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Dear Residents,

We write this letter with hope things are moving in the right direction, with positive signs that life is beginning to get back to a new normal.

It comes as no surprise to us that the challenging times we have been experiencing has brought out the best in our community. Neighbourhood groups have formed to support those in need in whatever way they can - fetching shopping, dog walking and being on the end of a phone for company. Perhaps, through these acts of kindness, new friendships have been formed, set to continue way past lockdown. This month we hear from Frampton Cotterell & Coalpit Heath Covid 19 Community Support Group, who are still very much active.

We are pleased to share with you images from the fabulous Winterbourne Scarecrow Trail, set up to cheer people up on their

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daily exercise during lockdown. Over 200 people embraced this fantastic idea.

Planned VE Day celebrations may have been curtailed, but in true British fashion, local people made the best of the situation. Socially distanced street parties offered some light relief. Delicious afternoon teas were delivered to local neighbourhoods thanks to team members of WADCA we hope you enjoy their account of the day.

For those of you who have found sanctuary in the outdoors - be it your garden or beyond, we are pleased to bring you reports from Winterbourne and Frome Valley Environment Group, Avon Organic Group, The Floral Friends of Frampton and Frome Valley Growing Project.

All this and much more!

Stay safe and well,

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Frampton Cotterell & Coalpit Heath **Covid 19 Community** Support Group -



Helping you to help your neighbour

The Frampton Cotterell / Coalpit Heath COVID-19 Community Support Group neighbour volunteers have helped residents in Frampton Cotterell and Coalpit Heath throughout the COVID19 outbreak. This has ranged from buying shopping through to friendly telephone calls and collecting prescriptions. There have been many acts of neighbourly kindness which have helped so many in our community, which have only been made possible due to the 240 amazing neighbour volunteers. Thank you to each and every one of you.

The initiative has worked with existing groups and organisations to make sure neighbour to neighbour support is received by all those that need it. CVS South Gloucestershire, Southern Brooks and other local volunteer organisations are continuing to provide advice and guidance to us so we can best support our community both now and moving forwards

Whilst most of our updates are online, we remain focused on reaching those residents that may have missed out on the initial communication. We ask that everyone thinks of those that maybe in that position and reach out to them offering your support now or in the future. Alternatively, please encourage them to contact this group.

With the continued support of the neighbour volunteers it is our hope that the group will continue to run for the length of time required to support our community through this difficult time. We will adapt as the situation continues to change and as ever welcome vour feedback.

We feel it is important that Community Leaders work together to ensure all our residents are supported if they require it. We have worked with Frampton Cotterell and Westerleigh Parish Councillors to look at ways that they can continue their support in this important role of bringing groups and organisations together now and in the weeks and months to come.

Please let us know via Facebook, COVID19FramptonAndCoalpit@gmail.com,or **07742 6049 88** if you have any further ideas on how this group can help neighbours support neighbours.

Continue to take care and stay safe.

Thank you for supporting our community



Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, WADCA Community Centre is currently closed. Many of the activities normally on offer will be hard to accommodate with social distancing, so we will just have to wait for Government guidance and see how the 'unlocking' process goes.

WADCA gets no income while the Centre is shut. Team members Kelly and Leanne have been furloughed for the moment. Water, gas and electricity bills are low while the building is out of use, but we still have to pay considerable overheads like insurance and licences. We were therefore very pleased to be successful in getting a small business grant, which although it will not cover the loss of



rental income if the lockdown continues for any length of time, it definitely helps keep the Community Centre going and ready to re-open as soon as it is safe to do so.

Replacement of the damaged flooring in the entrance fover, and refurbishment of the lounge bar, were almost finished when the lockdown started, so there should be a bright new look for centre-users when they are allowed to return! A grant from the

Charities Aid Foundation was received for replacing some of the worn-out fire doors, and it is hoped that this work will also be done shortly.



so any volunteers who can offer to tackle this would be extremely welcome. It would be good to maintain the outside look of the Centre just as well as the inside, both now while the building is out of use, and once we are allowed to re-open.

Although WADCA is closed, Kell's Kitchen has continued to cook for the Wednesday lunch club and Kelly is delivering meals to those in the community who want them. She is doing this as a charity and no income is made by WADCA.

The planned VE Day 75th anniversary event for 8th May obviously had to be cancelled. But Kelly asked South Glos Council's permission to use the £1.500 that had been earmarked for these celebrations so that she as Kell's Kitchen could provide afternoon teas for pensioners and veterans in our area. It was extremely successful and very well-received by local people. Kelly was helped by her daughter Cara with the massive amount of baking and organisation, and they provided over 130 teas! Leanne Woodruff, Louise Worso and Louise's mum did the deliveries. They all deserve a HUGE thank you!

We hope you enjoy these photos of the Watleys End community enjoying Kelly's amazing VE Day teas and celebrating the anniversary in true British style (with more European-style weather!), photos by Kelly Gower. The Beaver Close/Factory Road photos were taken by resident Mike Couzins.





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In these somewhat strange times, we hope that vou might have been able to enjoy, when out for your daily walk, some of the flowers that have been blooming in the village over recent weeks.

All the herbs and plants in the Sensory Garden at the Brockeridge Centre are also growing well and are obviously enjoying the good weather as much as we are!

Due to the lockdown we have been unable to work on the planters recently; however we plan to replenish them with some cheerful summer plants over the next few weeks, always abiding to the present regulations of course.

All our planned events (the plant sale and coffee morning, the flower festival and the coach trip) for the foreseeable future have been cancelled. Hopefully we will be able to organise something once things begin to return to normal. In the meantime, we hope you continue to enjoy the flowers around the village and that they help to cheer everyone up.

Recently more wild flower plant plugs were planted in the Glebeland wild flower area and more wild flower seeds were sown. This was to add variety to the display and promote biodiversity.

We would like to thank everyone for their support over the last few months, and in particular the kind, anonymous, donor of some marigold plants left on the Beesmoor bed. These have now been planted and will soon be flowering.

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:

- · Could you spare a few minutes regularly? We always need help to maintain the planters (and we always try to share the load and ask people to look after a planter near their home/business to minimise time and effort).
- Could you spare a couple of hours twice a year (late spring and autumn)? We welcome help when we need to replenish the plants in the planters in spring and autumn.
- We run various fund raising activities during the year (coffee mornings, plant sales) and we are always glad of help.
- No time? Donations are always very welcome.

