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Dear Residents,

It's time to embrace a new season and the community events it brings. We share details of two local Apples Days to enjoy one at WADCA community centre and the other at Manor Hall - both promise to be great days out for the whole family.

One way to celebrate harvest time is taking part in Horticultural shows, and many of you chose to do this, showing off some fantastic veg and blooms, enjoy reports on a couple of these successful, local shows.

The Frampton Cotterell Parish Council Scarecrow Trail is back for 2019 and it's time to get yourself signed up! This year the theme is the stories of Dick King Smith. On the centres pages we share with you the

once in a lifetime experience of some local young people, who took part in the 2019 World Scout Jamboree.

Our very own joint editor of Winterbourne and Frampton Matters Jaci 'took the plunge' in Portishead Docks recently, to raise funds for our local MS Therapy Centre. A cause close to both of our hearts. We hope you enjoy reading about her experience of being rescued by a giant Newfoundland dog.

Dare we mention Christmas? There are plenty of events to get dates in your diary for, including Paul's Place Christmas Fayre, The Floral Friends of Frampton Christmas Coffee Morning and Crossbow singers Festive concerts to name but a few!

We have details of numerous other community events taking place throughout this issue, along with updates from local schools, library, sporting and community groups to keep you up to date.

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Celebrate everything Apple with the Coalpit Heath **Community Garden**

Coalpit Heath has a hidden gem, hiding in plain sight! A Community garden, which is looked after by some amazing local volunteers.

The Manor Hall was opened in 1868, as a school with an attached headmaster's house and garden, which is now the Coalpit Heath Community garden. It was lovingly restored by a Committee of local volunteers and opened in 2008. More details



can be seen on the story boards around the garden. It is open from 8am-8pm every day, so do go on in and have a walk around and there are plenty of places to sit and enjoy the scenery!

To celebrate, the National Apple Day in October, the Trustees of the Manor Hall at Coalpit Heath would like to invite everyone to their 'Everything Apple celebration Day', on Sunday 20th October, 2.30-5pm. Tickets are £5 per adult, to include coffee and cake and children go free. A licensed bar will be selling Apple gin. cider and cocktails, and there will be fun fact sheets on Apples and local History and much more. Tickets are available from the Trustees or by telephoning Alison Allan on 07873747513.

Above is a picture of the cooking apple tree that was planted by the last headmaster of the school. Mr Hearn and his wife, who was a keen gardener. Further fruit trees have now added, with the Frampton Magnum plum and various eating apple trees, including the variety connected to Lord Roundways.

Organisers would be very interested to hear from anyone who could donate a raffle prize or help pick some apples and make charity chutneys, cakes or jam to sell on the day, as a fundraiser. Please contact Alison on the number above if are able to help.



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St Michael's Primary School

Positive news from the Head

My first year as Headteacher of St Michael's Primary School has flown past – after a refreshing summer break I am delighted to be back, as we have so many exciting plans to look forward to.

The summer term really did end on a high for us all here, when we were visited by Daphne Spitzer on behalf of Bristol Diocese for our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools. She was able to see so many fantastic things that were going on at St Michael's which was reflected in her report. We were delighted with the 'excellent' judgement that we were awarded. I think the fact that she arrived on our 'Enrichment Day' was apt as she was able to see the work that we do to develop 'the whole child' to ensure that our children have broad, balanced and enjoyable experiences.

'The school's creative curriculum strongly reflects the school's vision by inspiring pupils with a deep love of learning and strong belief in their ability to succeed.'

She was also able to see the positive relationships that we hold in high regard.

'Relationships throughout the school community are of the highest quality. Pupils are exceptionally supportive of one another. Staff feel cared for and this is attributed to the school's vision.'

As part of recognising and celebrating our vision and values with the children 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' proved to be very popular and is a tradition that will continue this year. I must say it's one of my favourite parts of each week where a group of children sit

down with me in my office, drink hot chocolate, eat

We received further good news when we learnt we were successful in our application for the Church-School Partnership Award. We are blessed to have such a positive relationship with the Church, we really appreciate and value the hardwork and commitment of Reverend Malcolm Strange and his colleagues. The benefits our children reap from this relationship is priceless, from weekly services, to supporting some of our children in school to leading 'Faith Days' throughout the year. I know that this will continue to flourish.

It has been lovely to welcome new families and children to our school, many of whom have joined us in our Reception class. Already we are looking to share our school with prospective parents for next year's class. For anyone wishing to visit us please come along to our Open Morning on Wednesday 6th November, 9.15–10.15am.

I look forward to sharing our journey with you in future editions!

Kirsty Robson, Headteacher





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Pre School Storytime: Join us for stories and a simple craft. **Every Wednesday 10.30–11am.**

New! Duplo Club: Saturday 5 October and 2 November 10.30–11.30am. Suitable for pre-school, children must be accompanied by an adult. Free event – no booking required.

Lego Club: Listen to stories and poems, then create a model to display at the library. Suitable for the primary age range, children must be accompanied by an adult. We'll be meeting on **26 October and 23 November, 10.30–11.30am.** Free event – no booking required.

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16 and 30 November, 10.00am–12
noon. New members will always be

made welcome by this friendly group. Share tips and ideas for your knitting, sewing or crochet projects.

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Taking the Plunge! Over £13,000 raised for the MS Therapy Centre

I was thrilled to be invited along by The West of England MS Therapy Centre (now renamed as the Brightwell Centre) to join them in their fundraising initiative to 'Take the Plunge' on Saturday 14th September. Volunteers were to be joined at Portishead Quay Marina by the lovely people of Newfound Friends to be rescued from the harbour waters by a huge Newfoundland dog.

With a typical bodyweight of around 75-90 kilos, a double waterproof coat and a full set of webbed feet, these gentle giants are as much at home in the water as they are on dry land and their life saving skills have been commended by The Royal Life Saving Society. Each dog is individually owned but, recognising how much the dogs love to be in the water, owners join the Newfound Friends so that their pet can be fully trained and join in with regular, fun training sessions and hence charitable fundraisers like this one.

A variety of participants, including Centre users, Laura Moon from Wheatfield School, Adele Cobain from Bradley Stoke Radio, Jamie Lowe from Bristol TV and me, Jaci Crocombe, from Winterbourne & Frampton Matters, were individually whisked from the quayside by boat where we then jumped (or slid), into the water

where the dogs showed off their famous lifesaving skills. You can see my gorgeous canine hero Thor leaping in to save me in the photos above, and towing me back to the safety of the quayside. As well as raising much needed funds for this amazing local resource, this was an immensely fun thing to do - I couldn't stop smiling! Thor was amazing and a total gentle giant - I couldn't thank the owner enough for sharing their beloved pet in this way.

