



BERKELEY REMEMBERS

In the year that the nation celebrates the 100th anniversary of the start of the Great War, Berkeley had a very real reason to remember.

Our annual Service of Remembrance this year took place against a background of events across the country and a packed congregation at St Mary's, with standing room only, shared a special moment when Reverend Richard Avery read out the names of the Berkeley soldiers who gave their lives for Queen and country. As the 121 names were shared, children from local organisations dropped a petal for each one, bringing a tear to more than one eye in the assembled congregation.

The opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice of these "Berkeley Boys" was heightened with a procession from the church to Market Place for the unveiling of a memorial stone to Berkeley born Captain Paul Fitzhardinge Butler VC DSO of the Kings Royal Rifle Corps who was awarded a Victoria Cross for his bravery in two enemy actions in a far off corner of the British Empire.



Over two hundred and fifty towns' people were joined for the ceremony by the Rottenburg and Butler families relatives of Captain Butler, Mayor and Town Council of Berkeley, Mr. RC



Frost MBE and Mike Motum the regimental association of the Rifles, Lt Colonel Charlie Grist MBE, Commanding Officer, his Adjutant and the Regimental Sergeant Major of 1st Battalion the Rifles based at Chepstow, Chairmen of Ham & Stone, Hamfallow and Alkington Parish Councils, Chief Executive of Stroud District Council and Councillors Gordon Craig and Liz Ashton, Neil Carmichael MP and representatives of all of the local organisations who had taken part in the Remembrance Service.

The memorial stone situated on the footpath outside the bank was graciously installed at no cost by Colin and Lee Grimes of Newtown as a tribute to a father and grandfather who had served in the Korean War.

Councillor Val Watts who was the organiser of the whole event also paid tribute to the people of Berkeley who had come out on a chilly November day to share this special event St Mary's Church for the Remembrance Service, the Berkeley Women's Institute who catered for over 300 people at the Great Hall in Berkeley Castle, the Berkeley family for hosting the towns' people, Pat Day for his organising skills and all who had contributed in other small ways. "I was delighted at how the event brought people together from all parts of the community for this special day" said Councillor Watts "and I hope that it will continue in future years as we remember the fallen."

RUTH REEVES

The Flyer is sad to report the loss of Ruth Reeves on the 18th November aged 86. Ruth survived her husband Gilbert to whom she had been happily married for 62 years when he died in May 2009. They had one daughter, Susan.

Both Ruth and Gilbert were very community spirited, Ruth serving from 1984 to 2001 on the Berkeley Town Council including 5 years as Mayor, and thoroughly enjoyed all the ceremony that went with the role (Gilbert was Mayor for the previous 14 years and Chairman of Stroud District Council for 2 years). Ruth was also instrumental in starting up 'The Berkeley Flyer' remaining involved in its production for many years regularly hosting the monthly meetings.

Ruth lived in the South Gloucestershire area and latterly in Berkeley for 54 years, she taught at Berkeley Primary School in the 50's and 60's and ran a local haberdashery shop 'Sew & Sew' with her husband in High Street until her retirement in 1990 after which she resumed her love of teaching by taking up private tutoring. A keen WI member, who loved to travel, and enjoyed nothing better than cooking up adventurous meals at home or figuring out the odd crossword puzzle.

Her daughter, Sue, said 'The funeral will be in the town, we want her to return to the place closest to her heart.'

The funeral service will be held at St Mary's Church, Berkeley on December 4th at 11am.



A USER'S GUIDE TO A HEALTHY MIND

This month local hypnotherapist Liane Ulbricht-Kazan turns her focus to look at how people can start to self-address problems with addictions and substance dependency. This is a very wide subject with lots of possible examples each requiring a specific approach. "The most common addictions, which I saw people for in 2013/14, were Food, Wine, Smoking & Gambling", says Liane. But with Christmas around the corner she has decided to focus on alcohol - Use or Abuse?

Food for Thought In their infancy, addictions are mostly perceived as a helper with the benefit of numbing certain feelings or thoughts, because fundamental needs e.g. safety, love and belongingness, self-esteem are not met, or people are introduced in a social environment and want to fit in. But they can soon have their own life and gradually increase and become habitual.

Did you know that when you drink alcohol you move into a more primitive part of the brain? When drinking alcohol, people eventually lose intellectual control and move from the intellectual to the emotional part of the brain, where the so-called primitive brain takes over. This is when people may start behaving differently to their "normal controlled" manner.

Alcohol has a numbing effect, which people often take advantage of in order to switch off or unwind. Often the consequences of drinking on body and mind are ignored or underestimated. For instance, "a new review of 27 studies shows that alcohol does not improve sleep quality. According to the findings, alcohol does allow healthy people to fall asleep quicker and sleep more deeply for a while, but it reduces rapid eye movement (REM) sleep." REM sleep is important because it helps us to deal with

stress and anxieties in our day-to-day lives. Of course, not everybody who has a drink also has a drink problem, and a proper assessment of each individual's drinking habits must first be made, before excessive drinking tendencies can be identified. With severe alcohol problems, giving up suddenly can be dangerous or even fatal, so if you think your condition is serious, you must take medical advice and alcohol intake must be reduced gradually.

