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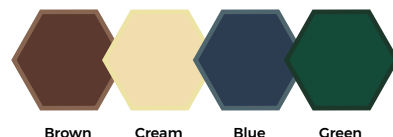
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## Dear Residents,

What better way to welcome in the Autumn than celebrating Orchard Harvest Day at Winterbourne Medieval barn. After a three year gap this fantastic, family event is back and packed full of live entertainment, great food and of course an abundance of apples!

It is great that many community venues, groups and activities are getting back to normal. Throughout the magazine you will find details of a wide range of events taking place in the local area.

Local charity Paul's Place recently enjoyed a fabulous, fundraiser in the form of a celebrity football match, kindly supported by Bristol City players. We hope you enjoy sharing in the fun of the day with the match report.

Happy memories were enjoyed at the Manor Hall, Coalpit Heath in September, when

trustees, parishioners and ex-pupils all came together to celebrate the restoration of the old school bell and its tower. The sun shone, the bell chimed and cream teas were consumed.

Trustees of the Perry Almshouses in Winterbourne were delighted to mark the 170th Anniversary of their beautiful Grade II listed Almshouses, as well as the 75th Anniversary of the Almshouse Association, with a garden party and tree planting ceremony.

We are pleased to bring you articles on three different local authors, who have all worked hard to get their great books into print.

Local young people have been busy in a whole range of activities that we hope you will enjoy reading about.

All this and much more!

**Kerry & Jaci X**

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## Cameron's Smile

**Raising Awareness of Caring for a child with Rare and Complex Needs**

Carla Golledge lives locally in Bradley Stoke and got in touch with Bradley Stoke Matters to share her story. She is a mum to three children, one of whom was born with a rare genetic condition called Norrie Disease.

Cameron was just 8 weeks old when he was diagnosed. Norrie disease usually only affects males and causes blindness and progressive hearing loss. Cameron is completely blind with no light perception whatsoever. He started to lose his hearing at the age of 3. He is non verbal, has global delays, autism, adhd, profound learning disabilities and a feeding tube. But his personality shines through all of that, and the most important thing you will remember about Cameron is his smile.

Carla told us "It was really isolating when we first received his diagnosis, so that's when I turned to social media. I started writing a blog raising awareness of his condition and then connecting with other families in similar circumstances. This is what gave me the idea to write a book: to help others on this journey feel less alone. Raising awareness of rare and complex needs and getting our story heard felt really therapeutic and helped me deal with a lot of the anxiety I face as my son's carer.

"I self published on amazon and was amazed at the response, overnight I went to number 1 best seller and the reviews I have received (see one example above) have made it feel so worth it."

**Cameron's Smile: Raising a deafblind child is available on Amazon.**

You can discover more of Carla and Cameron's journey on their facebook page [www.facebook.com/CamSmile](https://www.facebook.com/CamSmile).

Carla has also been shortlisted for an award - 'The Bloody Awesome Parents awards' - which allows SEND bloggers to be recognised for their talents, tales and achievements. Voting is still open via the [myfamilyyourneeds.co.uk](https://myfamilyyourneeds.co.uk) website, click **Vote** and then 'Bloody Awesome Parent' and you will see the shortlist. The ceremony takes place in November, recognising all the awareness and care people provide for disabled children.

### Friendship & Circle Dance exercise class

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To book your place please phone Hilary 07515 351813

### Frampton Singalong with The Jays

Monday 11th October, 8th November and 20th December 2021, 2.00-3.30 pm in Main Hall Crossbow House, School Road. Very Well Ventilated. £5, carers free, tea, cake and fresh fruit included. Seating socially distant. Please bring mask to wear in social break.

Contact Hilary 07515 351813 for details and to book your place.



"This book is a real insight into the difficulties faced by having a child with additional needs. A beautiful reflection of the struggles families face and have to come to terms with. Written with true love for Cameron. Loved reading this." review on Amazon



## Winterbourne and Frome Valley Environmental Group 'Repair Surgery'

Winterbourne and Frome Valley Environmental Group hold a 'Repair Surgery' once a month, in association with All Saints Church. Items can be mended by volunteer repairers on site, such as – bikes, jewellery, fabric items and general electrical or woodworking repairs. Sessions are currently being held outside to minimise risk. In the future the group will look to bring back the cafe and share elements of this project.

**The Repair Surgeries takes place on Saturday mornings, 10.30am-12 noon, outside All Saints Church Hall, Winterbourne Down on the following dates – 16th October, 20th November and 18th December.**

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## News from Coalpit Heath WI

'A brilliant speaker, great to be back.' 'A fab first night back.' 'Good speaker, good company, good to be back!'

These were just some of the comments received from members who were delighted to join us back at St Saviour's hall for our August meeting. It was fantastic to see so many back, albeit with some precautionary restrictions still in place. Tim Fussell was a brilliant speaker, entertaining and engaging us with the trials and tribulations of starting a business and then adapting it during a pandemic.

Our speaker for September's meeting was Susan Symons, who has written several books about the very colourful and dramatic life of Queen Victoria. This was Susan's first 'in person' talk since the pandemic started and she told us that it was very fitting that we had all our doors and windows open, as Victoria would have appreciated this – she hated being hot! Susan read us some extracts from Victoria's diary – she was clearly a very passionate person and if Susan comes back to

tell us about the couples married life we may have to give the meeting an X rating!

We have also looked after planted containers made using items usually found in the recycling. They have decorated the fence along the Badminton Road over the summer and have now been rehomed in the Community garden at the Manor Hall (pictured above).

**Our next meeting will take place in St Saviour's hall on Wednesday 6th October, when we hear about a career in the RAF from Wing Commander Paula Morris. We meet at 7.45pm for an 8 o'clock start.** Members will be asked to bring their own refreshments for the time being. If you feel you would like to join us you would be most welcome.

**Any updates and further information will be on our Facebook page: [WICoalpitHeath](https://www.facebook.com/WICoalpitHeath).**

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## News from St Michael's Primary School

How wonderful it is to be back in school, dare I say it, with a little bit of pre-Covid normality. To be able to come together for whole school assemblies and 'Storytime with Mrs Robson', albeit outside currently – really brings home what children (and staff) have missed out on over this past eighteen months. The children have returned with an energised attitude to their learning and are eager to share their fantastic work in the hope that it goes up in a picture frame on my office wall.