WE ARE OPEN



We have opened the doors to our Garden Centre again. You are welcome to shop with us in-store following our social distancing rules. Please note that our Cafe remains closed.

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Winterbourne and Frome Valley Environment Group

Passionate about the environment and building a strong inclusive community

At a time when good news is needed – here it is! WEG have continued to work hard behind the scenes at various projects during lockdown. One of which being Whiteshill common (the smaller section to the right as you come off Bristol Road onto Worrells lane). In early April, the Winterbourne Parish Council gave the group the go ahead to start planting the wild flower meadow and look at options for a natural play area, due to the lockdown the play area will be on hold for the time being.

It was agreed with Winterbourne Parish council that the small common would not be mown in the centre to allow wildflowers to grow. Observing what grows this year, will give us an idea of what to expect and enable us to decide what we can plant to encourage further natural wild flowering. It has helped that May happened to be NO MOW MAY https://www. nationaltrust.org.uk/features/take-part-in-the-nomow-may-challenge set up by the national trust.

Moving forwards, the idea will be to look at the possibility of creating a few gentle paths mown through the meadow, so people can walk through and engage closely with the wildlife if they so wish. With many a volunteer in the local area to help out with the digging and planting, it was all action over the last month and now there are a variety of wild flowers and an abundance of insects, birds and probably most interestingly is the natural pattern in which the flowers have taken to grown in a circular

Due to the exercise regime during lockdown, it has been wonderful to watch a lot more walkers and cyclists sitting down on the small common to rest and take photos of the flowers and wild life there. We have also blue hearts ready to be set up in the meadow to advise people that the meadow

is being left to grow wild on purpose, you can find more information on this campaign at https:// bluecampaignhub.com/about-us.

WEG are delighted to have received some fantastic reviews relating to the wildflower meadow:

"I've just come back from sitting on the small common at Whiteshill and whilst it's plain to see the meadow is still in its early days, I have not seen as many birds, in particular House Martins popping down to feed on the insects that are in amongst the flowers, beautiful and peaceful."

"Very, much looking forward to bringing my grandson here once lockdown is finished, he will love seeing the flowers and enjoy the play area once it is set up."

Alongside the common the group has also planted a wildflower meadow at Winterbourne library and this has proven very successful and beautiful, providing a natural habitat for local wildlife.

We are also working with Frome Valley Growing Project, which are a few families in Winterbourne that have come together with a shared belief in an ethical framework: earth care, people care, fair shares. The area (field) based in Winterbourne is working to create a sustainable space to grow food as a community, for the community using permaculture growing methods. (Read more on page 16).

If you would like to get involved please contact thegrowingproject123@gmail.com.

We welcome more members, if you would like to get involved please contact us via our Facebook page: Winterbourne environmental group or Instagram: Winterbourne and fromevalley eco.



While coronavirus has turned our lives upside down in the last couple of months, our wildlife has been thriving, something many of us have now had more time to appreciate than ever before.

With research showing that UK wildlife is in serious decline, the lockdown slowdown has brought a break from the norm that our wildlife urgently needed. Bristol has announced both ecological and climate emergencies, with action plans being drawn up to enable nature to recover on a grand scale. In response to this, Feed Bristol, Avon Wildlife Trust's wildflower nursery, has been renamed as Grow Wilder. Our aim is to play our part in inspiring people, communities, schools and businesses to take action for wildlife and grow wilder food, wilder gardens and wilder people.

As lockdown began, the team at Grow Wilder ambitiously set up an online shop delivering native wildflowers and vegetable plants. Thousands of plants were ordered, many by people having a go at growing for the first time. A team of fabulous volunteers responded to our call to arms to help us pick, pack and deliver the orders, a task made all the more interesting with social distancing a necessity.

Despite the many challenges of organising over a thousand deliveries in a short space of time, not least in the midst of a global pandemic, it is truly uplifting that so many people across Bristol are creating wildlifefriendly gardens, providing crucial food for pollinators, and helping nature recover from their homes.

We are working up plans to safely re-open Grow Wilder's nursery and, hopefully, an outdoor café to the public in July. A haven of wildflowers, greenery and birdlife, we hope it will be a place where people can come and enjoy nature and a cuppa. Keep an eye on our website for updates on re-opening.

The online shop is still open for wildflower sales www.growwilder.co.uk. And if you would like to learn more about how to create an insect-friendly garden, you can claim your FREE 'Action for Insects' guide at www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk/ action-for-insects.



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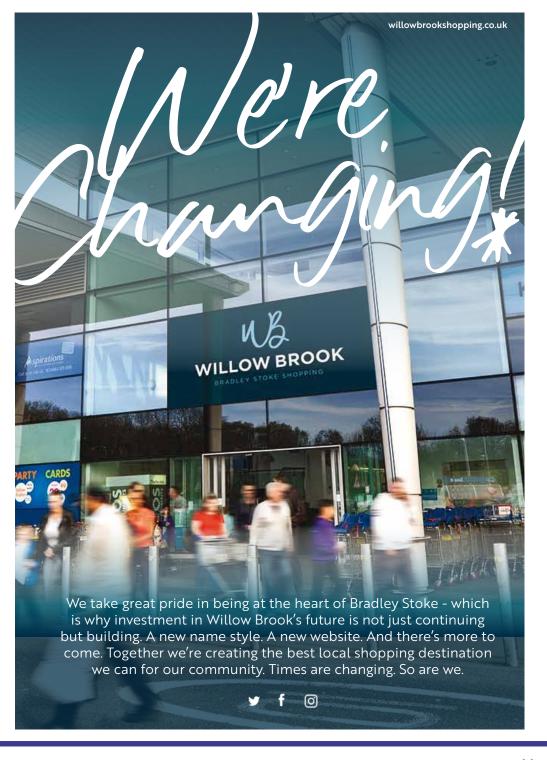












Frampton Cotterell Computer Group Celebrating 20 years



ago, Frampton Cotterell Parish Council decided to set up a computer group in the newly opened Brockeridge Centre with the primary

Twenty years

aim of helping older people come to grips with home computers. At that time, less than 40% of UK households had a computer at home and even fewer had an Internet connection. Many people, particularly of an older generation, had never used a computer but were interested in finding out how to use one and in discovering the benefits they might offer in their daily life.