What can YOU do about it? To deal with an addiction efficiently and to avoid the process of just replacing one addiction with another, people have to find a healthier way to cope with their day-to-day lives. If you stop without it, the mind might just find its own substitute, and this is when people go from one to the next, e.g. drinking to food. Hypnotherapy can be very effective in helping to find new improved ways of coping, unwinding and also increase motivation. This approach works with a certain element of towards and away from motivation. With this in mind, a good starting point is to visualise living a happy content and fulfilled life without the drinking. What positives would there be in your life when you achieve your goal? Even small changes can make a big difference. Whatever strategies you may choose, give them a fair trial:

Keep track, count and measure. Know how many units a beverage contains, and work out a way of monitoring your intake.

Set goals. Decide how many days a week you want to drink and what your maximum intake should be. It's a good idea to have some days off. Decide what you can do instead.

Pace and space. When you do drink, pace yourself. Order also non-alcoholic drinks as spacers.

Include food. Don't drink on an empty

stomach.

Find alternatives. Develop new, healthy activities, hobbies, and relationships. If you use alcohol to be more comfortable in social situations, manage moods, or cope with problems, choose healthier alternatives to deal with those aspects.

Avoid "triggers." Know what triggers your urge to drink. If certain people or places make you drink even when you don't want to, try avoiding them. If certain activities, times of day, or feelings trigger the urge, plan something else to do instead.

Plan to handle urges. When you cannot avoid a trigger and an urge hits, consider these options: Remind yourself of your reasons for changing. Talk things through with someone you trust. Get involved with a healthy, distracting activity, such as physical exercise or a hobby that doesn't involve drinking.

Know your "no" You're likely to be offered a drink at times when you don't want one. Have a polite, convincing "no, thanks" ready. The faster you can say no to these offers, the less likely you are to procrastinate and give in.

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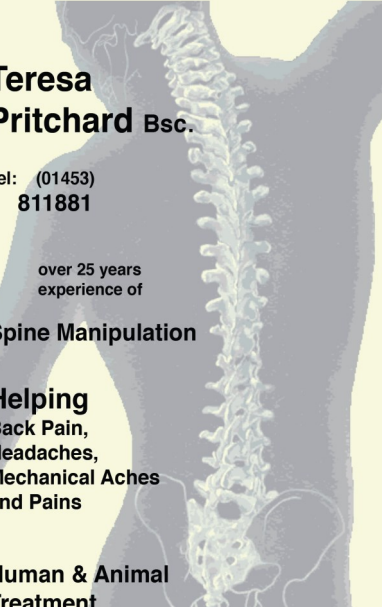
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VALE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

The Vale Community Hospital has been open three years this December, the League of Friends has been in operation even longer, and we thought we would let you know what has been accomplished in the last three years.

We have been overwhelmed by the residents and local organisations response, both in time and money, plus of course support from relatives and patients who have spent time at the Vale.

We recently had the opportunity to name a ward in the hospital and we were pleased with the feedback and suggestions we had from the public. After long deliberation it was decided that Peak View was the most fitting name we had received.

On the right we have listed some of the items the League of Friends have purchased with your help over the last three years. Some of them may not mean a lot to you, or us either, but we are assured by the hospital that they are all needed and extremely helpful.

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Designer Chocolates opens in White Hart Court

The beautiful cobbled courtyard of The Old White Hart Berkeley is where Designer Chocolates are launching our range of specially selected Belgian and continental chocolates. There are a variety of flavours to choose from, whether old favourites or new and interesting flavours. If you are looking for something a little bit different then you've come to the right place.

Our specially selected chocolates are made from the finest ingredients and our suppliers work closely with us to deliver fantastic chocolates to tempt your taste buds. We offer the opportunity to create a truly unique and personal gift whatever the occasion. Simply select your box size and the chocolates you prefer from the chiller and create your own personal chocolate box assortment.

Our online shop should be live shortly enabling you to send a gift throughout the UK.

We also stock a range of pre selected assortments ready to go as well as hot chocspoons for a delicious cup of hot chocolate. If you are looking for the perfect finishing touch for your special day then please enquire about our chocolate wedding favours.

Check out our sneak preview of our patisserie range.. Beautiful chocolates that look like cakes.

So whatever the occasion, a purely me time moment, a gift for someone special, an act of kindness, for giving, for sharing or just because chocolate makes you or others feel great why not try our specially selected Belgian and continental chocolates. Be inspired.....This is one step at the beginning of our journey and we look forward to meeting you.

Best wishes, Lee & Anne-Marie



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Hello everyone. The festive season is here again, and I know that Christmas means different things for different people. I especially look forward to Christmas carols and the way that children get so excited, I love the look of wonder on their little faces. However the reality often is that we feel cold at this time of year and for some people it can be a difficult time. So let's at least try to stay warm and comfortable in our homes.