This is the 9th year that the event has been organised, with the kind help of Newfound Friends and Portishead Quay Marina, to raise funds for The Brightwell, which receives no external funding. The centre provides treatments, therapies and support to not only those who have Multiple Sclerosis but also many other neurological conditions with the aim of helping their members to remain fit, active and maintain an independent lifestyle for as long as possible.

For more information on The Brightwell www.thebrightwell.org.uk = 01454 201686







News from WADCA

Apple Day - With Winterbourne Medieval Barn being out of action this year (for restoration work), a community Apple Day will be held at WADCA (Watleys End Road, BS36 1QG) this Sunday 6th October, 11am-4pm. Entry is free and there will be lots of things for children and families to do.

WADCA is holding colouring and craft competitions for local children – just bring your artwork along on the day ((between 11am-2pm) for it to be displayed and judged. Full details and pictures to colour in can be downloaded at www.wadca.co.uk (just click on the Apple Day link). There are no hard and fast rules on age, anyone can enter (but age will be taken into account in awarding prizes). There are no entry fees but please don't submit more than one picture and one model per person. Entries cannot be submitted in advance, they must be brought along on the day.

The colouring competition pictures are all apple themed, and if artists particularly want to add their own artistic embellishments to any of the outlines provided, that is fine (e.g. you can add in more flowers, insects, apples, etc if you wish).

Craft models can be of anything that could be classed as a creature, and should be made from 'things lying around' - either outdoor natural

materials or junk in the house. There are no rules on size – it can be as small as a piece of dried pasta or as big as a box, but you must be able to carry it on your own.

Please do join in and show us your creative and artistic talents!

If you would like more information please contact WADCA's manager Mandy Nicholls on ca.winterbourne@gmail.com.

Neil Diamond evening - Forever Diamond will be performing his tribute and party set on Saturday 5th October, 9pm at WADCA. Tickets are just £8 and be purchased via our website.

Panto is back - oh yes it is! This

December the Winterbourne Musical Theatre will be performing the billiant 'Treasure Island'. Arghhhhh me hearties!

Madness returns to WADCA - Saturday 14th December sees the fantastic Madness tribute band Nuttyness return to WADCA. They are one of the best bands and have toured around the world! Tickets just £10 each from our website.

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News from Coalpit Heath WI

It was lovely to welcome new and returning members at our September meeting. We were joined by Jodie Horton and Tracey

Barron from Go Zumba who came to give us an input entitled Living your best life now. Tracey started by highlighting the areas of the world where there are people living to 100 and still being fit and healthy. She then followed this up with tips about how we could get to a good age whilst maintaining our

health. Her talk was on the importance of sleep, a good diet and reducing stress. We heard that a nap in the afternoon is healthy as long as it is less than 25 minutes, we found that having friends reduces stress levels and sampled a date snack while we

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listened to key facts about diet. Jodie then put some of us through our paces with some Zumba routines. The evening was well received and Jodie and Tracey were thanked for taking time out to talk to us.

Members have been keeping busy with other projects over the summer months too. The garden at the Manor Hall has been replanted with green and purple plants ready for Apple Day on Sunday 22nd October. A group worked on an entry for The Hawkesbury show choosing to use the story *The* Elves and the Shoemaker as inspiration. We are all really proud of their efforts that led them to fourth place. We enjoyed tasting the cake at our meeting and congratulating the team. Some members also visited the Open Gardens of St Peter's Hospice to show their support for this amazing facility.

Coming up, we will be taking part in the Scarecrow trail around Frampton and have signed up to the Walk of Hope for Brain Tumour Research.

If you are interested in coming along, we meet in St Saviour's church hall on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.45pm. To see what else we are doing please search for our Facebook page@WICoalpitHeath.

Coming next, in October John Gingell's Chocolate Making - Bean to Bar and our AGM is in November.



Ian Swatton

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After an action packed summer, Frampton Cotterell WI had it's annual break during the month of August. We did however hold a cheese and wine social evening on the 27th, just after the bank holiday weekend, for those members who fancied a catch up over some great wines and some very tasty cheeses. We enjoyed a lovely evening amongst good company, putting the world to rights, which included lamenting the end of the last series of the BBC's Poldark and celebrating the arrival of Jane Austin's Sanditon on ITV for the early Autumn!

We are very proud of our craft team who entered their wonderful themed display based on Jack

and the Beanstalk at Hawkesbury show.

Our next event, on Tuesday 24th September is a Zumba talk and workshop lead by the inspirational Karen Davies, who runs popular dance and Zumba classes for all ages in Winterbourne and Wick. Several of our members attend Karen's classes on a regular basis and really enjoy them.



We have a Craft evening and Bingo night coming up later in the year, as well as other regional events, including a Home Skills and Gardening event in Chipping Sodbury towards the end of November, and the annual Christmas Carol Service at St. Marv Redcliffe in December

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



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The Barn restoration work is coming on well and is apparently still running on time (!) so we hope we'll be able to re-start main events next June, although it's too early to be able to set firm dates yet. We had a lovely concert in St Michaels church on 31st August from the Bristol Male Voice Choir and the Frampton Shantymen. And August saw lots of children in the Cart Shed doing Art or Archaeology clubs, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Wet-Felting Workshop - Saturday 12 October, 10am-1pm - Create your own unique wet-felted shoulder bag with Felt by Fi. This workshop provides the perfect next step for those who have tried wetfelting before. Cost £35 includes all materials and full tuition. Advanced booking essential.

Talk: Honey - from Flower to Jar - Thursday 17 October, 7-9pm - Honey bees and flowers co-evolved over the last 130 million years to be completely dependent on each other. Marin Anastasov is passionate about sustainable food production, working in organic food and farming. He is a Master Beekeeper, currently managing 30 colonies in Gloucestershire.

Kids' Halloween Costume Workshop - Sat 26 October, 10am-12.30 - Come along to create your very own spooky outfit ahead of Halloween. Will you be a ghostly ghoul... a mystical monster... or even a fearsome fox?! Free, but register online as places are limited.

Talk: Brewsters, Alewives and Beer Witches -Thur 14 November, 7-9pm - "She who has her thumb in the people's beer mugs also has her hand on the levers of power". Throughout the Middle Ages women both produced and sold most of the ale drunk in England. Brewsters as they were known, occupied an ambivalent place in medieval society. Join us for a talk and a tipple with beer available from local brewery GWB.