A group of volunteers came together, purchased some desktop PCs with money obtained via community grants and started offering classes to help people who wanted to learn about using a home computer. In 2008, the group became independent of the Parish Council while still occupying a room at the Brockeridge Centre and maintaining a close working relationship with them.

Keith Powell who has been chairman of the group since it became independent said, "When we started, few people would have imagined we'd still be going 20 years later! We've seen many changes over the years, with fewer people now being completely new to computers and more wanting help with specific questions. Technology has also changed significantly with the introduction of tablets and smartphones as well as major changes to software such as Windows and MS Office. Our team of volunteers has adapted to these changes and we are still assisting people with a wide range of issues. These include: using the internet safely and

securely, dealing with digital photographs, keeping track of finances using spreadsheets, creating and managing email accounts and taking advantage of cloud computing services.

"People come to us from across South Gloucestershire and even further afield because of our unique approach. Some come for just a few sessions, others continue to attend for longer periods both for the intellectual stimulation and for the social interaction provided by learning as part of a group. Either way we aim to provide assistance in a relaxed, friendly environment with one helper for at most two learners."

At its peak the group ran six sessions per week for up to 9 people per session and more than 1,000 people have been helped since the group started. It is still going strong with around 30 people attending one of the four sessions held every week.

If you'd like to learn more about what you can do with your computer, tablet or smartphone, drop in to the Brockeridge Centre in Woodend Road, Monday to Thursday mornings for a chat, or call the Centre on 01454 864442 to book a session.

Frampton Cotterell Computer Group www.fccomputergroup.uk.

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Supporting disabled people through Covid-19

The recent COVID-19 pandemic has seen Paul's Place day facility in Coalpit Heath close until it is safe to re-open. Despite this, the charity continues to offer care and support for their Members (those who use their services) and in the last two months has been busier than ever.

Since the announcement that the day facility was to close, the team took just 24 hours to create the Emergency Response Project and have continued to support disabled people and their carers during the crisis.

Since the end of March Paul's Place launched its telephone befriending service and between then and mid-May has already made 1,880 calls offering the service 7 days a week to those in most need.

In addition to this Paul's Place has partnered with Southern Brooks, South Gloucestershire CVS and South Gloucestershire Council in providing mutual support to people. They have also been getting food parcels out and helping with the collection of prescriptions.

CEO Daniel Cheesman states, "Paul's Place started with a group of compassionate individuals seeing a need in their local community and this still continues to motivate all our staff here today. I am so proud that we have been able to respond so quickly but I want us to do more. The reality is that for many disabled people the impact of coronavirus is going to be felt for a long time yet. We need to ensure that people remain connected with others."

Paul's Place is planning for the next few months as it continues to support individuals who are high risk due to living alone or having other support needs. Telephone calls are a lifeline as are the increasing online services that Paul's Place is offering people.

Daniel also said 'Staying connected virtually, via things like Zoom and other such platforms is now



the new normal for people and we are working tirelessly to ensure that people can still see their friends, stay connected and live their lives to the full, even in lockdown.'

In order to fund this vital work Paul's Place has launched an Emergency Appeal so that it is able to keep on supporting physically disabled people in the coming months.

Clair, responsible for the campaign has said, "We have been blown away by the support that we have already seen and a lot of money has already been raised by our Members and their carers. It really will make a difference to the work that we will be doing in the coming months. This lockdown will be the reality for many of the people we support for a while longer. To sustain this level of support, we are looking to the local community and asking people to donate whatever they can afford."

If you would like to help support Paul's Place so that they can keep on supporting people most in need please visit

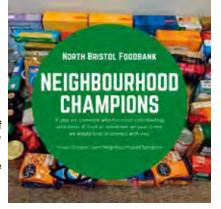
http://www.paulsplace.org.uk to see how you can donate, or you can send a cheque, made payable to Paul's Place (South West), Serridge Lane, Coalpit Heath, Bristol. BS36 2TT.



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Caring during COVID -**Making carers visible on Carers' Week** #CaringBehindClosedDoors

Carers Week 8 - 14 June is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring and highlight the challenges carers face. Carers don't choose to become carers and many don't even see themselves as carers. Throughout the COVID-19 outbreak, family carers have continued to provide unpaid crucial care to their loved ones, with little to no support.

Care is usually provided behind closed doors, in people's homes and is largely invisible to the general public and support services. This hasn't changed during the pandemic. While COVID-19 has very rightly reminded us all of the crucial role of NHS staff and keyworkers, family carers have been largely forgotten. The role of carers has never been more crucial. Yet. while the challenges carers face have increased, their role remains invisible. The majority of carers are struggling alone and do not know that help is available to them.



Carers Week 2020



Monday 8 June - Sunday 14 June



Carers Support Centre is working locally to support carers of all ages through this very challenging time. Services include information and advice, carers assessments, counselling, befriending, employment support, virtual carers' groups, online training, and the Carers' Emergency Card. On Thursday 11th June, the charity is also holding its first ever online Carers' Open Meeting. Visit their website for more details.

Recent research from Carers UK has found, since the pandemic started, carers are providing 10 additional hours of care per week. The average figure is now a staggering 65 hours per week, with 70% of carers providing more care due to local services reducing or closing. This has been particularly hard for certain groups, such as those caring for someone with a learning disability, autism, or dementia.

This Carers Week, join Carers Support Centre in recognising the massive contribution carers make to families and communities across the UK. Visit the Carers Support Centre website to watch the 'Clap for family carers' video, hear from local carers about what caring during COVID-19 is like, and say your own thank you to family carers on social media using the #CaringBehindClosedDoors hashtag.

If you, or someone you know is a carer, and in need of help, contact CarersLine: 0117 965 2200

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News from Frome Valley Growing Project



Our aim here at Frome Valley Growing Project is to work as a community, for the community to provide affordable locally grown food for our members and other local

We are using Permaculture growing principles to increase biodiversity, reduce our dependency on oil based products and chemicals, and to utilise materials and products found around us that are reused or re-purposed.

People have been so generous in supporting us to get started, we have had donations of manure from Kendleshire Farm stables, local people have donated surplus seedlings and pots and a local tree surgeon is supplying us with wood chip.