We have welcomed a few new families over the summer to St Michael's in addition to our new Reception children. They have made a fantastic start and are certainly enjoying their new surroundings. In fact, whilst in their classroom one child told me 'I love my school!' How heartening that already, within the first week of school, she feels a sense of belonging and ownership.

Our younger children are making good use of our newly developed outdoor area, which has a tree house, a climbing wall, numerous mud kitchens, a music and water wall as well as their own walk-in sandpit. I cannot wait to see how the children develop their play and learn throughout the year. We have also worked with South Gloucestershire to increase the amount of inside space, with the addition of a conservatory to our Reception classroom.



For those who have children starting school next September, come and see our fantastic environment



for yourself. **We have open visits to our school on the 5th October from 5.00–6.00pm and 21st October from 9.15–10.15am.**

Our theme for this term is Hope. Hope for the future. I cannot wait to see what all our children can achieve this year.

*Kirsty Robson, Headteacher*

**St Saviour's Church, Coalpit Heath**



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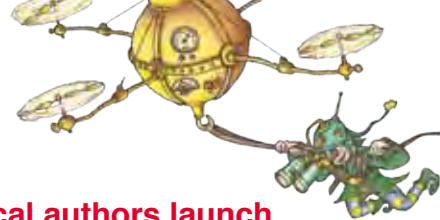
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## Local authors launch new children's book for Christmas

Two Bristol-born authors, Steve Gunning and Chris Wheeler are celebrating the publication of their new Children's picture book, **'Santa's Secret Agents'** this month.

So what was the inspiration? A long car journey, two bored and misbehaving children and an exasperated father! Chris Wheeler warned that Father Christmas will know that they were being naughty because "Santa can see through the sunroof". This idea started Chris and his friend Steve on a journey to co-write the perfect Christmas gift and stocking filler aimed at children aged 6 upwards.



From Summer holidays to Halloween and everything in between, Santa's Secret Agents, under the command of Jolly Saint Nick (a.k.a. Double Ho 7) and Mrs Claus are always watching. Children and parents alike are invited to find out where are they hiding?

Joint writer and also illustrator of the book, Steve Gunning commented, "We really wanted the story's rhymes and pictures to be something children (and adults) would want to come back to over and over again, first because you would find something new and then because you just liked them. It's been a huge learning curve but with the enthusiasm and help from our publisher Carraway we are really proud that it will be on sale in bookshops, it's still a bit difficult to believe!"



Santa's Secret Agents (RRP £9.99) is published by Carraway and is available from 6th October on-line (Waterstones.com) as well as from all good bookshops.



Steve and Chris will also be doing local book-signings and performing readings at many schools in the run up to Christmas. **To book an author visit for your school please contact the publisher: jane@carrawaypublishing.co.uk**

**Take a look inside Santa's Secret Agents ...**



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## That Rings a Bell!



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Happy memories were enjoyed at the Manor Hall, Coalpit Heath, on Sunday 12th September, 2021. This is the original village school, opened in 1868 and is now a Grade 2 listed building, run by a charity as a village hall. The old school bell and its tower had fallen into disrepair so, helped by a generous donation from an anonymous benefactor, the trustees had both of them renovated and restored.

Matthew Higby & Co from Radstock



Before



After

renovated the bell and its fittings, while Andy Ross of AR Property Maintenance cleaned and repaired the tower.

To celebrate the restoration, the current trustees invited a group of people to share a drop of bubbly while the bell was officially rung again, followed by a cream tea. This group included some ex-pupils of the school, plus past trustees and volunteers, representatives from the Parish Council, and other supporters of the



Parish council Sue Simmons & Tristan Clark

Ex-pupil Nick Gillett

Hall, several of whom took the chance to ring the bell for themselves.

Luckily the weather held fair so the teas were enjoyed outside! It was a great opportunity for everyone to catch up with old friends and, particularly for the ex-pupils to enjoy a real dose of nostalgia. The bell will be rung again on special occasions such as the Queen's jubilee next year.

**The village hall has a choice of rooms available for hire. For full details visit [www.manorhall.org](http://www.manorhall.org) or contact the hall manager on 07873 747513.**

## St Saviour's Church, Coalpit Heath

St Saviours are pleased to be gradually getting back to normal, and welcome people to join them for their forthcoming services and events.

**Butterflies Babies and Toddlers** group is up and running! Families are invited to go along and have a chat and play, in the hall from 10am–11.30am on Mondays (term time), £3 per family per session, refreshments included.

**Soup Lunches** are also re-starting on Fridays in the church. Locals are welcome to enjoy some soup, with a crumble to follow at 12 noon. If you do not wish to have lunch but would like to enjoy some quiet time in the church, please do go along too.

**Grown-ups Film nights and supper** re-starts on 19th October, at 7pm. This is open to anyone who enjoys a tear jerker or a good laugh.

### Dates for your Diary!

Sunday 10th October – Dedication Festival services

Sunday 31st October – All Souls Memorial Service

Sunday 14 November – Remembrance Sunday

Saturday 27 November – Christmas Fayre 2pm in hall and church

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## Brilliant BMXing!

*This month it was great to catch-up with two young Bristol cyclists, who are members of locally based Bristol BMX club. Arlo (7) and Aëlie (6) shared the fantastic news that they had both achieved British No.4 placements, at the recent BMX championships held in Leicester.*

### How did your family get involved with BMXing?

We've always enjoyed getting out and about on our bikes as a family but have no particular cycling background. A friend had spotted Arlo on his bike and commented that he was pretty speedy so should try the BMX track.

### What was it like to compete at the BMX championship and what was your favourite part?

As this was our first major competition we had no idea what to expect. When we arrived there were thousands of people and hundreds of bikes so it was a little overwhelming, especially for mummy and papa who were very nervous! They had to make sure we lined up in the right pens, on time for all our races and had all our kit on properly as accidents can easily happen. Aëlie's favourite part was the parade, as each region dressed up as a theme (ours was the jungle). There were lots of balloons/costumes/face paints and we ran around the track – which we're normally not allowed to do! Arlo enjoyed the semi finals as he posted his best time...just over 47 seconds!

### It's fantastic you met Olympic gold medallist Beth Shreiver and silver medallist Kye Whyte. Did they give you some words to inspire you?