Warm and Well Advice Line has been helping people to tackle their energy bills and make their homes more comfortable for over ten years. Since 2001 they have given advice and provided grants to thousands of households in Gloucestershire, helping them to stay warm and well. Their trained energy advisors can give you practical advice on making your home warmer. This includes installing loft and wall insulation or renewable technologies as well as making sure your heating is up to scratch. They can also help you stretch your energy even further if you are worried about how you are going to pay your fuel bills this winter. The Warm and Well advice team have the information to ensure

you receive the help you need. In some areas of Gloucestershire, if you are on certain benefits or over the age of 60, you may even be able to receive financial support for installing loft and cavity wall insulation. Speak to one of their advisors to find out if you qualify. The council-backed Warm and Well advice line can help you with all this and much more. For **free**, impartial advice and local energy saving advice, call Warm and Well on **0800 500 3076**.

Do you know that there is a club in the area for people who are visually impaired? They meet at Dryleaze Court in Wotton-under-Edge on the first Friday in the month from 2 until 4pm for a chat and tea and there is an interesting talk too. New members are welcome and transport is available from most places. If you, or someone that you know, would like to go along please contact me and I can put you in touch with the lady who runs the club.

I would like to tell you about a shopper service that is being trialed in Cam and Dursley, and if there is enough interest it may be able to be considered for other areas too. Individuals can be picked up from their homes and taken to a supermarket then returned to their door. I believe that bus passes can be used. There would need to be commitment from 6-8 people to use the service regularly to make it viable. If you would like a service like this in your

area phone **Third Sector Services** on **0845 680 5029** to register your interest.

The Red Cross is co-ordinating a project called Positive Steps They offer **free** home safety checks to people who are 60+. Call **0117 301 2601** for more information.

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For the second month in a row the town remains virtually crime free with a small number of incidents

having taken place and once again the majority of crimes are taking place in our more rural locations.

The incidents which have, however, occurred include a car having been broken into on the 8th November whilst parked and unattended on New Street in Newtown. Offenders gained entry causing damage to one of the doors and stole a wallet.

A set of golf clubs were stolen from a garage in New Brookend on or around the 10th November, offenders gained entry by forcing a lock.

On the 18th November a number of items were stolen from a shed in the Damery Lane area of Woodford, offenders gained entry by forcing a lock and in the same area, a white van had a side window smashed whilst parked on the owners driveway, offenders stole 2 nail guns with a combined value of £900.

Here in Berkeley on the 14th November unknown persons entered a garden of a property near Berkeley Primary School via a side alleyway and then have gone on to smash a pane of glass on a rear door in an attempt to gain entry. If you noticed anything suspicious in that location do let PCSO Mike Trebble know via 101 and quote incident 128 14/11/2014.

A foreign national was arrested on the 18th November for causing criminal damage to a door in one of our local pubs in Berkeley. The person then attempted to get into a white van and drive off whilst very intoxicated. With assistance from the local community for which we would like to thank them, the man was prevented from getting into the vehicle until the police arrived.



PCSO MIKE TREBBLE
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Dear Residents

You will certainly be aware of the various new buses around Berkeley. I feel that I've been pushing the county council for ever to restore a service to Berkeley Vale Park, its nearly happened on a number of occasions and I got quite excited, only to have my hopes dashed..... Well at long last I'm delighted to say its here!

We also have a fantastic new service to Bristol City Centre running five times a day each way. This service turns on to the motorway at Falfield and so takes around 40 minutes to get to Bristol which is as quick as by car.

I know that timetables are really confusing and so I've spent some time dissecting them all and have put them all together again in a single page showing all the key services to key destinations and I hope this will make life a lot easier for everyone but especially for the elderly. The Flyer has agreed to print it and you might like to keep it for reference. To use my timetable on the next page simply choose your service from the first column and then check all the times to and from Berkeley. I hope you find it easy to use.

Gordon Craig
District Councillor
Berkeley Ward

POPPY APPEAL

I wish to thank everyone who helped with fundraising for this year's Poppy Appeal, especially Dave Bainbridge, Pat Day, our Bugler, Gerald Harper who played not only in the Church but also the Market Square. For John Berkeley to allow us to use the Baronial Hall for free and the Castle Staff and of course the Ladies of the WI who served refreshments in the Castle.

I wish to thank Colin and Lee Grimes who laid the stone in the Market Square, and Val Watts who coordinated the whole event. Finally I wish to thank St Mary's Church.

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THE GARDEN IN DECEMBER

Here we are already into the Christmas season with Holly, Ivy and Mistletoe in the forefront of our decorations for the Yuletide festivities.

Hollies (Ilex) are essential for the Winter garden and there are some beautiful variegated forms. Most hollies are either male or female and one of each is needed to ensure that you get some berries so bear this in mind when you buy plants. Ilex x altacrerensis "Golden King" is a female and bears red berries with a golden tinged foliage. Ilex "Golden Milkboy" is male and has lovely marbled leaves. Ilex "Handworth New Silver" is female and is a free fruiting variety. They all succeed in a well drained soil and give pleasure throughout the seasons.

We have already had a few cold spells so remember to lag outdoor taps and water pipes to prevent them freezing.

There is always a debate as to when to prune your roses. I prefer to do the main pruning in March but I always carry out some pruning now, such as the tall shoots of hybrid tea and bush roses – these can be reduced by about half. This will avoid wind rock during the winter which will loosen the soil around the roots. Also standard roses can have their long branches pruned back. Do check the stakes so that they provide good support and that the plant ties are sound. Cut away any dead or badly diseased stems and dispose of leaves that are infected with blackspot, rust or mildew from around the base of plants.