We rent a beautiful acre plot in Winterbourne and the land owner is really supportive of our vision. Our members are local families who all come with their own valuable skills and ways of contributing to the project. We are still looking for a donation of a poly tunnel to extend our growing season and we are taking on new members and volunteers. As a response to the COVID-19

outbreak we have developed a system so that we have been able to continue growing, and tending to our plants ensuring we are sticking to social distancing guidance.

If you are interested in becoming a member or supporting us in any way please do not hesitate to get in contact via the details on our Facebook page, we would love to hear from anyone who is interested. Phone 07708 758370 or email the growing project 123@gmail.com

Visit: www.facebook.com/ FromeValleyGrowingProject/







News from Frampton Cotterell RFC

Sadly, the Frams season came to a grinding halt due to lockdown! Fortunately, before this happened, the Fram Colts won the Somerset Colts league, secured with a final win over Wellington in muddy conditions

to say the least! Benny Burns scored the decisive try. A huge congratulations to the Colts for this great achievement. It's been a great season for the managers/coaches of Colts (Spud Hill, Dave Moulsdale and

" irk Whiteside) and for head coach Nigel nith. Nigel has been promoted and takes er the senior coaching role next season Fram .

With the annual dinner and awards night cancelled due to COVID. the club had to post videos. Weaves presented the awards, while President Nick Knight and CharimanTony Bleakman posted their personal messages. Well done to all the winners (detailed in table right).

Frams would like to thank everyone who generously donated to their JustGiving campaign. The early end of season and necessary closure of the clubhouse and bar left the club severely struggling financially. A target of £10,000 was set, and we are delighted to report at time of writing, over £13.000 has been raised. If you would like to contribute please visit www.justgiving. com and search Frampton **Cotterell Rugby Football** Club.

The Frams have continued to keep busy during lockdown and stayed connected/entertained via the following -

- Over 100 members took part in a video Boat race (downing a pint).
- A JustGiving page was set up to raise vital funds for our rugby club to survive
- A superb video with players miming to Don't Stop Believing song
- International Zoom lock down drink and reminiscing – representation from England, wales, Scotland, France, South Africa
- Junior videos passing rugby balls and toilet rolls in some funny places!

by Mike Weaver



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Colts coach back player of year	Charlie Hill
Dave Attwood award - Youth rep	Harry Blakes
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Founder chairman award	Tom Bowen Hall



Enjoying the great outdoors

Hello my name is Louisa Tickner-Jenkins and I have worked in the early years sector for 30 years and I have been a childminder for the last 14 years.

As I write this, we are 8 weeks into the lockdown and the restrictions are slowly beginning to lift. We are now allowed to go out for exercise more than once a day and venture a bit further, still adhering to social distancing requirements.

I was reflecting recently about what have been some of the key aspects of usual activity that voung children have been restricted on. With playgrounds closed many children will not have had many opportunities for climbing and playing on swings or roundabouts, especially if you do not have a garden or those kind of play resources in your garden. Heading out to the woods provides great opportunities for children to climb and **balance**. We are extremely blessed to have a number of inner-city woodland areas and spending time in woodlands can be very calming for children. There are often fallen branches or tree trunks for children to balance along and you can have lots of fun searching for a climbing tree. Make sure you do a quick risk assessment of climbing opportunities;

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for example, that all the branches are 'live' so they do not snap and that you are able to keep your child within reach in case they need help. Ensure the tree is a very

established tree so that you do not damage it.

Being outdoors can really help children engage their senses, take full advantage of a cloudy day, find a space to lie down and cloud watch. Encourage children to use their imagination to see pictures in the clouds. Use water and a paintbrush to 'paint' your own clouds on the ground and see how long it takes for them to evaporate. Play a game where everyone closes their eyes and listens carefully to what they can hear: with older children see if they can hear different bird song, perhaps record the bird song and then search online to see if you can identify the bird, and then head out again with some binoculars or homemade binoculars for some bird spotting. Play 'guess the object', where children close their eyes and you ask them to feel an object and guess what it is, for example a twig, leaf, pine cone, stone, shell. You can play the memory game with the same objects where one item is removed and the child guesses which one is missing. Make up a scavenger hunt or search online for one to download; it could be a nature scavenger hunt or a city scavenger hunt. If you have an abundance of plants/flowers growing in your garden make potions and explore the smells they create, or buy some flowers from the shops that are on sale and use those.

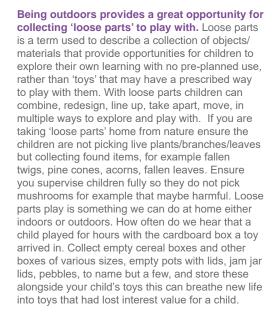


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We can create pictures and patterns from found objects: if children would like to create something. a piece of card, a glue stick or double-sided tape enables creations to be more permanent. If you search 'loose parts' online you will come across a plethora of ideas of what to collect, setting items



out so they are inviting for children, and more focused activity ideas using loose parts. Having an old sheet available to make a den over a washing line in the garden, or look in the shed for spare pieces of wood that can be painted to make a road track, or spare guttering for water play, balls, cars. Use loose parts for pretend camping in the garden, make a tent/den, build a pretend fire, make pretend food from stones, sticks, leaves. The story Alfie's Shop is a lovely example of loose parts play in the outdoors. The possibilities are really endless, but always ensure any loose parts do not have sharp edges, and anything that presents a choking hazard is not left available for children to help themselves but played with under close supervision and then packed away again.

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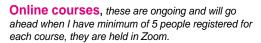
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Hello everyone, I hope you have all been keeping safe and well in this very different time! Like so many of us my Holistic Health Clinic in Little Stoke had to close on 23rd March and so too did the classroom. Social distancing is not really possible as a holistic health practitioner and teacher of holistic therapies!

However I did start to run the teaching courses online, with great results! So much so that I have decided to offer more virtual online classes through the summer and am planning (hopefully) to start back in the physical classroom from the end of August onwards. See below for what I can offer:



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Advanced Aromatherapy - £400 (this includes assessment, please pm me for joining criteria) Thursdays 6-8pm. There will be 8 sessions starting 23/7/20.



REFLEXOLOGY

Introduction to Reflexology - free Monday 4-5pm Reflexology level 1 £90 (there is an additional charge if you want to have this assessed to use it in practice setting) This will start once a video can be made of the thumb movements on the feet.