Family Advent Calendar Workshop - Sat 30 Nov, 10am-12.30pm. Create your very own advent calendar countdown to the big day. Crafty fun for all the family! £5 per family.

Fabric Christmas Wreath-making Workshop - Sat 7 Dec, 10am-12.30pm - Get crafty with Amy from Bath Artist Studios. Create a fabulous fabric Christmas wreath using festive textiles and embellishments. Cost £30. Pre-booking essential.

Talk: The Twelve Plants of Christmas - Sat 14 December, 2-4pm. A fun, informative talk with Julie Henderson looking at some of the folklore, history. botany, horticulture and interesting facts behind the plants which make up our Christmas festivities. £5.

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Winterbourne Down & District Horticultural Society 59th Annual Flower & Vegetable Show

It can definitely be said that this year's show, held at the Greenfield Centre on Saturday 17th August, was a success! This has been a popular village event for many years and there was a good turnout to view the exhibits in the afternoon. There were more entrants than last year and the weather was a little kinder this year too, enhancing the attractive and colourful displays.

The Homecraft section had more entries this time and the popular Photographic section gave people lots to look at the entry topics were - Portrait, Water, Mini Beasts, Outdoor Sculptures, On the Farm and My Garden, plus the Children's section. The judges certainly had a task in choosing the exhibits deserving the first, second and third awards.

At the end of the afternoon cups and shields were once again presented to those with the highest points in the various sections by Tim Bowles (Mayor for the South West). Graham Lees. Madeleine Williams, Gill Parker, Annette Laird and Stephen Coombe were successful winners and Gill Parker was delighted to find that her orchid had received the Best in the Show award.

At time of writing, members and friends are looking forward to the Harvest Supper and Auction taking place at the end of September – always an enjoyable evening.

If you would like to join this friendly, green-fingered group, the Winterbourne Down & District Horticultural Society meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm at All Saints Church Hall. Church Road, Winterbourne Down, BS36 1BX.



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Wildflowers Have you seen

all the wildflowers around the village? This Summer we have tried a more sustainable and environmentally friendly planting scheme in the gateway planters leading into Frampton Cotterell. Wild flower seeds, nasturtiums and sunflowers have been sown to attract more pollinators and reduce watering. In full bloom they have created a colourful welcome to Frampton Cotterell.

Elsewhere, the wild flowers continue to bloom at

the Triangle and in our wild flower area at the Glebelands. Bees are loving it so much they are busy making homes to lay their eggs in the bee homes at either end of this area. These are solitary Leafcutter bees which are important pollinators. Other pollinators can be seen on the flowers nearby.



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Toddlers enjoy the Sensory Garden

The Brockeridge Centre Toddler group enjoy tending their vegetable planter in the Sensory Garden. After harvesting and eating their peas, they have now sown beetroot and radish seeds to crop in autumn. They especially love- watering their seeds!

Christmas Coffee Morning: come and join us on Wednesday 27th November, 10.00 am, at the Brockeridge Centre, Frampton Cotterell. Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a slice of cake and browse the stalls for Christmas decorations and stocking

Could you help?

It takes time, effort and funds to maintain the planting around the village benefiting the local community, the environment, and the wildlife. If you would like to help there are various ways in which you can do so:

- If you can spare a few minutes regularly, help to maintain a planter (at this time of year this means watering and deadheading).
- If you could spare a couple of hours twice a year, help us to replenish the plants in the planters in spring and autumn.
- No time? Donations are always very welcome. If you have a business in the area you may like to consider sponsoring a planter or gateway for an annual fee - with a plaque fixed to the planter/gateway it's cheaper than most forms of

If you can help in any way, we'd love to hear from you. Please email us at floralfriendsofframpton@gmail.com

Remember – all our latest news in available at http://ffframpton.wixsite.com/framptoncotterell.

Your Autumn and Winter Garden – Tips from Iron Acton Garden Centre

October is a wonderful time of year. The leaves are turning an assortment of beautiful colours and the days are getting cool and crisp. Nature looks beautiful right now and your garden can be just as stunning.

Autumn flowering plants can be added to your borders, hanging baskets and containers to make your garden colourful. Pansies, violas and cyclamen are all great for striking floral displays. Late flowering perennials include Sedums, Asters and Japanese Anemones – perfect for filling out your garden with colour and interest.

Autumn is also the ideal time to plant hedges, trees and shrubs. Whether you need to move them within your garden or if you would like new plants, now is the time to get them. This allows the plants to establish themselves before spring and summer, so you will have fantastic displays. So if you have always wanted that fruit tree or ornamental shrub, you have the perfect excuse to invest in your garden!

Your pruning skills will be used a lot at this time of year. There are a number of plants which will need to be cut back, including climbing and rambling roses or perennials which have started to die back. Evergreen plants will also need some care, this will be their final trim of the year. Taking time to get them looking great now will make sure they look perfect all winter.

Don't forget to stock up on garden fleece. Once the frosts start, you can cover your younger or less hardy plants with fleece overnight to help protect them from the cold weather. Fleece will also protect plants from wind and hail, and is a must have in your garden over the cooler winter months.

Lastly, think about your garden next year. If you would like to help our pollinators next year you should be sowing your wildflower seeds now. Sow them directly in to the ground before it freezes ready for stunning displays the bees and butterflies will appreciate next year.

Looking ahead to winter, you may be thinking about wreaths for your door. A live wreath is a great way to make the most of the plants

already in your garden. You can make stunning Autumnal wreaths, which then can be changed in to Christmas wreaths.

Wreaths can contain all sorts of plants, from traditional evergreen foliage and holly berries to sedums and fresh herbs! The lovely thing about a homemade wreath is you can customise it to your style.

It is best for a wreath to be cool and not in direct sunlight, this will help the longevity of the cut plants. Mist the front and back of the wreath with water every 2-3 days to help the cut stems have water to drink. A live wreath should last 2-3 weeks inside, and longer if it is cool outdoors. You can even make it ahead of time and keep in the fridge or garage ready to display!

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News from Paul's Place

Paul's Place is a charity that enhances life for physically disabled adults based in Coalpit Heath.

As a charity we rely on funding from the local community and we have a busy autumn ahead with several fundraising events taking place that we would love people to get people involved with.



On 10th October we are at Sainsbury's Emerson's Green between 10.30am - 3.30pm fundraising and raising awareness of what we do.

Then on Saturday 19th October we have our annual Grand Ball. Taking place at The Grange in Winterbourne the evening is a mix of good food, live music and a charity auction. This year our quest speakers are Louis Carey a former Bristol City footballer and Captain and Briony May, Great British Bake-Off semifinalist in 2018. Tickets are £40.00 per person and available from Paul's Place. We are also holding our Grand Raffle at the Ball and tickets are available at £1.00 a ticket from the office.