They were both so happy for us and Beth said to keep going and not to give up! The BMX community is very small so you get lots of opportunities to regularly meet some awesome riders from British Champs to World Champs, even Olympic coaches! Everyone has been very encouraging and has given great tips and advice to us.

### Are your BMX club looking for new members?

Yes, the Bristol BMX club always welcomes new people. It is located just off Conniston Road in

Kye Whyte leading the race in pink



Arlo & Aëlie celebrating their British No.4 titles!

Meeting Beth Shreiver, Olympic gold medallist, World & British Champion



Meeting Kye Whyte, Olympic silver medallist & British champion



Patchway, BS34 5JT. The track is open to all but training with our coaches Jai and Dan is every Tuesday, with race night on a Wednesday. They are always looking for new members. Aëlie would especially like more girls to take part!

### Can all ages get involved with BMXing and why would you recommend people take up the sport?

Yes, we have riders young and old. You can even start on a balance bike. When we started mum and papa ran behind us just incase! They have bikes and equipment you can borrow/hire if you'd like to try it out. Arlo recommends it as it's a great way to keep fit and it's much better than cycling on the flat, as you can practise tricks like manuals and jumps. Aëlie isn't as competitive so it's been a great place to meet new friends from around the country. It's lovely for children and adults to have a place to meet up and ride on a regular basis.

### What is the next big event in the sport that you are looking forward to?

**On 13 November, the South West Championships will be coming to Bristol**, so we are looking forward to smashing it on our home track! It's free to come along and spectate and as usual there will be a fantastic raffle with some top prizes, food and a chance to shop! So if you're interested in riding get in touch or come along!

**You can contact Bristol BMX Club via text: 07926 788038 | [bristolbmclub.business.site](http://bristolbmclub.business.site) Facebook | Instagram @bristolbmclub**

## News from Fram Rugby



Frampton 2s (pictured above) started the new season with a commanding 38-7 win over Barton Hill 2s, retaining the Ray Rigg trophy (played for everytime these two sides meet).

Some cracking tries were scored and it was great to see four players from Fram Junior section playing there first senior games – Josh Kay, Charlie Hill, Toby Noakes and Adam Harris.

Captain Sam Rumley was impressed with the youngsters who joined the other ex-colts from pre Covid days – Charlie Willis, Nick Prior Morgan Lewis, Jack Davey and Cameron Smith.



Charlie hill kicking his first senior points

Club captain, Mike Weaver shared, "It was great to see our youth policy paying off. The youngsters never took a backward step and mixed well with our senior players. Up the Fram!"

## Winterbourne Scrabble Club

Members of the Winterbourne Scrabble Club are delighted to be able to meet up again and resume their weekly sessions at Winterbourne Community Centre. Not having played together for 18 months everyone felt a bit 'rusty' at the first session, but they soon got back into the swing of it and enjoyed using their brains in a sociable setting again.

The club play purely for the enjoyment of participating in a word game with others. New members are always welcome and anyone can 'try it out' before deciding to join.

**Play starts at 2pm on Monday afternoons and finishes at 4.30pm. Any further information or queries contact Gill on: 01454 773573.**

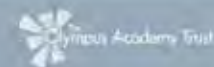


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## “All Creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, alleluia, alleluia!”

Dear Friends

The opening words of William Henry Draper's great hymn of praise for creation, reminds us that the created order includes everyone, every living creature on the face of the planet and in the depths of the seas. Our faith teaches us that we as human beings are 'stewards of creation', in partnership with the God of unconditional love, whose hands crafted through the amazingly evolutionary process, the wonders of the world which is our 'island home'.

On the 1st November, COP 26 (The 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference) takes place in Glasgow, which this year takes on even greater significance than ever, as we are reminded that the impacts of global warming and our inadvertent undermining of the creative process, threatens the very existence of our planet for future generations. Science constantly reminds us that the time to act is now and that the clock is ticking towards a point in time, that any future intervention by us might just be too late.

As a benefice we are holding a special service at St Michael's Winterbourne on Sunday 31st October, the eve of the conference, in which we will be praying for the leaders of our world; that they will lay aside selfish, materialistic and nationalistic desire and embrace a spirit of human unity and togetherness, to resourcefully and sacrificially address the crisis we face.

The other week when I preached about addressing the evils of poverty, I talked about 'the five goods' that we as Christians needed to live out in our lives to help address that challenge. I mentioned

then how these 'goods' also applied to other situations and challenges which we face. Dealing with climate change and the future of creation is clearly one such area of concern where relationship, partnership, creativity, compassion and joy (the five goods) have a significant role to play.

It is vital that world leaders and us embrace these goods, that we acknowledge that all of the created order, every living thing, is in an intricate relationship dependant on each other for survival. For example, no bees, no crops, no food, starvation! It was Einstein who said that humanity would survive for no more than four years if the world lost the wonder of the bee!

The COP summit gives us all a chance to work in partnership together, the strong supporting the weak, as we strive to address the threat of global warming. We have proved through the Covid pandemic, with the swift development of vaccines, how creative humans can be. We need to strive now to encourage this creativity as we seek to find alternative and economic ways of sustaining human life, with less dependence on the destructive effects of carbon fuels and their deadly omissions. For those of us who have become wealthy on the exploitation of the worlds resources, it is time for us to show real and meaningful compassion to those who have not. Finally, let us find together a true joy, whatever our faith or creed, to celebrate and cherish that what God has given us in his creation; a true gem of great worth, that is a precious gift to us all.

## “Dear mother earth who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way, O praise him alleluia!”

If you share a real concern for the future of our planet and humanity, then please do come and join us at our service on the 31st October at 3.00pm – for this is a critical moment for the human race and all creation, this is a true time for reflection and prayer.

**God Bless, Malcolm**

Rev'd Malcolm Strange



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The workshops will mainly be run on a weekend but can be during the week if a group of three people make this request. The day sessions will run from 10.00am to 4.30pm and cost £90 p/p. If you would like to register an interest in taking part in a workshop on either Reflexology, Reiki or Aromatherapy, please get in touch with Dawn on the contact details below.

If you would like to learn more about the effective holistic treatments she offers and get a taste for the passion Dawn has for her work and healing, do visit her at the **Bristol Holistic Festival** ([www.bristolholisticfestival.com](http://www.bristolholisticfestival.com)) at The Mercure Holland House Bristol Hotel and Spa on **13th and 14th November 2021**. Dawn will be giving a talk at 10.30am on the Saturday, titled 'Bones and Structures – How Your Pelvis can Affect Your Whole Body'.

