call Theatre Group are proud to present *Mortern Tavern and Beyond*, a drama set in a dystopian future, where war is looming. No real battles have started yet, but blood has been shed and tensions are rising. What happens at Mortern Tavern, who will take up the gauntlet and where will their journey take them next?

This production is written, developed and directed entirely by the group, and is suitable for ages 12 plus.

Tickets are £5, to include refreshments. Saturday's performance is at 7.30 pm, and Sunday's at 2.30 pm, at Thornbury Methodist Hall, Castle Court. Call Jill on 01454 413850, or buy a ticket at the door.

Your Call Theatre Group is a Thornbury based drama club for young people aged 13 upwards. Their weekly sessions are held on a Friday evening (even during school holidays). They are led by stage-experienced people, often current members, and they love their past members – especially those now studying drama – to come back and share their learning and ideas with us. The group takes pride in its ethos of innovation, mutual support, fun and friendship, and enjoys trips to other productions, as well as putting on their own shows. Teenagers who are interested in drama and theatre are welcome, whether experienced or beginner. Call Jill on 01454 413850, or email us at yourcalldramagroup@live.co.uk.



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November at Winterbourne Library

Open: Tue and Fri: 9.30 am - 7.00 pm
Wed & Sat: 9.30 am - 5.00 pm
Closed: Mon, Thur and Sun

Rhymetime: Rhymes and songs for parents and babies/toddlers to enjoy together every Tuesday morning 9.30 – 10.00am

Pre School Storytime: Join us weekly on Wednesdays 9.30 – 10.00am for stories and crafts, term time only.

Chatterbooks group: for young people in Years 5 and 6 will be meeting on Saturday 5 November 2.30 - 3.30pm.

The Book Group for Parents will be meeting on Friday 11 November 2.00 – 3.00pm. New members are very welcome – please speak to a member of staff or contact the group's facilitator Liz on 07825510079.

The Craft Group is meeting on Saturday 5 and 19 November 10.00am – 12.00noon. New members are always very welcome.

IT Help! Our IT volunteer is here every Wednesday morning to help with all IT enquiries including getting online, setting up an iPad, basic computing skills, Universal Jobmatch, as well as help to download free ebooks and e-audio books from the LibrariesWest website. Just speak to a member of staff who will be happy to book you a free one hour session.

More great services: Other facilities at Winterbourne library include daily papers, laminating and fax services (charges apply), free internet access and free WiFi.

Staff will always be happy to make you a cup of tea or coffee for only 40p.

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Have Your Say!

Phase 2 of the consultation of the future of library services in South Gloucestershire:

Following the successful consultation process in the Spring, the council has adopted a new preferred position with the aim to future-proof South Gloucestershire's libraries for the long term and ensure that no library buildings should need to close. A new three month consultation is now running until January 2nd 2017 to hear what the public has to say about the new proposals and information is available online at www.southglos.gov.uk/librarychanges and in your local library and council offices.

The new preferred option is to reduce the library service savings target from £650,000 to £500,000. This would mean a smaller reduction in staff hours required to meet that target. The council will consult with library users and non-users alike on how best to deploy staff among local libraries. It is proposed that the mobile library service be replaced with community centre based libraries across South Gloucestershire and run by volunteer groups. The Council would also fund the building costs of Chipping Sodbury Library with the service being delivered by volunteers. These plans would mean that no library building would have to close as a result of the savings.

The council has also agreed to continue to develop plans to use technology that would allow registered members to use library facilities for 11 hours a-day, seven days a-week, between 8.30am and 7.30pm. This technological approach to delivering library services would build on existing self-service kiosks by providing access to library buildings for registered users out of staff hours, it would be a new approach for South Gloucestershire. The council wants to hear from existing library users as well as those who perhaps cannot currently use these facilities during current opening hours, about how they feel about this option.

After the new consultation process, a final decision on how to proceed will be made in the New Year. Changes in public-facing library services would not take place until October 2017.



Celebrating 200 years

The church at Whiteshill enjoyed three days of celebration over the August Bank Holiday weekend, marking its 200th anniversary.

A busy Saturday afternoon saw lots of visitors come to view the church decked out with floral decorations, see a local art exhibition and enjoy a display looking back over the chapel's history.