Finally, we have our **Christmas** Fayre on Saturday 24th November from 1-4pm at

WADCA, Watleys End Road, Winterbourne, BS36 1QG. Entry is free and we have a range of local stall holders selling ideal and original homemade Christmas gifts. Refreshments will be available and there is also a chance to visit Father Christmas for those who are vounger at heart.

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Cricket v Rugby! A great day was had by all at the annual Fram Cricketers V Rugbyers — Mike Weaver gave the wrong result originally due to 'too many thatchers', so thanks to Andy Jarrett for sobering him up and advising that Fram Rugby club actually

won...165-145!

News from Frampton Cotterell RFG

Chris Pitt top scored with a half century for rugby club and displayed some top fielding, putting his body on the line. Michael Ashwin led the way with the bowling, taking the important last wicket of Mark Chaplin for glory. Jimmer Merrick was rugby clubs top scorer for cricket (if that makes sense) and Austen Davis produced the over of the day (17 balls) in what was a unique style of balling never seen before!

Colts - Excellent numbers are training under the leadership of new colts manager Martin Hill and new coach Nigel Smith. Nigel has been a gift from the gods, he moved into area next door to an old Frampton player Chris Wright and asked if there was a local club? Nigel is a level 3 coach, previously with professional club Newport dragons and has been welcomed into the club. To celebrate new club captains. Weaves. Smither and Helen Smith ran a welcome BBQ to integrate the two new groups of boys into the colts.





Clean up for the new season - Massive thanks to vice chairman Domo Baines for his work party who power washed the changing rooms, with his work colleagues. A job well done, thank you Domo. Great work also took place by a group of helpers to ensure the posts were in a fit state for the start of season. What a difference a coat of paint makes - big thanks to Tony Bleakman for the MEWP and supplies and to Jack Davey. Harry Robert Blakes, Zak Smith, Tommy Harris, Helen and Mark Smith for making this happen.

Rugby World Cup - September 20th saw the start of the 2019

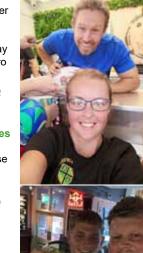
Rugby world cup in Japan. Frampton club will be open for all the England games right up to final - we hope! Games are early morning so bacon rolls and coffee may be a better idea than a few pints but we shall see! Frampton supporter Vicky Zaffiro met some of the England players at a launch event in Bristol.

Social - The club enjoyed a BBQ on 14th September, The Minis festival and BBQ on Sunday 29th September and are now busy planning for the FCRFC Quiz night and fundraiser on Friday 11th October.



Girls rugby relaunches - If any girls out there want to try rugby please contact the team, you will be very welcome.

Fram players pick up rugby league awards in close season -Brandon Ball was awarded Coaches players of season and Morgan Lewis took Most improved player of season. Well done boys.





There are scouts in every country on this planet we call earth, bar 6. When Lord Baden-Powell formed scouting in 1907 and held the first camp on Brownsea Island he had a vision of a brotherhood of like minded individuals that would be proficient in basic skills such as pioneering, map reading and basic survival to name but a few.

Every 4 years scouts from all around the globe travel to meet up with each other and share their cultures and become friends. Since the start of scouting there have been 24 of these world scout Jamboree's held in 16 different countries. The last of which was in July 2019 at Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia, USA. Hosted by USA, Canada and Mexico.

The UK Contingent sent 100 units to America, and Avon Scouts, which consists of North Somerset, BaNES, Bristol and South Gloucestershire, were lucky to have 2 units allocated. Each unit consisted of 4 adults and 36 Explorer Scouts (male and female).

In July 2017 the leaders attended a selection day where they were tested on various team building and scouting skills with some problem solving and leadership tasks. They were interviewed and later that same day informed of the decision to include them in the units. Similarly in October that year any scouts wishing to attend were similarly tested by each of the 9 districts in the County. The cost of this trip for each participant was £3,495 which everyone had to fundraise for themselves. Some of this money going into an international fund for less well off countries so that they could attend.

"Avonation" Unit 70 was formed (consisting of Avon which was traditional and a sense of magnitude as this would be the largest WSJ ever in its history). Unit colours were chosen (Royal Blue and Gold which are the WV state colours) and a Unit neckerchief which is worn around your neck (the unit members wanted pink and orange). Even a Unit Badge was designed to represent our identity. The UK Contingents "Tea Bear" was turned into a balloon flying over the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia (depicting the ballooning famous in our region of the UK).

Avonation met every month and undertook hikes, orienteering, camps, sleepovers, cooking, fundraising, bowling, first aid training and meals out. Gradually the

young people formed friendships and strong bonds with one another. Patrols were formed Llamas, Stags, Buffalos and Panthers. Each had a patrol leader and an assistant and 7 patrol members.

The hard work of all this preparation would hold us in good stead during the 21 days the unit would be away!

Final fair wells were done at Keynsham scout HQ on Friday 19th July and the unit headed off to Heathrow early the next morning, flying to New York for 22 hours of sightseeing. Avonation had pre booked an open top bus tour which was a great way to see all the main attractions and get a feel for just how big Manhattan is. Hopping on and off to walk across the Brooklyn bridge, visit the 911 memorial, see Time Square, The Empire State Building to name a few. A ferry ride to see the Statue of Liberty before a long coach journey to West Virginia and onto the Summit Bechtel Reserve site where 45,000 people attended.



Each of the 6 sub camps had different coloured tents all provided for by the organisers. That evening was the opening ceremony and every scout in their national uniform was in the arena. What a sight it was (arial photo below right), opened by the Mexicans with



guest speaker Bear Grylls abseiling from the ceiling. The atmosphere was electric and then came the entertainment to finish off the evening and a drone show.

The next 8 days comprised of every activity you could possibly think of all manned by volunteers (international service team members) who had paid to attend and work on site to provide the best possible experience for the younger explorer scouts. There were food houses from countries all around the world, shops, information and technology tents, water sports, aerial activities, you name it it was there and to help with queuing there was an app on every ones phone giving times etc.

Food was provided in large shopping markets and brought back to camp by the duty patrol that entertained visitors and cooked so that the others had more time to fit everything in. On culture day we taught foreign scouts how to morris dance to John Smith and cloaked them in our tatter jackets bashing sticks we had brought with us. Of course we had cups of Tea and cheese and biscuits.