Classroom courses (all include lunch and are held in North Bristol on Saturday and Sunday, dates are subject to Covid-19 restrictions being lifted!)

Reiki 1 - £100 Sunday 23/8/20

Reiki 2 - £125 Sunday 18/10/20 (I will need to see a copy of your Reiki 1 certificate if you haven't previously completed it with me)

Reiki 1 and 2 - £200 Sunday 15/11/20

Reiki Master - £300 Sunday 20/9/20 (I will need to see a copy of your Reiki 2 certificate if you haven't previously completed it with me and you will need to be a Reiki practitioner. We will need to discuss whether you are ready to go to this level prior to booking).

Aromatherapy level 1 - 3 days - Saturdays 22/8/20, 19/9/20 and 17/10/20. £125 (there is an additional charge if you want to have this assessed to be able use in a practice setting and you will need an A & P qualification)

Advanced Aromatherapy - Saturday 12/12/20 and Sunday 13/12/20. £500 (this includes assessment)

Reflexology level 1 Saturday 14/11/20. £125 (there is an additional charge if you want to have this assessed to be able use in a practice setting and you will need an A & P qualification)

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How can Hypnotherapy help you?

by Catherine Smart DHP MNCH CHBP

I have been practising as a Clinical Hypnotherapist for 14 years and would like to give you an insight into how hypnotherapy can help you.

Is coming out of lockdown making you panic? Do you feel you need help in getting back to normality? I am using Zoom for all my consultations, so you don't even have to leave home to book in and receive your supportive appointment.

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Catherine Smart

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Optometrists urge lockdown DIY caution

Optometrists are urging DIY enthusiasts to take extra care to avoid eye injuries as home improvement projects prove popular during lockdown.

An estimated 200,000 eye injuries are caused by DIY mishaps every year and Specsavers opticians throughout the UK have treated patients for an array of incidents in the last few weeks from foreign objects to chemical burns.

Gaurav Patel, store director at Specsavers Bradley Stoke, says: 'We often see a spike in these types of accidents with the warmer weather, so as lockdown-DIY becomes popular it's no surprise to see a number of patients contacting us with these types of injuries. Indeed, some stores have reported treating up to three DIY-eye injuries in a single day.

'It is important that you are cautious and pay close attention when you are carrying out any activity which might lead to something going into the eye, such as chopping firewood, pruning in the garden, drilling or grinding and that suitable eye protection is worn. In the event that an injury occurs, you can call us on 01454 275020 and we'll be able to discuss the best course of action with you.'

Specsavers stores, in line with government quidelines, have suspended routine testing during lockdown, but emergency and essential eve care is still available to those in

In a UK first, Specsavers has launched a free nationwide sight and hearing consultation service offering access to vital advice and care from optometrists and audiologists, via video and telephone link. For more information about Specsavers RemoteCare visit: https://www. specsavers.co.uk/online-consultation-service

As well as RemoteCare, anyone concerned about their eye and hearing health can access care through a variety of ways, including 'Specsavers Ask the Expert' public group on Facebook and the Specsavers website care hub. Customers who have an existing prescription can buy glasses and contact lenses online at specsavers.co.uk



For general gueries about glasses, contact lenses or hearing aids; including replacements or repairs, customers can still call the store and they will be able to help.

Below, Guarav provides advice on DIY danger areas and on the action you should take if you do have an eye injury – but stresses prevention is better than cure and says suitable eye protection is the real solution.

DIY EYE HAZARDS

Trimming the hedge: 'Twigs in the eye are incredibly common - sometimes people may fail to notice the tip of a branch as they lean over to prune a hedge or push piles of twigs into the bin. This can cause anything from small scratches to ripping off layers of the cornea which can be extremely painful.'

Mowing and strimming: 'Watch out for objects hidden in your lawn that could be caught up and spat out by your lawnmower or strimmer, like roque clothes pegs for example.'

Handling irritants: 'It's so important to avoid touching or rubbing your eye as there are chemicals which can burn the eye and even plants that can cause severe allergic reactions. We have treated reactions that have caused significant swelling or have caused tiny blood vessels to leak and cause extreme redness.'

Power tools and pressure washers: 'Take extra care using power tools and pressure washers that can cause foreign objects to fly into the eye at speed. We once treated a man who had used electric shearers on a hedge concealing a wire fence – he thought it was a piece of bark that was causing his eye pain but when we examined him we realised it was actually a small piece of metal which had lodged itself right inside his eye.'

Paint, solvents and chemicals: 'Paint can contain chemicals that are severe irritants while substances with a high alcohol content - even alcohol-based hand gel for example - can be a real danger as it can remove the epithelium... the layer of tissue that covers the cornea.' Strong alkalis such as caustic soda and wet plaster and cement are also very harmful to the eyes.

Joinery: 'This can be a key culprit of foriegn objects in the eye. Don't risk hammering without safety googles on as it's so easy for a nail or flint to spark back up into the eye'.

DIY SOS: WHAT TO DO

Foreign object in eye: 'The more you blink the more damage you can potentially cause. Imagine it like a leaf stuck on your windscreen wipers... it will keep scraping and scratching. Try to flush it out, and if need be use your eyelashes to lift the eyelid off the surface of your eye while you do so. See your optician who can swab to remove the foreign body and apply an antibiotic ointment to help prevent infection and lubricate the eye with a gel or ointment for up to three months to prevent a recurrence of the scratch.'

Chemicals or solvents in the eye: 'Irrigate. irrigate, irrigate! It's essential to flush out the eye immediately with water. Tilt your head so the water runs across your eye towards your ear... you don't want it running in the other direction where it could potentially transfer chemicals into your other eye. Alkali substances are so dangerous that time really is of the essence - so use any water source you have to hand and flush out for a good 20-30 minutes as well as seeking urgent medical assistance.'

Cuts: 'If you get a cut on the outside of your eye, on your eyelid for example, clean it out and treat it like you would with any other scratch - keeping it clean and dry and applying antiseptic ointment if need be – and attend A&E if you think stitches are required. If, however, the cut or scratch is on the eyeball itself and is causing pain or visual disturbance you should definitely seek help from an optician.'

Specsavers

Black eye: 'Many black eyes will heal by themselves within a few weeks but if you do experience problems with your vision, issues focussing up close, pain in reaction to light or distortion of lines, speak to your optician. In extreme circumstances a significant bump could cause iritis, retinal detachment or bruising of the layer beneath the retina.'