The Sunday of the holiday weekend was the exact date, two centuries ago, when the very first service was held in the chapel building. There was a big turn-out for a celebratory service, with visitors from further afield including the previous two ministers of the church and their wives.

During the service, the Bishop of Bristol – Rt Rev Mike Hill unveiled a commemorative plaque in the church foyer. Joined by the current and previous Whiteshill ministers, this short ceremony was relayed, live, back into the main church for the rest of the congregation to see.

Not far short of one hundred people stayed on for lunch in marquees on the church lawn and at 4pm there was a Songs of Praise service. This was rounded off by the ceremonial cutting of a 200th anniversary cake by current pastor David Horton and his wife Hazel. The cake was one of two, made especially for the occasion by a church member.

Festivities continued on Bank Holiday Monday, with a garden party in the church grounds. There were games for the youngsters, live music, cream teas – and importantly, glorious sunshine all day.

Some visitors took the opportunity to go on a conducted walk through Hambrook that linked local history with the early days and people of the chapel, while others inspected a display of old or unusual motorbikes.



Having this year undergone what is probably its most extensive renovation ever, the church also welcomed visitors on the South Gloucestershire Heritage Open Days this month, when those from beyond the immediate vicinity could take a look inside the newly-renovated Grade II listed building and learn something of its history.

Other events during the church's 200th anniversary, beyond its normal 11am and 6pm Sunday services, can be found on www.whiteshill.com.



News from the Friends of Brandy Bottom Colliery, Pucklechurch

The masons have completed rebuilding the tippler slots and the adjoining top of the north-west wall of the Old Pit heapstead. They have also finished repointing the outside of the octagonal section of the chimney and repositioned displaced

stones around the shoulder. We have started on planning for the next stage of conservation, which will cover work on the Horizontal Engine House and the walls of the New Pit heapstead. We have also had discussions with Ibstock Brick about extending the fencing to enclose the Fan Engine House, and about removing some trees along the cycle path to give passers-by a better view of the site. Spoil clearance in the Vertical Engine House restarted after the site clear-up.

During the course of a site visit in early July, Historic England informed us that they could not provide any more grants for conservation work. As a result we are in the process of finding alternative sources of funds. A photographer from Historic England came in mid-July to take a photo of the site for possible use in HE's 2016 Register of Heritage at Risk. We will only know if that is the case when the register is published in November.

The AIBT had a stand at the 2016 South Gloucestershire show adjacent to that of the South Gloucestershire Mines Research Group (SGMRG). Several visitors told us about playing in the buildings as kids, and one said that many objects had been thrown into the pond in the 1950s. Another talked about some of the people living in the cottages. We have invited these visitors to come to Brandy Bottom during a work party and point out features they remember. None of them appear to have photos from that date. Sadly Brandy Bottom appears several times in the new book1 published by the SGMRG on accidents, mainly fatalities, in

the area's coal mines. This is an update of the author's 1980s book, and the reports

give some idea of where the Brandy Bottom miners lived. Bearing in mind that the information comes from a small number of reports, we can say that Brandy Bottom's miners lived in Mangotsfield, Pucklechurch, Siston, and Soundwell.

They had a fair distance to walk to get to work, and get home afterwards in their grubby clothes. There were no such luxuries as pithead baths in those days.



North-west wall of Old pit heapstead from below, showing part of the brick pillar between the tippler slots balancing over the edge of the wall.



The same stretch of wall after rebuilding was completed, with the pillar between the tippler slots at the top of the photo.

Future Work Parties

At present access to the site is limited to days when there is a work party in progress. The dates for work parties for the remainder of 2016 are currently: Wed 09, Sat 19 November; and Sat 10 December.

Please note that these dates may be altered at short notice, so newcomers are advised to first make contact via the AIBT's email address of info@aibt.org.

There is now a location map on the website, currently accessible only from the 'Location and Public' Access' section of the main Brandy Bottom page. A description of how to get to the site from the car parking area, and links from other Brandy Bottom pages, will be added shortly.

To receive an e-mail with a detailed newsletter on all the recent activity that has taken place, please e-mail: info@aibt.org. or visit www.aibt.org

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Two AIBT members and a visitor look at the Ram Hill display on the SGMRG stand

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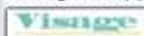
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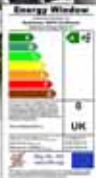


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