During the middle of the jamboree was another gathering, this time for the Canadians to introduce themselves and again entertainment to finish off the night.

The last evening was the closing ceremony held by the USA and finished with a massive fireworks display and band. This was the end of the camp, but not the end of the experience for Unit 70. The next day it was decamp, get into a coach and travel back to Washington DC.

The unit spent 3 days in the Capital travelling on the Metro and seeing all the sights. The leaders went to Arlington Cemetery and paid their respects as well as seeing the White House and other monuments. The

final day in Washington saw all 4000 UK scouts attend the Baltimore Orioles stadium where the blue jays from Toronto were visiting the home team (middle photo above). In front of the Contigent was an outfielder called Antony Santander. He became the focus of the massive UK following and everything he did the stands would erupt into applause so much so it was shown on ESPN and written about in the Washington Post. Anthony Santander said it was the best day of his life and he would never forget it!

The next day was the longest so far which saw the Avonation unit travel to Canada, Ottawa in particular and a small town west of Toronto called Woodstock. There they joined 9 other units and some Canadian scouts to camp for 3 more days (photo top right). An opening ceremony with native first people and lots of Maple Syrup. We took part in lots of games and activities and on the third day travelled into Niagara Falls to experience a boat trip and magnificent scenes. A unit meal in the Hard Rock Cafe was a treat. On our return we had a closing ceremony and then the drive back to NY for the flight back to Heathrow and home.

What a fabulous 3 weeks and so so many memories but the most important thing was the unit had become like a family all looking out for one another and when we finally said good bye at Keynsham Scout HQ there were tears and a sense of finality. The unit had come so far, done and seen so much. The bond of brother and sisterhood so strong, lifetime friendships forged and this was exactly what Lord Baden-Powell had wanted all the years before. Of course the unit members will be meeting up again soon!

The unit would like to say a big Thank You to all the companies and individuals that helped us on the run up to the WSJ, Kingston's by design, Downend Roundtable, Tesco's, Aviva, Ballyhoo, Winterbourne Down morris dancers, Patchway Judo Club, Peaks, all the scout groups that offered meeting places plus many individuals -you know who you are!

If you would like to go on a world scout jamboree then join your local scout group the next one in 2023 is in South Korea. Maybe some of Avonation Unit 70 will see you there!



In the Community:

Inspired Through Sport, with Matters Magazines ex-pro' footballer Nick Tanner

Pupils of a Chepstow school were really put through their paces on Tuesday 17th September as they took part in a very special Inspired Through Sport day.

Morning assembly at St John's on-the-Hill School was taken by triathlete Chris Silver (photo right), who introduced them to the principles of having a growth mindset, before taking various year groups on warm-ups, sprints and fitness sessions.

At the same time, ex-Liverpool and Bristol Rovers footballer (and Winterbourne & Frampton Matters' very own sales and marketing guru) Nick Tanner led other year groups in passing drills straight from the Anfield pitch.

Nick is pictured far right with Year 6 pupils Carrie and Alfie, who he chose as the two with the best attitude and skills, and presented them with signed copies of the book of his own story "From A Field to Anfield".

Nick commented: "It's been a great morning, I love being involved in the community like this - the children were brilliant and I hope to

return soon to see how much their football has improved!"

In the afternoon, the pupils were then treated to an inspirational session with author Tom Palmer (photo right), who is responsible for the re-boot of Roy of the Rovers, as well as books on the upcoming Rugby World Cup in Japan. Such was the success of his visit, he completely sold out of signed books and more are on order!

Tom told us: "It was the perfect author visit. The children and staff were completely engaged – it was real Roy of the Rovers stuff!"

Finally, the pupils took part in a whole-school exercise burst, courtesy of you-tube and internet fitness guru Joe Wicks.

Mr Andy Downie, Head of English at the school, which is rated as 'excellent' by the ISI, said: "It was a brilliant day, which was about so much more than just doing sport. The children were inspired by our special quests, learnt about resilience, new skills, passion and determination and then went home and got their heads firmly stuck into a book."

Matters Magazines loves being 'in the community for the community' and was pleased to support this initiative at St John's School - it's the best part of the job!















Frampton Cotterell & District Ringcraft Club

Frampton Cotterell & District Ringcraft Club was formed some 30 years ago and although originally located in Frampton Cotterell, it is now held at Henfield Hall, Ram Hill, Coalpit Heath. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7.45pm until 9.15pm with only a few weeks' break over Christmas and New Year.

Our aim is to guide owners and their dogs or puppies (of any age) in the techniques of dog-showing and all that is involved in this very social hobby sport. We will give you instruction on how to handle your dog, what kind of show lead is best suited to your type of breed, what to expect in a show situation, what to take with you for the occasion, as well as guiding you, the handler/owner, in the method to best handle your dog in the show ring.

We hold a monthly match night whereby we invite an independent judge to come along and judge our dogs with the eventual winners gaining Best Puppy, Best Special Limit, Best Open, Best Veteran and then on to Best in Match. Reserve Best in Match and Best Puppy in Match with lovely rosettes to keep and display. This will give the new comer a little taste of what it's like to be in competition in a showing arena.

We have a very well qualified committee made up of trainers who have qualified in the various aspects of the dog show world with some of us who are "CC" awarding judges. We are a very friendly club and always welcome new members.

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Happy 20th Anniversary Four Towns and Vale Link Community Transport

What a wonderful day was had by all who attended the Four Towns and Vale Link 20th Anniversary celebrations, on Friday 2nd August. Over 70 guests attended including members of the charity, local councillors, local community groups as well as Four Towns employees both past and present, who all came along to help celebrate 20 years of the charity having been in operation.

Four Towns started in 1999 in a small office in St Peter's Church, Filton. Volunteer car drivers used their own cars to help transport people to clubs, medical appointments and on shopping trips. They eventually got enough funding to be able to purchase their first ever minibus. Four Towns has flourished ever since, now being based in Frampton Cotterell with 28 vehicles in their current fleet and a work force of over 30 employees including many drivers, PA assistants, management, office staff, volunteers and trustees.

Dennis Rogers chair of Four Towns and guest of honour Shirley Holloway opened the celebrations with a speech on their own time spent working within the organisation over the years.

Shirley Holloway Spoke of the early days regarding Vale Link. To summarise Vale Link came into being in late 1997 when Vale Link was nothing more than an idea that came into the minds of four people. They were successful with their bid and funding became available. This was distributed between Four Transport charities, with Vale Link Community Transport scheme being one of them. This enabled them to hire staff, and they were fortunate then to be gifted a bus by another Community Transport company. Their fleet began to grow from one bus to three. Soon after there were talks to merge. They then eventually amalgamated with Four Towns who were based in Patchway to become Four Towns and Vale Link Community Transport. Shirley then went on to become Chair of the charity for 7 years from 2005-2012 and has been a great support to the charity ever since.