Perforated eyeball: 'While some eye injuries may cause an eye to water, a perforated eveball is much more serious and can release fluid from inside the eyeball, reducing the pressure in the eve and may cause severe infection which can travel to the brain. If the eyeball is perforated your vision will usually be severely reduced (only able to see movement, or possibly nothing at all). This is a medical emergency and we'd recommend going straight to hospital for treatment.'

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Winterbourne Scarecrow Trail! Lockdown 2020

Winterbourne Matters was delighted to hear from local 'scarecrow lady' Kay Harris, whose initiative of starting a lockdown scarecrow trail to make daily walks more interesting has raised over £1200 for St Michael's Primary School.

Kay stated "I sent out a request to people in the village and local businesses to see if they would be interested in setting up a scarecrow trail to cheer up people on their daily walks. Genuinely, I was only really expecting about 20 people to join at most. There ended up being over 210 scarecrows on the trail map and at least 25 more later additions! The response has been overwhelming and I am thrilled to have set up a fundraiser for St Michael's primary school. The GoFundMe page is on the facebook page Winterbourne Scarecrow Trail 2020 (it is a

> registered charity) all funds raised will go towards library books and play equipment when the children finally do return to school. The trail has brought a lot of joy to our community in strange times and I am really proud to be a part of it."

What a fantastic show of community in the midst of difficult times. These have put a smile on so many faces throughout May and given those daily walks a real purpose, especially making them more interesting for all the children giving them something to look forward to.

We have included a selection here, but you can view more on the facebook page above - all the different ideas have been simply amazing. Celebrating our Key Workers and VE Day were popular themes.























Engineering Club Not **Defeated by** Coronavirus

Since last September, the Engineering Club at Frampton Cotterell C of E Primary School has been hard at work building an electric 'Greenpower Goblin' racing car.

They had planned to race the car against other schools at two events, in May and June. However, knowing this was unlikely to be possible, the team took the opportunity to test the car in the school playground on the last day before the school shutdown. The team had just completed the assembly of the mechanical and electrical parts, so the car was drivable just in time!

Unfortunately four team members were in isolation but each of the remaining eleven got to do three laps of the playground in front of an audience of fascinated Key Stage 1 pupils. First up was Isaac, who said the car went much quicker than he was expecting. Retired engineer Steve Harrison, who started the club last year, said it was great to see a big grin through the helmet visor as each driver stopped at the finish line.

Teaching Assistant Lyn Cox runs the club with Steve and commented that the team has worked really hard and co-operated fantastically. "They've achieved a huge amount so it's great that they've been able to see the fruits of that."

Head teacher Pete Barnard was also there to watch. He said, "The pupils have loved being a



part of this exciting club and to see the smiles on their faces made for a priceless memory in such tough times."

The team have named their car Frampton Falcon because, as team member Jacob



explained, the falcon is the fastest animal in the world. They've designed some imaginative bodywork, including wings, feathers and even a beak which the driver will be able to open and close using a foot pedal. If the school reopens before the end of the academic year and the club restarts then turning those designs into reality will be the first priority.

Greenpower Education Trust (www.greenpower. co.uk) is a UK-based charity which inspires young people around the world to excel in Science. Technology, Engineering and Maths through a unique challenge: to design, build and race an electric car. The 'Goblin' electric car comes as a kit of parts which the pupils have to assemble and then add their own custom bodywork.

The team would like to thank the local businesses that have donated the funds to make this club possible: Bisson Ltd, Cherry & White Tool Hire, Cotecs Ltd. Hallows Dental Practice. Renishaw. Rolls-Royce, Sabre Jetting Services Ltd and the Alex Timpson Trust.

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We were pleased to meet with a FRAMPTON COTTERELL legend for this issue to learn more about

his new career. Former Bristol and Bath winger Barry Whitehead had a successful 35-year career that took him to the top of the game. At 50 years of age, after playing for Bristol and Bath, it was great to end his rugby playing days back where he started with FCRFC.

Barry recently decided to look for a new career, using his childhood memories for inspiration:

"Cutting my nails badly with a very blunt pair of scissors 3 months ago, this triggered a boyhood memory of a hobo chap on his tricycle cycling around Winterbourne offering sharpening services.

With a large stone wheel somehow fixed on the back of the bike, rotated through foot pedals. My parents would send me to him with knives, garden sheers etc and it was fascinating to watch his skill sharpening so effectively.

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News from the Crossbow Singers

As with all choirs and similar groups. Crossbow Singers have been unable to hold rehearsals since the middle of March. It's really sad not being able to sing together, but some of our members have

been able to meet for a chat via Zoom on a Monday evening. This has been lovely, has kept us together and has brought news about many of our members who aren't able to join in at the moment.

Not long before 'Lockdown', the choir realised that they would soon need a new piano and this became guite a worry for us. Our Musical Director, Carolyn Dutton, sourced a really good second-hand piano, which she had tried and liked and which our pianist. Mary Darby, had also played and liked. Unfortunately, though, our funds didn't quite stretch far enough to cover this unexpected expense.

Our very good friends, Frampton Cotterell and District Community Association (FCDCA) agreed to fund the purchase of the piano, pending such time as we could raise the money to buy it from them,

which we agreed would be September. With the onset of the pandemic and the closing down of our weekly meetings, this

outcome was in jeopardy, as we had expected to raise most of the funds from the sale of our Summer Concert tickets. It had become obvious, however. that our Summer Concert would not be taking place.

Frampton Cotterell Parish Council to the rescue! Our Chairman, David Burman, approached the Parish Council and, at the beginning of April, the Crossbow Singers received financial assistance from them to the tune of £900. With the money we already had in the bank, this will be enough to buy the piano from the FCDCA, as arranged.

We would like to thank all involved with the purchase of our new piano and we look forward to the time when we can be together to sing joyfully to its dulcet tones. We hope it won't be too long before we can welcome you all to our next concert.

To all our choir members, loyal audience and future friends and followers, please keep safe and well. We look forward to seeing you all when we can.