Apple and pear trees can have a winter prune, cut out overcrowded branches and damaged and diseased wood.

Bare rooted trees and shrubs can be ordered or bought at this time of year from garden centres and nurseries. It is an excellent time for planting as the soil still retains some warmth and encourages root development to take place before the real onset of winter. In the greenhouse plant growth is at its lowest ebb this month due to the brief hours of daylight. It is a mistake to try to make plants grow more rapidly by raising the temperature as the resulting growth will be soft and sappy. Within limits the temperature must be related to light conditions and a minimum night temperature of 7 degrees C (45degrees F) is adequate for plants in an average greenhouse.

If the weather does turn cold outside there are lots of what I call good housekeeping jobs to be done such as washing plant pots and seed trays and collecting and cleaning all garden canes. They can either be dipped or painted with a timber preservative then stored in a dry place. I would not want you to become bored over the Christmas holidays!

Paths can become treacherous at this time of year when wet. There are many proprietary path and patio cleaners on the market which are easy to use. On large areas a power washer will make light work of this necessary chore. You will be amazed at the difference being blasted clean makes to any stonework or woodwork. It is a good time to treat timber sheds and fences with preservative. Make sure the preservative is not harmful to plants.

Well another gardening year is about to close. My garden here at Berkeley has been very colourful throughout the year but there will be a few changes to be done next year and I have already made a few notes.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Good Gardening in 2015

Ann Legg

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Vale Hospital, Dursley	0300 4218494

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A BERKELEY TRADITION

Every year the Town Council maintains a tradition which has now become an integral part of our daily lives, so much so that people seem to have forgotten what it's all about.

On Armistice Day, 11th of November each year, a rocket is set off at precisely 1100 to mark the actual time that the Great War officially came to an end. A moments later a second rocket is set off to mark the end of the official silence which is observed across the whole of the UK. The firing of the "maroons", an old lifeboat term, has been faithfully carried on by the Town Council and this year the honour fell to Deputy Mayor George Fryer, Councillor Mike Studden and former Mayor Phil Stevenson who has helped to carry on the ceremonial launching.



BERKELEY BUS SERVICES TO KEY DESTINATIONS FROM 3rd NOVEMBER 2014

SERVICE	STOPS	TIMES							
B R I S T O L 207	BERKELEY TO BRISTOL	BERKELEY POST OFFICE	0645	0945	1205	1425	1645		
	MONDAY TO FRIDAY	BRISTOL BUS STATION	0732	1022	1242	1502	1722		
	BRISTOL TO BERKELEY	BRISTOL BUS STATION	0805	1030	1250	1510	1730		
	MONDAY TO FRIDAY	BERKELEY POST OFFICE	0840	1105	1325	1545	1810		
	BERKELEY TO BRISTOL	BERKELEY POST OFFICE	0854	1119	1619				
	SATURDAY	BRISTOL BUS STATION	0932	1157	1657				
	BRISTOL TO BERKELEY	BRISTOL BUS STATION	0940	1440	1710				
	SATURDAY	BERKELEY POST OFFICE	1015	1515	1745				
H O S P I T A L & D U R S L E Y 207	BERKELEY TO HOSPITAL & DURSLEY	BERKELEY POST OFFICE	0840	1105	1325	1545	1810		
	MONDAY TO FRIDAY	VALE HOSPITAL	0900	1125	1345	1605	1830		
		DURSLEY BUS STATION	0908	1133	1353	1613	1838		
	DURSLEY TO HOSPITAL & BERKELEY	DURSLEY BUS STATION	0630	0916	1136	1356	1616		
	MONDAY TO FRIDAY	VALE HOSPITAL	0632	0918	1138	1358	1618		
		BERKELEY POST OFFICE	0645	0945	1205	1425	1645		
	BERKELEY TO HOSPITAL & DURSLEY	BERKELEY POST OFFICE	1015	1515	1745				
	SATURDAY	VALE HOSPITAL	1040	1540	1810				
		DURSLEY BUS STATION	1043	1543	1813				
	DURSLEY TO HOSPITAL & BERKELEY	DURSLEY BUS STATION	0825	1050	1550				
	SATURDAY	VALE HOSPITAL	0828	1053	1553				
		BERKELEY POST OFFICE	0854	1119	1619				
C A M & D U R S L E Y S T A T I O N 207	BERKELEY TO CAM STATION	BERKELEY VALE PARK		1057	1317				
	MONDAY TO FRIDAY	BERKELEY POST OFFICE	0718	1105	1330	1558			
		CAM STATION	0741	1128	1353	1621			
		DURSLEY BUS STATION							
	CAM STATION TO BERKELEY	DURSLEY BUS STATION							
	MONDAY TO FRIDAY	CAM STATION	0740	0910	1130	1622	1725	1825	
		BERKELEY POST OFFICE	0803	0933	1153	1644	1748	1848	
		BERKELEY VALE PARK		0935	1155		1750	1850	
	BERKELEY TO CAM STATION	BERKELEY VALE PARK		0847	1057	1507			
	SATURDAY	BERKELEY POST OFFICE	0718	0849	1105	1520	1558		
		CAM STATION	0741	0912	1128	1548	1621		
		DURSLEY BUS STATION				1604			
T H O R N B U R Y 207	BERKELEY TO THORNBURY	BERKELEY PARK		0935	1155				
	MONDAY TO FRIDAY	BERKELEY POST OFFICE	0803	0947	1207	1644			
		THORNBURY	0824	1008	1228	1704			
	THORNBURY TO BERKELEY	THORNBURY	0700	1037	1257	1537	1712		
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	SATURDAY	BERKELEY POST OFFICE	0803	1007	1257	1357	1644		
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	THORNBURY TO BERKELEY	THORNBURY	0700	0827	1037	1332	1447	1537	1712
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G L O U C E S T E R 208	BERKELEY TO GLOUCESTER	BERKELEY PARK	0915						
	PARK & RIDE SHOPPER BUS	BERKELEY POST OFFICE	0917						
	CONNECTS FOR CITY CENTRE	GLOUCESTER PARK & RIDE	0955						
	TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS ONLY								
	GLOUCESTER TO BERKELEY	GLOUCESTER PARK & RIDE	1330						
	PARK & RIDE SHOPPER BUS	BERKELEY POST OFFICE	1409						
	CONNECTS FROM CITY CENTRE	BERKELEY PARK	1410						
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W E S T O N X31	BERKELEY TO WESTON SUPER MARE	BERKELEY POST OFFICE	0930						
	THIRD WEDNESDAY OF MONTH	WESTON TROPICANA	1100						
	17th March to 20th November								
	WESTON SUPER MARE TO BERKELEY	WESTON TROPICANA	1700						
	THIRD WEDNESDAY OF MONTH	BERKELEY POST OFFICE	1845						
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NOTE:- The following school buses also run - 401C: to Stroud College / 1. To Rednock School / 6. To KLB ..See travel line for details