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## Autumn at Winterbourne Medieval Barn

### Orchard Harvest Day

**Sunday 10th October, 11am– 4pm**

The Barn's biggest event, Orchard Harvest Day, returns again this year after a three year gap due to building work and Covid. It is a great day out for all ages! Celebrate the Great British Orchard and our rural environment. Enjoy apple displays and tasting, artisan craft traders, Border Morris, ferret racing, live music from Frampton Shantymen and Bygonz minstrels, dance performances, lots of varied stalls, kids' activities, games, and much more, all in and around the magnificent Medieval Barn.

There is great food and drink from local providers such as Wild Pizza, Hog roast, Three Engineers brewery, and Harcombe catering. Entry £5 adult, £1 child. You can buy tickets online in advance to avoid the queues on the gate. No parking in Church Lane or on site, but Free parking at Winterbourne Academy and Parkway P&R Stoke Gifford, with a Free shuttle bus running to and from the Barn all day.



### Craft Workshops

**The Pottery Shed will hold taster afternoons on 16th October and 20th November**, where you can create your own hand built glazed Sgraffito masterpiece with professional help and guidance from Brenda.

Or have a go at **Fused Glass Jewellery in October, or a Fabric Christmas Wreath in December**. Numbers strictly limited and online booking essential. Full details on the website.

### Music Events

**Blues/folk/jazz musician Leonie Evans returns for a Halloween Special on Friday 29th October, 7pm**. A laid-back but spooky evening! The Barn and bar opens at 7pm. Tickets £10.

For something completely different, come and make **18th century winter festive music on 6th November** in a West Gallery Music Workshop led by the Bristol Harmony Quire. Instrumentalists and singers of all voice types are welcome. Singers do not need to be able to read music as the songs can be learnt by ear. **The Quire will do a performance in the Barn on 4th December**, and those attending the workshop are welcome to take part in that. Free parking is available on site for all workshops and these smaller events

### Talks and Experiences

**On Tuesday 5th October there will be a Climate Change Talk and Panel Discussion at 7pm**, run in conjunction with Winterbourne Environmental Group and EcoChurch, looking at what we can all do here in the Frome Valley to tackle the problem. The event is free but please still reserve your ticket online in advance. Dr Laura Fogg-Rogers will discuss the scientific case for change and the everyday actions we can take. Reverend Sue Parfitt will tell her story of nonviolent direct action to push policy makers for change.

**On Saturday 13th November, local wine expert Ian Redfearn will lead an informative and enjoyable wine tasting evening** with a selection of Southern Italian wines. Over 18s only. Numbers are strictly limited for all workshop events and pre-booking is essential.

### Monthly Barn Tours

The Barn also offers Tours with a cup of tea on the **first Thursday afternoon of each month**. Tickets are £5. Enjoy a short talk about the history of the Medieval Barn, with a cup of tea, and then explore the recently renovated West Barn and the rest of the site. Please book online.

### Family Craft Activity Days

**On Tuesday 26th October a Spooky Halloween Special, and on Saturday 13th November Nature Crafts and Recycling Superstars**. Sessions at 10am or 1pm, aimed at families with children under

12. Tickets are just £5 per family. Please book online, in advance so materials can be prepared.

All activities take place in line with government Covid guidance. Further details of all events, and of Barn hire for meetings, classes, and weddings, can be found on the Barn website.

**Winterbourne Medieval Barn, Church Lane, Winterbourne, BS36 1SE**

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## October

**Fri 1st – Quiz**, Crossbow, 8pm. £1.50 ppn. T: 01454 772947, E: crossbowhouse@gmail.com

**Sat 2nd – Table Top Sale**, The Miners, 1–5pm. To book a table (£5) T: 07920 145352 | www.cphvh.co.uk | E: coalpitheathvh@gmail.com

**Mon 4th – Butterflies Baby and Toddler**, St Saviour's, 10.00–11.30am. £3 per family

**Tues 5th – Friendship & Circle Dance exercise class**, Crossbow Hall, 3–4pm. £4. Bring your own drink. Socially distant. To book call Hilary Jay 07515 351813

**Tues 5th – Climate Panel Discussion**, Winterbourne Medieval Barn, 7.00pm. Free. Dr Fogg-Rogers and Rev Sue Parfitt ask *Why should we take climate action now?*

**Wed 6th – 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 Edna T: 07789 662694

**Wed 6th – SGMRG talk**, The Miners, 7.30 for 8pm. 60 Years of the Bristol Coalfield 1961–2021 – a Talk by David Hardwick. Non-members £2. More info T: 01454 883607

**Wed 6th – Coalpit Heath WI**, St Saviours Church Hall, 7.45pm, T: 07935 071291 | E: carolinemjohnston@hotmail.com. Visitors always welcome!

**Thurs 7th – Tea and Tour Open Afternoon**, Winterbourne Medieval Barn, 2.00pm. Tickets £5. Book via the Barn website www.winterbournebarn.org.uk

**Sun 10th – Orchard Harvest Day**, Winterbourne Medieval Barn, 11am–4pm. Apples, Border Morris, Live Music, Ferret racing, Crafts, Stalls, Kids' activities, Food & drink, and more. Free parking at Winterbourne Academy with free shuttle bus. Book entry tickets online to avoid queues at www.WinterbourneBarn.org.uk

**Mon 11th – Frampton Singalong** with The Jays and live music, Crossbow, 2.00–3.30 pm. £5. Tea, cake, fresh fruit included. Carers free. Seating socially distant. Please bring a mask. T: Hilary 07515 351813 for details and to book your place.

**Tue 12th – Mothers Union**, St Saviours 2.00pm. A variety of speakers. Contact Mary Head T: 01454 887870 | E: mary.head@blueyonder.co.uk

**Sat 16th – Share & Repair cafe**, All Saints hall Winterbourne Down, 10am–12noon. Frome Valley Environmental Group will try to repair whatever you bring!