Chris Palmer. Choir Secretary



News from Coalpit Heath WI

Like everyone else, our monthly meetings have been put on hold. We were very disappointed that Lt Col Neil Stace from the television programme, The Sewing Bee was the first to be postponed as we had been looking forward to it very much. Fortunately for all the sewing lovers amongst us, the programme that he was a runner up in is currently back on our screens. We hope he will be able to join us next year.

Our annual resolutions meeting has also now passed and subsequent meetings including the group meeting also look unlikely. The beautiful posters

made for this event were used on VE day. Our programme of events will resume when we are able and any further information will be on our Facebook page if you search @WICoalpitHeath.

Members have still been busy during this lockdown period. Several have been occupied supporting keyworkers by making and supplying drawstring bags and button bands for the BRI, St Peter's hospice and local care homes. We were also pleased to be able to share our support for all keyworkers by adding a special thank you banner to the fence on the Badminton Road.

Our WhatsApp group and emails have been helping to keep members connected, along with phone calls to those who are not able to access either. A newsletter is also going to all members shortly.

News from members includes updates on nesting ducks to photos of the ducklings, a weekly tea cosy knit with the completed project revealed section by section, and various garden photos including our flower bed at The Manor Hall (beautiful Iris pictured). In honour of VE day we collected photos of our decorated houses and many enjoyed a celebratory tea. It was interesting to hear about wartime experiences and celebrations from those members who were about in 1945.







Pupils and staff on a virtual learning journey with St John's on-the-Hill school

Utilising the technology of Google classroom, pupils are able to access a full timetable from home after the nationwide school closure programme due to the Covid-19 crisis.

Teachers are on hand to respond to any questions the children have throughout the day. So far they have been blown away by how quickly their pupils have bought into the whole concept and, showing true resilience, simply adapted to learning from home.

Following a morning of core subjects, children then follow a 'what next?' programme in the afternoon, including exercise and reading. On Monday they even attended a virtual West End performance of 'Wind in the Willows', www.willowsmusical.com

Director of Studies Rachael Shakeshaft said: "Seeing all the pupils appear in our virtual classes, being able to chat to them and help them with their learning is so important to us. Teachers have shown such dedication getting this up and running so guickly. We are so proud of our pupils adapting to working this way."

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Local History Facebook page is a Lockdown Hit!

The Frampton Cotterell and District Local History Society are celebrating, after their new Facebook page has become a local hit during the lockdown, with 400 Likes in just 8 months!

"We started the page mainly to let people know about our events, and almost immediately we noticed a much bigger audience attendance at our regular history talks, which in normal times we hold on the third Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm at Zion Church in Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell. Our talk by Professor Ronald Hutton, in November, was a sell-out - we had to bring in extra chairs, it was packed!", commented committee member, and Facebook administrator, Sarah Cleaver.

In February, we made an appeal to villagers for memories and photographs relating to the war years, and interest in our page grew from there. During the lockdown, many more villagers have liked our page, and we have had some wonderful contributions, such as photographs from 1977 and 1981 street parties, festival floats from the 1970s, some fascinating aerial shots from the

early 1980s, and some interesting 'then and now' pictures.

As we were not able to put up the display about the villages during WW2 which we had been working on (for VE Day), we used the Facebook page to share stories and pictures we had been given. We learned of a vegetable patch behind the school (now Crossbow), a searchlight which was sited in

the field at the top of Church Road, and where villagers bought their milk, bread, meat, and sweets! There was a lovely story of a local man who was posted abroad with the RAF and came home with a war bride and baby daughter, and who then lived in a prefab in Frampton Cotterell, and served on the Parish Council.

We are still collecting old photographs and memories (in fact, the album with the most Likes at the moment is about our village pubs!).

If you are interested in our local history, do please visit us at www.facebook.com/ framptoncotterelllocalhistory and give the page a Like. Contributions are very welcome!

We hope you enjoy this selection of photographs submitted by local residents.

Image descriptions

- Aerial view of St Peter's church in the 1980s
- The Handy Shop, Lower Stone Close, 1989
- Cow crossing the road at The Western Coach House, 1980s (courtesy Mike Colwill)
- Silver Jubilee street party. Meadow View
- Church Road, Frampton Cotterell includes The Globe, St Peter's church, Church Farm and The Waterworks
- Coalpit Heath Tennis Club, 1920s (courtesy Carole McLaren)
- The Windmill, Ryecroft Road, Frampton











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Dear Matters: Good morning. My son who is 8 years old receives the National Geographic Kids Magazine each month and loves to read the articles and engage in the activities. This month he was learning about lesser known endangered animals and readers were encouraged to find out more about the animal and write an article in their local magazine to educate people about the animal and the issues surrounding its endangered status.

Please find his article attached which he researched, wrote and published himself. He would love to have it published in your magazine as an example of some meaningful writing completed while learning from home during the lockdown. There is even a corona virus link...! Heidi Hall

Saving an un-known endangered animal

When people think of endangered animals, they probably think of the white rhino, pandas or leatherback turtles, but unfortunately, there is an animal in danger that people simply do not know exists. Have you ever heard of a pangolin? I doubt it.

It's time to find out more about these curious creatures.





The name Pangolin comes from the Malay word 'penggulung' which means roller, because they curl into a ball if distressed or under attack. Pangolins are often mistaken for reptiles but they are actually scaly mammals, which eat

termites and ants. They are fully armoured with scales from head to tail and their large scales, which make up 20% of their body weight, are made of keratin (like rhino horns) making them desirable in the illegal trade. In 1 year alone, over 1 million pangolins were poached and trafficked to China, where the meat is considered a delicacy and their scales are traded to be used in traditional medicine.

There are 8 species of pangolin, 4 in Africa and 4 in Asia. All are endangered or critically endangered. A pangolin only weighs 4-7lbs. It is nocturnal and eats 70 million ants per year using a tongue that is longer than its entire body.

Unfortunately, Pangolins are known to carry a strain of the coronavirus. It is not the exact one currently proving so deadly to humans, but by ensuring there is a complete ban on poaching and trafficking them, the threat of it spreading to humans is less likely.

What can be done to save these creatures?

Even though there are laws in place to protect the trafficking of pangolins, they are still in demand and in decline. They are heading for extinction if something is not done to save them. People can buy a cuddly pangolin or donate money directly to WWF to raise funds to support this cause.

By William Hall aged 8.

Well done William - what an interesting and informative article! Thank you so much for sharing it with us. I enjoyed learning about pangolins!