For many people, becoming a parent is one of the most exciting and fulfilling times of their lives but few of us would say it's always easy.

Homestart is a charity which provides trained volunteers to support families in their own homes when times are difficult. Volunteers are carefully matched to their partner families, with children under five, visiting them for a couple of hours once a week to provide whatever help and support is needed: this might be playing with the children to give a tired Mum a break or sitting down with a cup of tea for a chat and providing a sympathetic ear. The help given by Homestart is free of charge and totally confidential. Several families in the Berkeley area are being supported by Homestart at the moment.

Homestart has an excellent web-site where you can find out more and read about people's experiences both as Volunteers and families.

The Stroud branch of Homestart will be starting a training course in January for people who would like to become Volunteers. The course will be taking place in Nailsworth on Tuesdays from 10-2.30pm from 7th January until 21st April. Travel expenses are fully covered.

If you have experience of caring for young children either professionally or as a parent or grandparent and would like to find out more about becoming a Volunteer, please feel free to contact either Liz Ashton on 811208 or Homestart Stroud, 297470 and ask to speak to Alex.

Thank you, from Homestart.

Digging for Victory at Jenner Court

Residents at Jenner Court sheltered housing unit are celebrating the arrival of three raised beds in their grounds. For several years, the flats have had enthusiastic gardeners who filled planters and pots with lovely displays of flowers. One year they won Stroud District Council's prize for the best sheltered housing gardens, enhanced, of course, by the late Bert Weaver's flock of model sheep. The only frustration for the gardeners was the lack of space to grow fresh vegetables for themselves.

But now that's all behind them thanks to help from SDC who constructed and filled raised beds just in time to get some autumn sowing done. There are several new and enthusiastic residents in the flats so I don't think it will be long before there's competition to grow the largest cabbages and giant onions and, hopefully, no back aches along the way!



Cllr Liz Ashton



On Thursday the 13th of November Berkeley WI held their Annual Meeting. We have had a very busy and productive year with friends sharing excellent speakers, outings, skittles and craft. Our numbers have increased and the Committee goes from strength to strength.

We have new President and Judith Le Riche is looking forward to her new role. On Remembrance Sunday the WI served tea and cake at the Castle following the unveiling of the Commemorative Paving Slab in memory of Captain Butler who was awarded a VC in the First World War. Numbers vary but we think we served approximately 300 people!

If you would like to know more about Berkeley WI please ring me, Vicki Young, on 01453 811 929.

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James Walls who lives in Berkeley has been extremely busy! White Hart Court - at the top of the High Street - has been the focus of this, with him and his partner (and with help from the landlords)

refurbishing one of the units to be used as a workshop and showroom for the fused glass jewellery and ornaments he makes as Ye Green Men. James already has items of his jewellery in three shops including Wotton Under



Edge and Cheltenham as well as in our very own La Lune in Berkeley. He is frequently seen at local craft events in and around Berkeley and the surrounding areas - in fact he was last seen at the Community library at their Halloween party where he was helping the local children make bracelets with spooky charms.