**Sat 16th – Taster Session at The Pottery Shed**, Winterbourne Barn, 1–4pm. Make, glaze and decorate a bowl. Book via the Barn website www.winterbournebarn.org.uk

**Wed 20th – FC & District Local History Society**, Zion, 7.30pm. secretary\_fcdlhs@yahoo.com

**Thurs 21st – 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 Edna T: 07789 662694

**Tues 26th – Family Crafts: Spooky Halloween Special**, Winterbourne Barn 10am or 1pm www.WinterbourneBarn.org.uk

**Tues 26th – Frampton WI Crafts**, St Peters Hall, 7.45pm. Facebook.com/FramptonCottWI

**Fri 29th – Barn Sessions: Leonie Evans and guest**, 7.30pm. Jazz/blues/folk musicians. Bar from 7.00pm. Music starts 7.30pm. Tickets £10. www.winterbournebarn.org.uk

**Sat 30th – Traidcraft Market**, Zion, 10am–2pm. Fairtrade crafts, cards, food, Christmas gifts.

**Sat 30th – Harry Potter Potion Making Class**, Manor Hall, 2.30pm. Tickets £20 Book online at Eventbrite. Queries: potionmakingclass@gmail.com

## November

**Tues 2nd – Friendship & Circle Dance exercise class**, Crossbow hall, 3–4pm. £4. Bring your own drink. Socially distant. To book contact Hilary Jay T: 07515 351813

**Wed 3rd – 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 Edna T: 07789 662694

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**Fri 5th – Quiz**, Crossbow, 8.00pm. £1.50 ppn. T: 01454 772947 | E: crossbowhouse@gmail.com

**Sat 6th – West Gallery music workshop**, Winterbourne Medieval Barn, 10am–4pm. Book via the Barn website www.winterbournebarn.org.uk

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**Sat 13th – Family Craft: Nature Crafts and Recycling Superstars**, Winterbourne Medieval Barn, 10am or 1pm. £5 per family. Book via www.winterbournebarn.org.uk

**Sat 13th – Wine Tasting**, Winterbourne Medieval Barn, 7.00pm. Taste a range of Italian wines with Ian Refearn. Book via www.winterbournebarn.org.uk

**Wed 17th – FC & District Local History Society**, 7.30pm. Annual Subs £15. E: secretary\_fcdlhs@yahoo.com

**Thu 18th – Wellbeing Friends**, WADCA 1.30–3.30pm. £3. A group for people with dementia and their carers. Varied activities, a cuppa, cake and chat. Contact Edna T: 07789 662694

**Sat 20th – Taster Session at The Pottery Shed**, Winterbourne Barn, 1–4pm. Book via the Barn

website www.winterbournebarn.org.uk

**Tues 23rd – Frampton WI**, St Peters Hall 7.45pm. AGM. See facebook.com/FramptonCottWI

**Wed 24th – Litter Busters**, meet by The Gingerbread Man, Church Rd, 10.00am. If you would like to get involved please E: framcottva@hotmail.co.uk

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# Louis Carey and Bristol City players support celebrity football match to raise funds for local disability charity



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Fundraising superstar Darren Sims creates another fantastic event to raise funds for local disability charity, with the help of Louis Carey and his friends from Bristol City Football Club. The former team captain and ex Bristol City player has long supported Paul's Place as their charity Patron.

Sunday 12th September saw people gather at Pomphrey Hill Pavilion for a fun day out. Louis Carey, the charity's Patron reached out to ex Bristol City players to play in the celebrity football match in order to raise funds for Paul's Place. The opposing team was made up of members of the public named the Paul's Place 11.

"I want to give a big thank you to our wonderful host Darren Sims for organising such an incredible event. With the help of our Charity Patron Louis Carey and the members of the public who played football that day, you truly made a difference to disabled adults living in the area." CEO Daniel Cheesman shares.

The football match may have been the main event but the biggest thank you of the day goes to the organiser Darren Sims. The day also included delicious food, cakes, bouncy castle and Zorb balls!

"Darren created something very special. Getting many members of the community involved to provide food and entertainment. From his friends who made food on the day, to a local face painter and even his mum selling hand-knitted teddy's, it was wonderful to see so many individuals believe in our work," explains Alex Stumpp, Paul's Place Communications Officer.

"It was also important to be seen in our local community in person. Some of the people we support attended the day, which helped supporters connect with those who benefit from our services. Not only that, those families that have not heard of us but have a loved one who could benefit from coming to Paul's Place were introduced to us, putting a face to the charity. We're ordinary people

"Going to Paul's Place has helped me a great deal with coming to terms with my disability. I made a lot of new friends in there with all disabilities, and not only that, you learn to live within your means. They've been good friends to me."  
Kevin, Service User at Paul's Place.



who believe in a world that embraces disability and includes everyone, ensuring that all people can live their life to the full," says Alex.

There was also a raffle and auction on the day with prizes such as Bristol City Merchandise signed by the current squad up for grabs.

Fundraising continues to be a big challenge for small charities like Paul's Place. It's people like those who supported Darren on the day that make all the difference to local charities in keeping their services going.

The money raised at this event will support the life-changing work at Paul's Place who support physically disabled adults and those with cognitive and sensory impairment, supporting them to live life to the full.

With an auction for the signed Bristol City T-shirt of the current squad ongoing, the amount raised sits at approx. £1,500!

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## 60 years of Change in the Coalfield 1961–2021 a talk by David Hardwick

60 years ago coal was still being taken out of the ground in the Bristol Area. In the years since, the coalfield has changed to one of historical interest, with groups such as the SGMRG forming to research and preserve the remains. That isn't to say that there has been no involvement from the National Coal Board and more recently the Coal Authority. This talk looks at the changes that have occurred during this period and what is happening now. It is based on a talk given at this year's National Mining History Conference.

Wednesday 6th October 2021, 7.30 for 8.00pm start, in the Miners Institute (aka Coalpit Heath Village Hall), 214 Badminton Road, BS36 2QB (subject to Covid restrictions at the time). Non members welcome £2.



South Gloucestershire Mines Research Group



### "Bedminster Coal" "Blood Sweat & Tears" A talk by Garry Atterton

Weds 1 December 2021 at 7:30pm for 8:00pm start in the Miners Institute (aka Coalpit Heath Village Hall), 214 Badminton Road, Coalpit Heath, BS36 2QB (subject to COVID regulations at the time)

Garry will talk about his research into five generations of the Garland family and their involvement in the Bedminster coal mines.