A pangolin in defensive position



Scales being sold illegally

News from Elm Park Primary



What a very strange few months it has been for all of our community. Although school remains closed to the vast majority of children. we have continued to develop and improve our school

for all of our children. Our 'Connected Curriculum' grows from strength to strength, embedding our key learning drivers of community, creativity and wellbeing. Our children truly excelled in our joined up learning of foundation subjects and have used their deepening knowledge and skills to create some true masterpieces! It was wonderful to be able to share the whole school learning with families in our open event.

Elm Park Lockdown – During lockdown, we have continued to support our families through our home learning and have been wowed by how creative and inventive the children have been. If you happen to walk past the school, don't forget to take a photo of our new resident scarecrows, sitting under the Elm Park sign. Just like our amazing children, they love to read and enjoy getting active.

We miss you – We have all missed being together as a school, particularly seeing our children play together, Hot Chocolate Friday's, our notes home to celebrate children's individual successes and finding out who is leading the Time-tables Rockstars leader-board. Our staff team have all commented on how much they have missed, not only our Elm Park families, but also our local community, so we wanted to pass on this message to you all.

Come and join our family – At time of writing, we are preparing to welcome back our children at the start of June. We have a few spaces in next year's reception class. If you would like to come and see all that our amazing school has to offer, please do get in touch as we would love to give you a 'socially distanced' tour. Looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

Carol Bond Acting Head Teacher

















Hope of a brighter future

As a Christian, it is my belief that we were created to live in community and to share what we have and what we know with others, in order that everybody can live a full and happy life. Jesus said 'I came that they may have life and have it abundantly' (John 10:10)

As I write this, we are beginning to plan how we might 'be church' when the lockdown releases. How we enable our buildings to be used for private prayer and still ensure all who wish to use the buildings are kept safe. A system of directions, barrier sand, hygiene. It all seems a little counter intuitive. As followers of Christ, who healed the lepers with his touch (Matthew 8), we are thinking as ministers how we are the hands of Jesus on earth from a 2m distance. Beyond this, how will people be able to gather for worship? Life has changed, things will be different and we need to ensure that lessons are learnt.

For a long time humanity has been building walls around ourselves to protect what we have, to make us happy. Sometimes we do this with our friendship groups and dare I say we may also be guilty of this in our church communities. We often look for what divides us from others and use that as an excuse to exclude.

We should be focussing on the things that unite us. Covid-19 has had a major effect on people, many have lost lives, leaving families who have not been able to say goodbye in the way they may have needed. Others will have suffered financially and many will have had a negative experience of isolation. People have lived in fear, but there is hope beyond that fear.

If Covid-19 has taught us anything, it is that we need each-other. Building barriers around yourself and excluding others is not God's plan and is not what will bring us life. Perhaps, like me, you took for granted the company of others until it was taken away. Over the weeks we have found new ways and new technologies which have enabled us to be close to each-other in a non-physical way. As a church community we have even managed to communicate more regularly and lift each other in prayer more often through the WhatsApp groups.

When I wrote my reflection for March, I was unaware that by the end of the month the view of the whole world would be different. I spoke then of a common good, but instead what we got was a common cause. To ensure we defeat Covid-19 and in the process we have learnt to love each other. We have learnt to show care and concern for others during this time, whether that is by putting rainbows in our windows, clapping for our carers

and keyworkers, making a scarecrow as part of the trail or checking in by phone with those



who might be lonely or troubled. Perhaps you put up your dove of peace for VE day, you may even have had a socially distanced street party. In all of these things you have brought light to others in what has been a fairly dark time and Jesus himself called us to be light to the world (Matthew 5).

When the time is right we will again be able to be together physically, but until then keep strong, engage with others as best you can and look out for each other. The time is coming when we will see a brighter tomorrow, when not only will we have defeated Covid-19, but the world will show more love and care for one another than it did before. When people seek to be caring and kind and not isolated and withdrawn. When they look to share what we have and know and not keep it for our own glory.

What we need to do now is remember the lessons we have learnt at this time and take that forward into the future. To be kind and generous to all when life is again 'normal', whatever that may look like. To continue to think of others who may be sad or lonely and to reach out to them the hand of friendship. Look for the good in others and help to be part of a stronger and united community.

The rainbow in your window is like a smile and a kind word in the street. Be nice to each other and work at building bridges not walls.

Take care of yourselves and each-other,

Revd David Jones



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Winterbourne Medieval Barn

As you can imagine there's been a slight change of plan to re-opening at Winterbourne Medieval Barn since our last update. We're pleased to let you know that the project has now finished, with just a few bits of tidying up to do inside and outside of the barn. Everyone involved with the project is thrilled with the barn's new appearance, and we'll hope you agree! These stunning pictures were taken just a few weeks ago and show the new-look main barn, as well as the new, functional West Barn Spaces.

Unfortunately, all events at the barn have been postponed, and at the moment there's no plans for any events before September. You can follow Winterbourne Medieval Barn on Facebook and Instagram for any updates, and you can sign up to their mailing list on their website.

The good news is that the West Barn (rooms pictured) is fully heated, and will be comfortable for workshops and talks all through the year. The team are hoping to make the most of this and re-schedule as much as possible for later in the year, and add even more events at the beginning of next year!

The team are also now taking bookings for private events later this year and next.

If you're interested in using the barn for a big event like a wedding reception or birthday party, or something smaller like a workshop, regular class, or smaller family gettogether, you can get in touch with Hazel via hire@winterbournebarn.org.uk who will be very happy to help.

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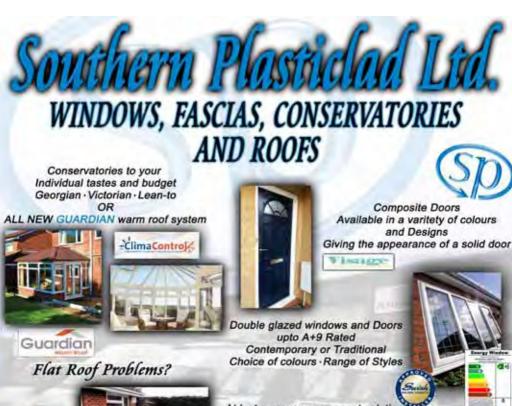




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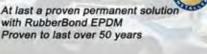
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