The studio will be open just in time for the Berkeley Festival on the 13th December and with a beautiful selection of pendants, cufflinks, necklaces, bracelets and earrings this is a wonderful opportunity to stock up on a unique, and very local, Christmas present. White Hart Court is definitely becoming the place to be at the moment, with Ye Green Men, Tomato Jacks, the new Chocolate Shop, Madelyn's Hairdresser, the Berkeley Tea Rooms and with La Lune just opposite, there really is something for everyone this Christmas



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Baby Love Groups

A NEW group for parents of babies up to the age of 12 months will start on January 12th at Berkeley Library. Each session will run from 10.00am to 11.30am and there will be a safe play area with sensory play baskets and calming music. We are also hoping to invite along occasional visiting speakers such as teachers of baby yoga and baby massage to help make sessions interesting as well as fun. There will be a cost of £1.50 per family and please feel free to drop in for part or all of the session. For further info please call Wotton Children's Centre on 01453 844143 and chat to Julie from our Family Support team, who will be running the Baby Love groups.

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CREATING CHARACTER

Dark and damp it may be but the light of imagination and creativity is being stirred at Berkeley Primary School.

Some very fortunate Year 5 and 6 pupils have been introduced to the game of chess, not only as a game to be enjoyed but also to aid the children's mathematical skills. For instance, did you know that there are opportunities to work with quadrants, co-ordinates, lines and angles? As well as developing thinking strategies, foreseeing consequences, weighing options and making decisions; all essential ingredients when problem solving. The children have been tutored and guided by Kajetan Wandowicz, from the nationwide charity, Chess in Schools and the Communities. Kajetan is an Accredited Coach with the English Chess Federation and has captured and engaged the children with this fascinating game. Although children from Year 3 and 4 have been briefly introduced to the game they are hot on the heels of the older pupils and are eager to learn a game which has a history spanning more than 1500 years.

The value of chess as a means of developing a child's cognitive, emotional and social development has been recognised by educationalists; in Armenia it is mandatory on the curriculum! Participation in the activity boosts concentration levels and teaches patience, as well as instilling an appreciation of the benefit of waiting for a better outcome by forgoing an immediate "quick fix". (Those who play chess will understand this!) Those who learn to persevere for a better outcome in the game, have discovered the discipline of learning to wait and the satisfaction of deferring the gain until a later time. This mind-set, which fosters endurance and self-discipline, counters the spirit of our modern world of "immediate gain with little effort". With newly acquired skills we are planning an inter-school Chess Tournament later in the academic year.

There have been plenty of opportunities during this school year for the children to demonstrate their sporting skills against other local schools in a variety of events. Year 3 and 4 pupils have participated in a local schools football tournament. While

Years 5 and 6 ventured to Rednock School to showcase their skills during another football competition. Other forthcoming events include tag rugby and netball competitions against local schools. It is our desire that as many children as possible experience the opportunity of representing their school in similar events. Children rightly recognise this as an honour to represent the school and consequently raise their self-esteem. To keep up-to-date on our children's progress, click on the 'Sporting Success' page on our school website.



We are sure you won't want to miss our Christmas Fayre which is on Friday 5th

December. All are welcome to come and meet with friends, soak up the festive atmosphere and purchase some quality gifts.

The children have been diligently practising for their Christmas Productions. EYFS will be staging their dress rehearsal of 'Shine Star, Shine' on Monday 8th December at 9.30am. (This event is open to members of the public.) On Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th December at 2.00pm the little thespians will be treading the boards yet again to entertain family members.

On Friday 12th at 2.00pm and 6pm, Key Stage 1 will have their opportunity to bring festive cheer to their audience as they present 'Ralph the Reindeer'. Finally, on Monday 15th December at 6.30pm, the Key Stage 2 children will be hosting their celebration of Christmas at St Mary's Church. A traditional Christmas experience is planned with well-loved Christmas carols, verse and the peel of bells to fill this beautiful church.

We hope you are able to join us for at least one of our Christmas events and experience our seasonal gift to you.



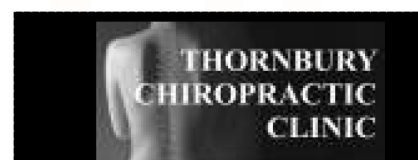
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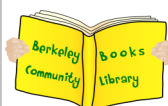
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New Group Meeting in the Library:

We are pleased to welcome The Treetops Children's Centre who are running Berkeley Baby Love in the Library. The group is for parents or carers of babies up to 12 months old. Meetings, which are on a Monday from 11.00 – 12.30p.m., normally charge £1.50 per session but they have a FREE 'taster' session on 8th December. They will then be starting a new group from 12th January.

The Gardening Club and Craft Club each meet on a monthly basis

and the Beginners Crochet runs each Tuesday morning. If you would like to use the Library as a regular meeting place or for a one off meeting we can offer competitive rates.

Library Talks:

During the year we have been holding talks of local interest. These have been well attended and next year we are planning to continue with them, both local interest and further afield.

If you have any topics in which you have a particular interest and which you think would be of interest to others we would like to hear from you.

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Sirs

On behalf of Berkeley Town Council I should like to thank everyone who participated in the Remembrance Service and commemoration of Capt. Butler VC DSO on 9 November. It was a very successful event thanks to the people of Berkeley taking part and also being so willing to help make the event a success. It was a real community event.

I would like to thank several people and organisations especially as without their help the event couldn't have taken place.

Colin and Lee Grimes, who not only were happy to place the stone first thing on the Sunday morning, also said they would not charge in memory of their father who served in the Korean War and was a prisoner of war. Thank you.