Chair Dennis Rogers then went on to explain about the more current history behind the charity and the many ups and downs they have faced over the years in the time he has spent working with them.

The event then continued with both Dennis and Shirley (pictured right) cutting the cake, that was especially made for the occasion. There was also a chance for guests to learn more on the history of Four Towns with a display featuring many key moments and interesting facts captured throughout the years, as well as learning more about



the many great people who have contributed their work within the organisation over time and became part of the history that has helped create what Four Towns is today.

It was lovely to celebrate the achievements of the charity and share great memories and experiences from everyone involved. We would like to say a

massive thank you not only to our guest of Honour Shirley Holloway and Chair Dennis Rogers, who presented such wonderful speeches but also to South Gloucestershire Council for all their continuous support.

We would also like to say huge thank you to all who attended to help celebrate 20

years of Four Towns and Vale Link Community Transport and very special thank you to Win Williams (the very first ever Co-ordinator of Four Towns) who attended the event.

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New Local Group for Isolated Adults – Set up by founder of Paul's Place

Paul's Place is an extremely well respected and worthwhile charity that was started by Kath Aldom, who was awarded an MBE for her work with the charity. Under Kath's leadership, and with lots of hard work and fundraising over 21 years, always keeping the needs of the members paramount, Kath managed to grow it from a small group of eight to well over two hundred.

Kath has now taken up a new challenge, founding a new group for socially isolated adults. The members meet at the Badminton Arms, Coalpit Heath every other Friday. It is full of laughter and fun, enabling socially isolated adults to meet, have discussions and form new friendships, in a comfortable and friendly environment. Her hope is that any adult in her community, who feels lonely or isolated, now has a place to meet new friends and have some fun.

The Badminton Arms has made Kath's new group feel more than welcome and if you think you would like to join this fledgling group or know someone who might benefit from joining, then just go along to their next meeting on Friday 11 October at 11.30am-2.00pm.

The Manor Hall at Coalpit Heath, Dates for your Diary

Thursday 17 October – Community Coffee Morning including fun quiz, Jubilee room from 10am–12 noon.

Sunday 20 October – Apple Day Celebration with the Coalpit Heath Community garden at the Manor Hall, 2.30–5.30pm in the Jubilee room. £5 per person to include coffee and cakes. Children free. Licensed bar selling apple cocktails and apple gin! Fundraising raffle, as-new accessories stall and fun fact sheets about apples and local history.

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Exciting new children's play area unveiled at Frampton Cotterell

A popular children's play area in Frampton Cotterell has been comprehensively redesigned thanks to grants totalling £60,000 from two environmental trusts.

The project to install an improved play area at Beesmoor Road Playing Fields is nearing completion, and children and families made the most of the new facilities over the summer holidays.

Kate Colechin, Trustee of the Frampton Cotterell Playing Fields Management Committee, which managed the project, said: "Our brief was to install a creative and imaginative space for children to play and the new play area has been very well received. The existing play equipment on the site was very limited and had deteriorated significantly since it was installed 40 years ago.



"The new equipment will certainly spark imaginations, feed sensory experiences and help children to socialise and exercise through play. To finish the final phase of the project, the play area will briefly close in the autumn 2019 so that a basket swing, slide and fencing can be installed.

The redevelopment has taken on board the wishes of local people to develop a playground

> that provides opportunities for creative play, with a wide range of new equipment to encourage activities like climbing, swinging. scrambling and sliding. Inclusive and accessible play equipment has been incorporated within the design to provide facilities for children with special needs.

Kate continued: "We are very grateful to have received generous support and significant grants from a number of organisations including Enovert Community Fund and Ibstock Community Fund, as well as the Postcode Local Trust, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, and Frampton Cotterell and Westerleigh Parish Councils."

Angela Haymonds, Trust Secretary of Enovert Community Trust and Ibstock Enovert Trust, said: "The Trustees were delighted to provide a grant to renovate the playing area at Beesmoor Road, which provides a vital and much-used resource for local children and their families. The use of natural materials for the play area was particularly appealing to the Trustees, as was the fact that the design was community-led."

Beesmoor Road Playing Field, Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2JN.

For more information on Enovert Community Trust, visit: www. enovertct.org.

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enormous and generous support of those who came to our Summer Concerts in July. Crossbow Singers

were able to present Wendy, from the Frampton and District Community Association with a donation of £700 towards the work they are carrying out to Crossbow House. This was £600 from the sale of tickets, and £100 from the retiring collections. So thanks go to you – our community support.

The picture above shows Chris, our Secretary, presenting the cheque to Wendy.

Meanwhile, a sobering thought, when rehearsals started on Monday 9th September and Carolyn, our Musical Director, told us we had only 12 rehearsals before our Christmas Concerts! Where has 2019 gone?

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- Meeting at Winterbourne Community Centre.

What is our aim?

To enhance the wellbeing of carers and their loved ones in line with the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing'.*

*Government commissioned report 2008.

What do we do?

- Support one another and share experiences.
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- Handicrafts
- Games (e.g. Table tennis, Boccia, Kurling).
- Quizzes.
- Singalongs.

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 1.45pm or the third Thursday at 1.30pm, we'd love to see you.

For further information contact Edna Snaith on 07789 662694.





CONTACT:- Sue Walters 07767487531/ sawalters@blueyonder.co.uk



Ego-centric or Christ-centric?

In the 1980's when I was Parish Priest of two very rural villages in Wiltshire. I was acutely aware of the effects of rural poverty and the financial pressures on people living in isolated communities. Younger people who had lived in the villages all their lives had virtually no chance of remaining in the community, unless they were one of the lucky few who were able to bag a home from the declining stock of social housing available. If families fell on hard times there were no food banks on the horizon. but at least I was able to offer some financial assistance from charities I administered, set up by the wealthy landowners of past years for the relief of the poor. These handouts, alongside state benefits, which at least in those days unlike now offered some sort of safety net, seemed to keep the wolf or more to the point the bailiffs from the door. The communities I served seemed to a degree able to support those in need without cranking up the sense of stigma and dismantling personal pride.