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## Perry Almshouses Celebrate 170th Anniversary

On Monday, 6th September 2021 the residents and trustees of the Perry Almshouses in Winterbourne celebrated the 170th Anniversary of their beautiful Grade II listed Almshouses, as well as the 75th Anniversary of the Almshouse Association.

A garden party was held in beautiful sunshine and to commemorate this very special occasion a Hawthorn tree was planted by Dee Russell-Thomas, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Gloucester. Dan Norris, Mayor of the West of England, cut a fabulous celebratory cake along with the longest resident, Monica Cannings, who took up residency in 1990 (photo right).

Other attendees included Nick Phillips, CEO of the Almshouse Association and Jack Lopresti MP who installed a plaque (photo right) as well as local South Gloucestershire and Winterbourne Parish Councillors who have given their support to the Almshouses.

Built and conveyed in 1851 by a local benefactress, Mary Anne Jones, the Perry Almshouses (reg charity no 203141) have been a local landmark and have housed those in need within the Ancient Parish of Winterbourne for 170 years. The Almshouses were named by Mary out of respect for her grandfather – the local Squire, William Perry.

*"It's amazing to reflect how the Perry Almshouses have served the Winterbourne community for so many generations, and the 170th birthday party was a fitting way to celebrate this achievement."*

*"Having grown up in Winterbourne I know how these magnificent buildings are a local landmark - a proud part of the area's history."*

Dan Norris



Photos right show: Rev Malcolm Strange (Chair of Trustees) with Nick Phillips (CEO of the Almshouse Association)

Monica Cannings (resident since 1990), Dee Russell-Thomas (Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Gloucester), Jeanette Climmer (guest) and Janet Saunders (resident)







### 30 Explorer Scouts and Leaders from Zeus Explorer Scout Unit based in Frampton Cotterell

have beaten the pandemic blues and spent a fantastic week camping at Roadworthy Lake in Devon this summer. They took part in a number of water-based activities including kayaking, sailing, and windsurfing. Land-based activities including rock climbing and a challenging High Ropes course.

As is the tradition, they also enjoyed a Christmas meal, which was cooked by the Leaders.

Explorer Scout Leader, Chris Harris said "we missed out on our annual week camp last year

*and we were determined that this year would go ahead, even with additional health measures in place. The Explorers were super motivated to ensure they got back under canvas"*

The Scouts did get an unexpected guest joining them for the camp. One of the members left their tent door open in the evening and was surprised to discover a hedgehog sleeping in his porch!

**Zeus Explorers meet on a Tuesday evening from 7.30 to 9.15pm. If you are aged 14 to 18 and want to join, give Chris a call on 07880 528810**

## WE ARE BACK! Crossbow Singers



After nearly eighteen months of not being able to meet and sing together, finally on 6th September we held our first rehearsal in Crossbow House.

As the picture indicates, we looked a strange group! For those who are old enough to remember the Quatermass series – we strongly resembled the cast but without the white suits!

It took many committee meetings to discuss how we could meet safely adhering to Covid regulations and sing heartily at the same time.

We have greatly missed you – our audience – and so, if possible we aim to do a Christmas Concert free of charge just to say 'Thank you' to all of you for your loyal support over the many years. It will also be a celebratory concert that Crossbow Singers are once more together, doing what we love best.

Our numbers are a little depleted – it has been a hard time for so many people, but we have worked as a family trying to lend a helping and caring hand when we knew of members struggling. We hope you, dear supporters, have experienced similar kindness.

Please watch this space for further news of how, when and if the special Concert can go ahead.



### 1st Winterbourne Guides – Release from Lockdown

After a year of guiding via Zoom, April saw 1st Winterbourne Guides getting together face to face, meeting two of our guides in person for the first time.

With Covid still a problem, we decided only to meet outdoors over the summer, which has been such a success that we intend to repeat it next summer in, hopefully, post pandemic times.

New Leaze and Monks Pool have been our new meeting places, enabling us to build obstacle courses, monitor wildlife in metre squares across different habitats and building ecosystems from recycled plastic bottles and water from the pond.

Unfortunately, many of the usual major guiding events haven't run over the summer, so 1st Winterbourne got out and about on our own...

On a sunny but windy Monday, a group of girls walked from Aust to Chepstow via the Second Severn Crossing. After admiring the view and discussing the possibility of walking to Chapel Rock at low tide (not today), the guides map-read their way along footpaths beside the river Wye to Chepstow.

A packed lunch beside the river in Chepstow saw us searching for Sammy Seal who can apparently be seen at high tide under the Regency Road Bridge. Unfortunately, he didn't put in an appearance today!

We then took a quick walk across the historical Wye bridge back to England before a wander back through Chepstow town to catch the bus back to Cribbs Causeway.

Friday found us out and about again, this time on the train to Gloucester. An enjoyable day was spent searching for clues from the Cathedral to the historic docks and back in search of hidden treasure.

**The autumn term should find us back in our normal meeting room in Winterbourne on a Wednesday evening. Currently we have several spare places for girls aged between 10 and 14yrs.**

Our current guides come from all around the area, including Winterbourne, Frampton Cotterell, Bradley Stoke and even as far as Berkeley, which gives our guides a great opportunity to interact and make friends with girls they don't see every day at school.

**If you are interested in joining us, either register on [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk) or email [1stWinterbourne.guides@gmail.com](mailto:1stWinterbourne.guides@gmail.com)**

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## Come and Join Your Community Rugby Club and Help Your Kids Have Fun !! – Free Membership

**Update by Steve Cooke, Chairman, SMOB RFC, Trench Lane, Winterbourne**

I want to kick off this column with a big thank you to all of you who turned up and enjoyed our Pitch Up and Play Funday, organised by our Mini and Junior section on Sunday 12th September. As well as our existing members, we were delighted to welcome over 20 new families to St Mary's.

It is our Club's mission to become the best Community Rugby Club we can be, and we believe we do this by ensuring EVERYONE gets to play and have fun.

Unlike other clubs we do not have waiting lists or limited time to train - we have over 22 acres of playing area and plenty of coaching capacity to ensure there is room for everyone, whatever your age or ability. All new young players from our Micros 4 and up through to our U16s will get

- free membership this season
- enjoy playing rugby making new friends and learning our values
- high quality coaching and plenty of game time on our 22 acres of grass pitches
- player of the month awards with free stash prizes at all levels
- a great family bar and kitchen with fantastic outdoor facilities



We are especially indebted to our club mascot Bradley Bull for all the hard work getting our messages out over the weekend at the Willow Brook Shopping Centre, Trench Lane Car Boot and then meeting the new members at the Funday on Sunday.