The Rev. Richard Avery and Pat Day were extremely helpful (and flexible !) in helping to fit the event around the usual Remembrance Day Service. It literally couldn't have happened without their help.

The W.I., as usual, laid on a wonderful spread at the Castle and we estimate that approximately 300 people partook of their tea and cake.

Berkeley Primary School children did a wonderful job of creating poppies and Flanders' Fields poppies for display at the Town Hall and in the Great Hall.

I would also like to publicly thank Mr and Mrs Berkeley for offering the use of the Great Hall. It really finished off a special day in style.

Finally, I must thank Debbie Spiers, Brian and various volunteers who helped move things around on the day.

Val Watts

Berkeley Town Councillor

Sir

I would like to thank everyone who supported and helped at the table top sale, which was held at Sharpness Village Hall on Saturday 1st November. The sale was in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and to date we have raised £420. This includes the proceeds from the actual table top sale and several generous donations made by local people and businesses.

Marlene Summers

Halmore, Berkeley

Sirs

As a guest of the Town Council for the Civic Service of Remembrance and dedication to the memorial to Capt. John Fitzhardinge Paul Butler VCDSO.

I would like to thank all those who took part, the children should be thanked for their exemplary behaviour especially the very little ones. It must of seemed a long time for them to wait to be so good and quiet until they could go to the Great Hall and have their drink and home made cake.

It was a real community event that epitomized what is great about Berkeley. A fitting tribute to a very brave man and recognition of the price paid by the Country and community in the Great War.

Penny Wride.

Chairman Ham & Stone Parish Council.

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on 4th & 5th December 7.30pm

6th December at 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Tickets available from the Pharmacy

COFFEE MORNING AT EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Despite the appalling November weather a good number joined us for the Shoe Box coffee morning. Thank you to everyone who brought in filled boxes, made a financial donation, knitted blankets or gave us items to fill more boxes here. Once again we have been overwhelmed by the caring generosity of Berkeley folks. Many children will have a Christmas to remember because of you..

We do not host a coffee morning in December. Most people seem to have plenty to do and places to go during the count down to Christmas. We will however be holding a short time of singing carols on **SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER** at 3PM and we would be happy to see you there.

Advance notice: Our first coffee morning of 2015 will be on **SATURDAY JANUARY 14th 10 - 11.30am**. We hope that you won't be too full of Christmas cake to enjoy our home made cakes so come along and try them. We look forward to welcoming you in the new year.

For more information/help with transport please ring either Dawn on 810494 or Grace on 811138

Berkeley Evangelical Church CAROL SERVICE

On Sunday 14th December at 3pm we will be holding a "Silent Night" Carol Service to mark the centenary of the 1914 Christmas Eve Truce. A remarkable World War 1 event when all fighting stopped for 24 hrs. enemies played football, exchanged gifts and sang together the carol "Silent Night".

Join with us as we celebrate this unique anniversary.

Tea & Mince pies will be served following the service.

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WHAT'S ON DIARY

If you would like to place an regular entry in the What's On diary please email editor@theberkeleyflyer.co.uk before 15th

MONDAY

Town Council Meeting

3rd Monday of the month

Stay & Play Kids - Sharpness Village Hall 9.45am till 12 noon contact Sue Boxall on 07526101287

Youth Club - Sharpness Village Hall 6.30pm till 8.30pm contact Darren Brown on 07799067237

Beavers/Scouts - Scout HQ., Park View

Beaver scouts, 6 to 8 years old
4.30pm to 5.30pm.
Scouts 10½ to 14 years old
7.00pm to 8.30pm

TUESDAY

Community Bank - Town Hall,
Tuesdays 9.15am until 11am

Town Planning & Finance Meetings
2nd Tuesday of the month

Berkeley Brownies
Tuesdays The Brownie Hut
5.30pm-7.00pm

Berkeley Community Library
Tuesdays 10.30am - 4.30pm
Telephone 810520

Line Dancing/Ballroom Dance Class
Hamfields Leisure
7.00pm to 9.00pm
Contact Daphne 01453 826034

Skylarks Community Choir
Town Hall,
7.10 - 9pm Term Time only
All welcome

Cub Scouts - Scout HQ. Park View
8 to 10½ years old
6.00pm to 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY

Craft Club—Berkeley Library

Last Wednesday of the month.
10.30am-1.30pm. Bring along
whatever project you are working on.
£2.00 all welcome

Dog Training - Sharpness Village Hall Wednesdays from 7pm contact Mike Vine 01453 822134

Exercise Classes in Scout Hut
Wednesdays 10.30 am to Noon

Knit and Natter
Town Hall 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Wednesdays fortnightly (the week of recycling)
£2 - all welcome

Berkeley Under 5's
Town Hall Toddlers
Wednesdays 9.30am - 11.30am

Citizens Advice Bureau
Town Hall, Wednesdays 1pm - 3pm

Berkeley Youth Club
Canon Park Pavilion
Wednesdays 6pm - 8pm

Coffee Morning
Sharpness Village Hall
10 - 12pm Call Christy 07970 565099

Berkeley Gardening Club
3rd Wednesday of the month

THURSDAY

Over 60's Friendship Group
Union Congregational Hall, Berkeley
4th Thursday of the month 2 - 4pm
Bingo - Sharpness Village Hall
from 7.30pm contact Jimmy Thomas
01453 811339