In 21st Century Britain rural poverty has not gone away despite appearances to the contrary. In fact it is just as acute and less easy to deal with than before. One of our Ministerial Experience Scheme' workers, Ben Thompson, has completed a report on the effects of rural poverty on our Benefice, which throws up a real challenge to us as a Church and I believe also to the local authorities that serve our area. A couple of headlines for you to reflect on:

One in four children in the South West is a member of a low income family after housing costs; well over 10% of children in the 'Fromeside Benefice' are dependent on Pupil Premium to assist their education and development; it cost households in rural areas in excess of £43 a week more to achieve the same standard of living as others and average



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For those of you who have come along in the past, you will know what a fun, festive concert our annual *Big Christmas Sing* is! Planning is now well underway and, as always, in addition to local adult and school choirs, we shall be putting together an all age/all ability community choir. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays – November 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 6.45–7.45pm at Zion Church, Frampton Cotterell. Everyone is welcome to join in, it's always great fun!

And don't forget to pop in your diary the date for this year's concert in support of Christian Aid – Tuesday 3rd December, 7pm at St Saviour's Church, Coalpit Heath (entry is free, donations are encouraged). Christmas music and carols for all!

For further information please contact myself, Alison Bray c/o Zion Church Office, 01454 776618.

rural salaries according to the Government's own figures are substantially lower than the national average by some £2,400 pa (9.87%).

The Christian faith challenges us to care for the poor, the vulnerable and the weak, it tells us not to focus solely on our own personal wealth and provision but to seek to help those in need as a priority of faith. This is precisely what the wealthy landowners of centuries past strove to do for their communities. As their legacy diminishes with time, the challenge to the Church and to us all is will our focus today be 'ego-centric', only concerned with our own needs and issues, or 'Christ-centric' as we strive to care for and value our neighbour in their time of need? The evidence is clear no area is immune from poverty whatever the appearance of a 'Green and Pleasant Land'!

Ben Thompson's report Rural Poverty in the Fromeside area is available on our Website https://www.fromesidechurches.org.uk/benefice/reports/Blessings,

Revd Malcolm Strange Rector of the Fromeside Benefice



The Parishes of Frampton Cotterell, Iron Acton, Winterbourne & Winterbourne Down, in THE DIOCESE OF BRISTO

St Saviours Church, Coalpit Heath Church News & Events

St Saviours 74th Horticultural show boasted a wonderful display of exhibits with many local people taking part. It was wonderful to see new people who had never shown off their marvellous talents before, joining in and winning prizes. It was a most enjoyable afternoon spent viewing all the lovely flowers and vegetables, craft work and design. Congratulations to everyone who was involved.

Bishop Viv to visit for 174th Anniversary

Everyone is invited to celebrate our church anniversary with us. Our Dedication Festival with the Bishop of Bristol take place on Sunday 13th October at 10am.

The Bishop of Bristol, is visiting to celebrate our 174th birthday (174 years since the church was consecrated). At the time the church was built, the area around the church was dominated by the coal mines, from which the area gained its name. The mine workers were generally uneducated and unruly. The collieries provided the work and the alehouses the recreation. The long working hours in the coal mines made it difficult to attend St Peter's Church (in Frampton Cotterell), situated on the other side of the hill.

From 'The Churchgoer' published some time in early 1846, we are told that four years previously, three men, members of the Church Building Society, alighted from their carriage on the common at Coalpit Heath and, accompanied by an old man and a respectable resident, proceeded on foot across its little wooded heath to find

"a place for the Lord, a habitation of the mighty God of Jacob." They had not walked far when their attention was attracted to a smooth spot of glade, adjoining the road and the lark, starting up at their feet soared heavenward, singing his song of gladness, as though he would invite with his sweet omen the selection of that very spot for the sacred structure..." and they decided that here the future Church of St. Saviour's should stand.

The Church of St Saviour was consecrated on Thursday 9th October 1845 by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol in the presence of about 40 clergy and a congregation of 500.

The Church Records, which have been passed to the Bristol City Archives for safe keeping, provide a fascinating picture of life in the parish a century ago. These can be seen by visiting the Records Office (at the Bond Warehouses, Bristol) or copies viewed by arrangement in the church.

A new floor — This summer the whole of the parquet floor of the church has been renovated, sanded and oiled, following a flood from a radiator

leak in January. The church, which is Grade 2* listed, is now looking fantastic and it will be a great opportunity to view the new floor, as well as to meet our new Bishop at our Dedication Festival.

A Church for all –

Children are welcome every Sunday and we have a special



(Children's) **Breakfast Club** on the second Sunday of the month when we meet slightly earlier, at 9.45am, to enjoy Coco Pops or chocolate spread on toast (it can get very messy!). On the first Sunday of the month the children carry banners in our procession round the church and do readings or other activities.

On Monday mornings during term time we run **Butterflies Babes and Toddlers Group**, 10–11.30am in the Church Hall, Beesemore Road, BS36 2RP (www.butterfiestoddlersgroup@gmail.com). There are plenty of toys, a craft and book area, dressing up, and a baby play area for crawlers. Snack time is enjoyed by both toddlers and adults. We would love to see you. It's £3 per family.

Mothers union meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Church Hall at 2pm. They help with many small projects carried out by branches throughout the Diocese. Come along and join in. For more information contact Mary Head on 01454 887870 or e-mail: mary.head@blueyonder.co.uk.

Friday Lunches – Each Friday we run an adult social. Coffee and teas are served from 11.15am and a soup lunch, starting at 12 noon, in the Church Hall. A warm welcome awaits do go along and meet new friends.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 20th October – Harvest Festival Service and breakfast.

Saturday 23rd November, Saturday Church Christmas Fayre.

St Saviour's Church, Coalpit Heath, BS36 2RP Coalpitheath.org.uk.news

Frampton Cotterell & Coalpit Heath Village Diary

October 2019

Wed 2 – Coffee Morning, Salem, Watleys End, 10–11.30am. All welcome.

Wed 2 – Wellbeing Friends, WADCA 1.45–3.45pm. £3. A group for people with dementia and their carers. Varied activities, a cuppa, cake and chat. Info, T: 07789 662694.

Wed 2 – Coalpit Heath WI, 7.45pm, St Saviours Church Hall, T: 07935 071291 / E: carolinemjohnston@ hotmail.com. Visitors always welcome!

Fri 4 – Quiz, Crossbow, 8pm. £1.50 ppn. T: 01454 772947 / E: crossbowhouse@gmail.com.

Sat 5 – Table Top Sale, Coalpit Heath Village Hall, 1–3pm. Tables £5, T: 07920 145352.

Sat 5 – Neil Diamond tribute evening, WADCA, 8.30pm. £8. T: 01454 776268 or book online at www. ticketsource.co.uk or E: ca.winterbourne@gmail.com.