**Our Club Mascot Bradley Bull (sponsored by Bradley Stoke Matters) getting to know some of our new members. It's so great to see him out and about again!!**

Keep an eye out for Bradley who promises me he will be back out and about around Bradley Stoke and Little Stoke sooner rather than later.

We rely on the goodwill, effort and support of our volunteers and sponsors. We would not have been able to have such a great day without their help and support, so I'd like to shout out to our coaches and parent volunteers. Having qualified coaches and first aiders, all DBS checked, is an important part of creating a true family atmosphere with a community feel. I'd also like to thank our sponsors on the day:

- our O2 Touch and Under 84s Mixed Ability Walking Rugby Teams
- Progressive Sports, who run our After School Active class Tuesdays 6-7pm
- Giovanni Maniglia for his fantastic Ice Creams
- Absolute Bounce for their Bouncy Castle
- SMOB Kitchen Crew for high quality bacon rolls, hot dogs and veggie burgers.

One of our sponsors, Progressive Sports, provide a great bridge to rugby skill. They organise 'Golden Touch' where they help each individual develop the core skills of all forms of rugby: evasion, handling and teamwork in a safe and fun environment. This makes it a great option for both rugby players looking to enhance their fundamental skill set or children who enjoy rugby without the contact element. These

sessions take an holistic approach to learning, implementing the ethos that sport is a vehicle to develop people as well as players.



Our Senior Sides have been in action in warm up games as they prepare for the start of League Rugby. Our Ladies team (photo above), who are celebrating 25 Years of Women's Rugby at St Mary's, kicked off their season with a warmup game away to Cullompton in North Devon. Our girls put up a spirited performance against a Cullompton side that contained no fewer than 5 players from Exeter Chiefs squad who were also looking for some game time. It was a special day for Izzy, Jess, Charlotte and Katherine who played their first game in the Green and Black shirt and absolutely smashed it! Coaches Player Lois Bird, Players Player Katherine Magowan.



Our senior men's squad have had a tough pre-season with a good set of learning points from playing against Bristol Saracens, Old Colstonians and Ashley Down Old Boys. Under coaches Ed Smith and Ryan Price we have steadily improved over these games and are looking forward to the start of competitive matches. We have progressed to the Semi Final of the Bristol Combination Bowl by beating

Ashley Down OB 35-24 and have seen a number of debut players including Joe Tiley and Nick Fraser, who both scored tries on debut.

Finally, I'm humbled to report the success of our Gaelic Football partners St Nicks in their Fundraiser on Saturday 11th September at St Mary's, in honour of the passing of one of their young players, Conor O'Dubhain who sadly took his own life.



So far nearly £6,000 has been raised for the Charity Pieta House. This is a wonderful charity committed to helping people who feel there is nowhere turn. In 2020 Pieta delivered over 52,000 hours of intervention and counselling, managing over 70,000 calls and directly supported over 600 households devastated by the loss of a loved one by suicide.

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## Who Cares?

by Sheila Lally

We were pleased to be contacted by local resident Sheila Lally who has lived in the area for nearly 40 years. She is married with three grown up children and four grandchildren, enjoying nothing more than getting together with family and friends for a catch up. She is a frequent user of the excellent leisure facilities in Bradley Stoke and Thornbury with her grandchildren or attending aquafit classes.

With a background in nursing at both Frenchay and Southmead Hospitals during the course of her career, Sheila found she really enjoyed working on wards caring for older people. Many older people have such interesting stories based on their life experience and she enabled her to look at aging in a more positive light. This was further consolidated by changing jobs and working as a training officer for South Gloucestershire Council helping social care staff complete vocational qualifications. As many of these worked in care homes across the county and the home care service, Sheila became a frequent visitor to care homes from Cadbury Heath to Thornbury and in between! She then went on to train as health visitor and has worked with vulnerable families including Gypsies and Travellers.

**Sheila has recently published a book *Who Cares?* which contains useful information designed to help those caring for older friends and relatives.** Sheila told us: "I was inspired to write the book following my experience of caring for my mother in the last few years of her life. She passed away three years ago. Even though I had experience of caring for older people as a nurse and had worked in social care, I still found it difficult to get help and support for my mother as her condition deteriorated. My aim in writing the book was to provide a practical guide to caring for an older or vulnerable person and what help is available from the government, NHS and charities. It is a positive look at aging and discusses how older people can keep engaged within their communities and presents steps that can be taken to overcome loneliness and social isolation."

*I come from a large Irish family with 7 siblings! Yet even with such a big family to support Mum, we often felt the pressure. So I know first hand how rewarding caring for a relative can be and how it can bring you closer together, but it can also be emotional draining. For this reason I have included a chapter in my book for how carers can take care of themselves and signposts them to available help"*

Sheila recently retired from her latest position as a senior lecturer at UWE in community public health nursing ie school nurses and health visitors. She still does occasional work for the university but her time is mostly filled with caring for grandchildren and volunteering where she undertakes roles in a school to help with reading, in a local Rainbow group and as a befriender with AgeUK.

***Who Cares?* is a practical guide to caring for an older or vulnerable person and what help you can expect from the government, NHS and charities. Priced at £6.99 it is available from Amazon and to order from bookstores - ISBN: 9781800740495.**



## Frampton Cotterell Computer Group

**After more than a year since being forced to suspend activities due to coronavirus restrictions,**

**Frampton Cotterell Computer Group has resumed normal operations at the Brokeridge Centre. They are very pleased to be able to welcome new or returning members with a full programme of sessions from Monday to Thursday.**

Although younger people have grown up with computers, many older people have had limited experience of them in either their working or personal life. FCCG aims to help people to improve their knowledge, confidence and understanding, either through structured exercises which they can work through at their own pace or by answering specific questions which are raised. Because of the informal nature of the group people can also learn from each other as they try different things.

The group would also welcome new volunteers who have some experience of using computers or tablets. You don't need to be an IT expert, as a basic knowledge, an enquiring mind, and a willingness to share, are sufficient to deal with most issues. For more complex questions, experienced people are at hand to offer support to other volunteers.