Coffee Morning
Thursdays, Union Church Schoolroom
10.00 - 11.30am

Berkeley Players Rehearsals
Town Hall, Thursdays
7.00pm Youngsters / 8.30pm Adults

Circuit Training/Keep Fit
Hamfields Leisure
6.30pm - 7.30pm
Contact Jess Efford 07866 255325

FRIDAY

Bingo in the Mariners Arms
Fridays from 3pm

Berkeley Community Library
Fridays 10.30am - 4.30pm

Berkeley Rainbows
Fridays The Brownie Hut
4.15 - 5.30pm

Little Fishes Music Group
Berkeley Union Church. Free
Fridays 9.15 - 11.00 am Term time

People for You
Town Hall Fridays - 9.15am - 1pm

SATURDAY

Berkeley Community Library
Saturdays 9.30am - 12.30pm

SUNDAY

Roman Catholic Mass
Sundays 8.30am 10.30am & 5.30pm
St Dominic RC Church,
Kingshill, Dursley
St Mary's Church
Every Sunday
9.30am Parish Communion
11am All Age Worship
6pm Evening Prayer
(times & venue differ 5th Sunday of month)

Quiz Night at the Mariners Arms
Berkeley. 8.30pm start



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...Tis the season to be jolly

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What can I do to give this year's Christmas Turkey 'some pizzazz, some wow, some je ne ce quoi?' I hear you ask. Well the answer is you need look no further; your splendiferous festive edition of The Berkeley Flyer has the answer. For Christmas this year my gift to you all is my favourite cooking technique at the moment... Hay baking with cider or beer! I can't stop hay-baking stuff. Chicken breasts, belly pork, chips (?) and Ham. It all works! In fact if you try this I'm pretty sure we'll all be hay-baking from now till.... well, um ... next Christmas? A whole year of hay-baking starts right here, once you do this I'm certain you'll do it again and again... (or maybe it's just me???)

There is something quite special about cooking like this, it gives me imagery of Mediaeval fire pits which would be lined with stones, a fire started inside, a beast thrown in for good measure then packed down with loads of hay and cooked for days. This is a simple and clean way of cooking and it really brings the hay meadows of the Severn-Vale into your kitchen.

Ask a friendly neighbourhood farmer for the fresh hay (which will need to be washed) or get some ready to go from Gordon in town. Let's get hay-baking those birds.

YOU WILL NEED:

Muslin cloth or greaseproof paper... preferably muslin if you can get your hands on some.

Your Christmas bird... turkey, chicken, cockerel, game or fowl., 6 Bay leaves, some fresh herbs like rosemary or thyme, a couple of pints of some really good traditional cider, 4 cloves of garlic, 1 lemon washed and cut in half, and last but not least, 1 small bag of hay and something like a big deep casserole dish or deep baking tray to cook it in..

LET'S GET COOKING

Pre heat your oven to 200C or gas mark 6.

Put a good bed of hay into your cooking pot and set aside. Now turn your attention to your sexy Christmas bird!! Lay down some muslin and place the bird



Hay it's Christmas



Ready for the big cook off

on it, leaving enough so we can swaddle the whole bird. (a couple of smaller pieces of muslin will suffice.) Place the bay leaves on top, don't peel the garlic just crush it with the back of your knife and sprinkle on top. Now pop the halves of lemon into the Turkey's jacksy and top with the fresh thyme.

Sprinkle the bird with a little oil or splodge on a bit of goose fat then tightly wrap the bird in the muslin. Let's give it some swaddling!

Next place the wrapped bird into your cooking receptacle on the bed of hay and pour over 2/3 of the cider. Now we pack the bird in with more hay and pop the lid on or like I had to do wrap the baking tray tightly with a good amount of tin foil. Time to cook up Fog-Horn Leg-Horn!!!

I say, I say I'm sure you folks all have a good method for cooking times. I use the 20 minutes per kilo plus 70 minutes for a 4kg bird and for anything heavier than that 20 minutes per kilo plus 90 minutes.

Whilst hay-baking it's important to check periodically that the liquid hasn't evaporated, so top it up with a bit more cider if needed. Once you are happy the bird has had enough cooking by checking for clear juices from the thickest fleshiest part of the bird or by probing it over 78C after the allotted cooking time take it out

of the oven and let it rest for 20 mins.

We then take the bird out of the cooking dish or baking tray and set aside. Next un-wrap the muslin.... don't be alarmed that the bird looks pale I'm getting to that bit and don't discard any of the garlic, bay or thyme... (Strain all these juices from the hay and add them to your gravy... It will make it taste insane!!!) Time to crisp up that skin. I use a cooking blow torch, which are now quite easily obtainable. But, if you don't have one put the bird under the grill to crisp the skin and it works just as well. (providing it fits of course.) Place the bird on platter and garnish with a bit of the thyme and serve.....

Pull a cracker.

Let the feast begin.

Merry Christmas.

Dan Ashford



Is it 78 degrees C or hotter?



Save those yummy juices