Sun 6 – Community Apple Day, WADCA, 11am–4pm. Free entry. Stalls, activities, live entertainment, hot and cold food and drink, and lots more. Fun for all ages.

Sun 6 – Charity Quiz night in aid of Guide Dogs, The Rising Sun 8.15pm. £3 ppn. Teams uo to 6. Further information T: 01454 772330 or pop in.

Mon 7 – Gardening and Social Club, Manor Hall 2–3.30pm. All welcome. £2.50, includes refreshments. T: 07873 747513 or Tel: 01454 774279.

Tues 8 – Village walks, start The Miners (Village Hall) 10.30am. Blackberry Brake gentle stroll 2 miles or walk 3 miles.

Tues 8 – Community Coffee Morning, WADCA, 11am–12.30pm. All welcome.

Tues 8 – Mothers Union, St Saviours Hall, 2.15pm. A variety of speakers. Te: 01454 777664.

Wed 9 – Frampton Singalong, Crossbow, 2–3.30pm £3 incl teas. Live music and sitting exercises. All welcome. T: 07515 351813 / E: hilary.coach@icloud.com.

Wed 9 – 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 11 – Frampton Folk club, Crossbow, School Rd, 8–11pm. £2. Acoustic music club. Play, sing, listen.T: Andrew 07974 151437 / andrew.edgington77@gmail.

Sat 12 – Advanced Felting Workshop, Winterbourne Medieval Barn, 10am–1pm. Make your own unique wet-felted shoulder bag. Cost £35 incl all materials and tuition. Advanced booking required on Ticketsource. co.uk www.WinterbourneBarn.org.uk.

Sun 13 – St Saviour's Church, Dedication Festival with the Bishop of Bristol. 10.00am.

Thur 17th - Community coffee morning & fun quiz, Manor Hall Jubilee Room 10am–12.00.
Tel: Alison Allan 07873 747513 for more details.

Thur 17 – Wellbeing Friends, WADCA 1.30–3.30pm. £3. A group for people with dementia and their carers. Varied activities, a cuppa, cake and chat. Info, T: 07789 662694.

Thur 17 – Talk: Honey – from Flower to Jar, Winterbourne Medieval Barn, 7–9pm. Tickets £5, book online at Ticketsource.co.uk / www.WinterbourneBarn.

Fri 18 – Bingo, Crossbow, 8pm. £1 for 5 games and 50p for snowball. T: 01454 772947.

Sat 19 – Pauls Place Grand Ball, The Grange (Mercure), 7pm. Tickets £40 T: 01454 777236 / E: carmstrong@paulsplace.org.uk.

Sat 19 – Mad Hatters Barn Dance, WADCA, 8pm. Doors open 7.30pm. Tickets £6 online from Ticketsource, or £7.50 on the door. T: 07515 351813 / jays.music@mac.com.

Sun 20 – Apple Day with Coalpit Heath Community garden, Manor Hall, 2.30–5.30pm. £5 incl coffee and cake. Children free. Licensed bar selling apple cocktails and apple gin! Raffle, as-new accessories stall, fun facts about apples and local history.

Tues 22 – Friendship & Circle Dance, The Miners, 2–4pm. £4 incl refreshments. Gentle exercise for over 50s. Live music. Beginners/improvers welcome. T: Hilary 07515 351 813 / E:hilary.coach@icloud.com.

Tues 22 – Frampton Cotterell W.I. St Peters Hall, School Rd, 7.45–10pm. £2.50. T: 01454 773426.

Wed 23 – Forget-me-not Singalong Group, Zion, 2–3.30pm. For local people who like a singalong. Carers welcome to stay. Details from Jean T: 01454 775786 or Rona 01454 886925.

Sat 26 – Kids Halloween Costume Workshop, Winterbourne Medieval Barn 10am–12.30pm. Make your own spooky outfit. FREE but pre-booking required at Ticketsource.co.uk.

Sat 26 Oct – Sun 3 Nov - Scarecrow Trail around the village.

Tues 29 – Village Walks meet opposite Gingerbread Cafe, 10.30am. Guided walks of the Scarecrow Trail (1 or 2 miles). This will probably be repeated on Sat 2, Nov 2pm).

November 2019

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Sat 2 – Table Top Sale, Coalpit Heath Village Hall, 1–3pm. Tables £5. T: 07920 145352.

Sat 2 – Fun Picture-based Quiz, WADCA 8pm. £6ppn. Teams of 6. T: 01454 773370.

Mon 4 - Gardening and Social Club, Manor Hall,

2–3.30pm. All welcome. £2.50, includes refreshments. T: 07873 747513 or 01454 774279.

Tues 5 – Village Walks, meet Badminton Arms, 10.30am. Country stroll up to 2 miles, or Frog Lane rural walk 3.5 miles. Pub lunch if you wish.

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Thu 14 – Talk – Brewsters, Alewives and Beer Witches, Winterbourne Medieval Barn, 7pm. Hear about women and brewing in Medieval and early modern culture. Tickets £5 online at Ticketsource. Beer from GWB available, www.WinterbourneBarn.org.uk.

Fri 15 – Bingo, Crossbow, 8pm. £1 for 5 games and 50p for snowball. T: 01454 772947.

Sat 16 – St Peters church Christmas Fair, 10.30–1pm

Wed 20 – FC & District Local History Society, Zion hall, 7.30pm. £4 incl refreshments.

Thur 21 – Manor Hall community coffee morning, 10am–12pm. In aid of Time 4 Carers. Raffle, coffee, cakes, tombola, handmade jewellery, cards and other stalls. Sponsored by NISA. T: Alison Allan 07873 747513 for more details.

> Thur 21 – Wellbeing Friends, WADCA 1.30–3.30pm. £3. A group for people with dementia and their carers. Varied activities, a cuppa, cake and chat. Info, T: 07789 662694.

Thur 21 – Sat 23 – Confusions by Alan Ayckbourn, Winterbourne Players, WADCA, 8pm. Tickets £8 online from Ticketsource.co.uk (3 for 2 offer on Thursday).

Sat 23 – Christmas Fayre, St Saviours, 2pm. Gifts, raffle, tombola, refreshments and cakes.

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Wed 27 – Sat 30 – Wind in the Willows, The Actonians Iron Acton Parish Hall

Sat 30 – Family Advent Calendar Workshop, Winterbourne Medieval Barn, 10am–12.30pm. Crafty fun for all the family! £5 per family group. Book at Ticketsource.co.uk.





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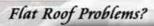
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