**For the latest information contact the Brokeridge Centre, Tel 01454 864442, Email: [over50it\\_1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:over50it_1@hotmail.co.uk) or visit the Computer Group website [www.fccomputergroup.uk](http://www.fccomputergroup.uk).**

### Frampton Cotterell Computer Group

If you would like to learn how to use your computer or brush up on old skills, we are here to help you with one to one and group sessions. We meet at The Brokeridge Centre, Woodend Road Frampton Cotterell.



**To enquire about future sessions**

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## 2021/22 Poppy Appeal – Launches Friday 29th October

The Stoke Gifford Branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL), are hoping to return to having a normal Poppy Appeal this year.

The Branch would like to thank the public, branch members and volunteers, businesses and other organisations for their help and generosity throughout the Appeal. And of course thank you to the great local media who do so much to help us raise so much money and help us raise the profile of our welfare work so we can reach more people who need our help.

The Branch would love to repeat its previous successes for the 2021/22 Poppy Appeal. The money raised for the Poppy Appeal goes to the RBL's Welfare Fund, which is used to give help and support to current and ex- service personnel and their families. There will be Poppies and collecting tins around the area in many shops, businesses and retail areas as well as the University of the West of England campus.

**All this requires volunteers! The Branch needs more of them to look after stalls during the Poppy Fortnight from Saturday 30th October until Saturday 13th November. If you would like to volunteer for the branch as a collector during the "Poppy Fortnight" we would love to hear from you!**

To volunteer to collect for the Poppy Appeal please contact us: email: [rbstokegifford@gmail.com](mailto:rbstokegifford@gmail.com) or phone Tony Peters on 0117 947 0775.

**The Poppy Launch will be at Bristol Parkway Station on Friday October 29th at 2pm.**

Please note we are always looking for new branch members, not necessarily ex-service personnel. Do get in touch if you are interested in joining us by using the above contact details for further information.

### Church Remembrance Services on Sunday 14th November 2021

All Saints, Winterbourne Down – 10.00am ▪ St James, Iron Acton – 10.00am

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**Free Bookstart Baby Bag** – If you have a child aged 0–12 months and live in South Gloucestershire, you can pick up your free Bookstart Baby Bag.

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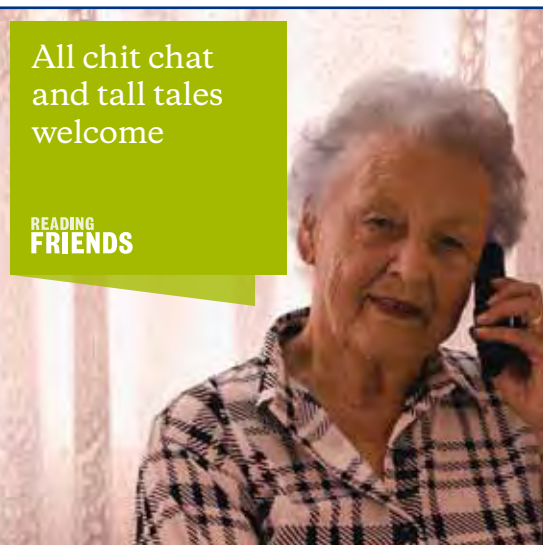
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**Keep testing you and your family** – Collect a testing kit from your library; if you don't have any symptoms of Coronavirus you can drop in and collect tests from one of 12 local libraries during opening hours. The tests come in boxes of seven, simply take your box home, complete your test following the instructions provided with the test and record your result online. No need to return tests to your pick up point.

**Find the latest information on our website** [www.southglos.gov.uk/librarychanges](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/librarychanges)  
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## News from Frampton Cotterell WI

Members recently enjoyed a lovely group visit to Camers Gardens, Old Sodbury, which was most enjoyable, finished off with delicious tea and cake!

At time of writing, we're looking forward to our September talk with Michelle Armitage, from locally based, Light & Frank Interiors. Michelle will be giving us an insight into how our personalities and psychology effect the choices that we make when we are deciding what our likes and dislikes are when it comes to the way we want our homes to look and feel.

On 26th October we're hoping to hold a craft evening with Christmas gift stalls.

23rd November – AGM.

December – Christmas Bingo – date TBC.

25th January – Emma Britton – From Radio Shows to Funerals and Weddings!

22nd February – Dogs for Medical Detection / New year's meal out.

Watch this space and our Facebook page for confirmation of future event dates and more details. (In the current circumstances, these may still be subject to change).

Under normal circumstances, 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.

In the meantime, if you're interested in joining us please let us know and get in touch via our Facebook page. Special interest groups that meet separately including a book club, craft group, choir and our skittles and darts teams. Please search **FramptonCottWI** to find out more, and like our page.



## News from Winterbourne Evening WI

Winterbourne Evening WI enjoyed a wonderful get together at the Medieval Barn on Wednesday, 6th August, their first since before COVID struck. Tea and cake never tasted so good and everyone enjoyed catching up with their friends again.

The President, Carol Shield and the committee had worked very hard to make the event special for our first meeting for 18 months. They had also kept in regular touch with members during the lockdowns, with phone calls, doorstep chats and occasional goody bags!

The Barn looks magnificent and we are so lucky to have such a wonderful venue in our community. It is now taking bookings for a variety of functions and has several events planned for the Autumn and is licensed to hold weddings too.

Winterbourne Evening WI has resumed our

regular meetings on the second Thursday of every month, 7.30pm at St Michael's School, Linden Close.

We now have over 50 members, of all ages who enjoy a program of varied speakers and events.

In October, Steve Slade is talking to us about his adventures in the sky. The evening will also be our 65th Birthday, so we will have a cake and wine. Other speaker subjects will include – The History of Severn Beach, East Bristol Auctions, The Brontes, Easter Decoupage and Gardening. Our Christmas meeting is a bring and share supper, and our speaker is Karen Ball on the 'Stories behind the songs'. We also have several outings during the year which are always most enjoyable.

**If you would care to join us, please call President Carol Shield on 01454 778575 for more information.** You will receive a very warm welcome from us all.







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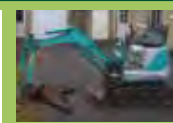
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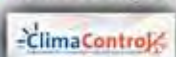


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