

**Exclusive!**

You can't have helped but seen that Berkeley Castle was shrouded in secrecy during mid May when something was being filmed. Rumours abounded but we can exclusively reveal that the filming was actually a new BBC production

The details are that the filming was the BBC's adaptation of Hilary Mantel's *Wolf Hall*. It is the story of Thomas Cromwell and you will find more detail about it online. Company Pictures were the production company. The film was directed by renowned director Peter Kosminsky (*White Oleander*, *Warriors*, *Wuthering Heights*) and Mark Rylance (*The Other Boleyn Girl*, *Intimacy* and numerous Shakespeare stage productions) played the lead role of Thomas Cromwell.

The Castle was transformed to provide a series of sets for the production with the Great Hall, Drawing Rooms, Kitchens and Larders all being utilised. The courtyards were also turned into sets.

The filming took place over four days with a series of day and night time filming.

Local Election results

On May 22nd residents of Berkeley were asked to vote in three elections. The European Election, the District Council and the Local Council

Gordon Craig (Conservative) has been re-elected as our District Councillor receiving 818 votes (Labour 605 and Green Party 161) with a turnout of 46%

"I would like to thank the people of Berkeley and the surrounding villages for voting me in again as your District Councillor" Mr Craig told the Flyer. "In my acceptance speech I made special mention of the wonderful community that exists here and held it up as an example to the whole district. It is, I believe, quite rare and I feel honoured to have been chosen to represent you on the District Council. As always, whether you voted for me or not, if you have any worries or concerns that you think I may be able to help you with or indeed any ideas that might make our community better, don't hesitate to give me a call. Finally I would like to offer special thanks to friends who helped me by putting leaflets through your letter boxes and carried out telling duties on Election Day. I really appreciate your continued amazing support.

9 people were elected to serve on Berkeley Town Council.

Mr Stanton told the Flyer that he was "delighted" at being one of the successful candidates, "I thank all those who voted for me and I look forward to representing the views of all of the Town on the Council. If anyone has an issue they would like to raise with me then please get in touch".

Mrs Val Watts said that she also was "delighted" to be back on the Berkeley Town Council. "I would like to thank the people who voted for me. I have never been in an Election before and it was very interesting, and I believe, good for the town. I intend to work hard for the residents and traders over the next four years and look forward to listening to their views".

Cllr Liz Ashton said "What a pleasure it was to see so many young people coming out to vote; it was great to see that in Berkeley, Russell Brand's nonsense was ignored. Many young people feel disenfranchised by the lack of work and affordable homes but the trend to use their votes in Berkeley bodes well for next year's General Election."

Mr Frazer Brown told the Flyer that he was "Very grateful to be voted on the Town Council."

Keith Palmer, Ralph Pinnel, Anthony Tucker, George Fryer and Michael Studden were also elected and we welcome them and invite them all to contribute to your monthly newspaper.

Berkeley Girls win GOLD!

Violet Palmer, Macey Spiers, Tia Stewart and Willow Mills won Gold medals at their latest streetdance competition. The competition took place on Sunday 11th of May at Gloucester Leisure Centre and hundreds of dancers turned up to be judged on their streetdance moves. It was a fantastic day and the girls, along with the rest of their crew, danced their socks off and helped New Generation Dance Group bring home lots of medals and trophies. The girls were in rehearsals for weeks and worked really hard to remember all their moves and made all their parents and grandparents very proud (and hoarse from all the screaming and cheering). New Generation Dance are always looking for new members to join their classes (they teach all ages and even do adult classes) so if you feel inspired by Violet, Macey, Tia and Willow's successes have a look at their website www.newgenerationdance.co.uk or find them on facebook and have a go. They have classes throughout the local area.



In Your Berkeley Flyer this month....

Summer Rounders Event

Local Author wins accolade

Excavations!

Garden tips

And football, football, football...

THE GARDEN IN JUNE

This is one of the busiest and most productive times of the year for gardeners. There are seedlings to pot up, flower beds to prepare and it is an ideal time to get on top of pest control. Summer time is great for making notes as you walk around and about getting new ideas or for becoming acquainted with different plants and the conditions they may like to grow in before trying to establish them in your own garden. The National Gardens Scheme is a good way to visit and see gardens that are not normally open to the public in your area. Their leaflets or the Yellow Book can often be obtained from the library or Tourist Board and will tell you which gardens are open, where and when. Many have plants for sale –and do excellent afternoon teas!

Softwood cuttings of many shrubs and perennial plants can be taken now. They should be taken from new shoots which will root quickly. Non flowering shoots of Weigela, Forsythia, Ceanothus and Hydrangea may all be propagated in this way as can Chrysanthemums and Delphiniums. It is a good idea to stake tall multistemmed plants such as Lupins, Dahlias and Delphiniums before they get too large.

Trees and shrubs which were planted during the Winter will now be growing strongly but as they will not yet be fully established in their new sites will need regular watering.

Primulas and Polyanthus can be divided after flowering and replanted in smaller clumps.

Sow Wallflowers at the end of the month in an outside seed bed and grow on with regular thinning until ready to transplant in Autumn – providing flower for next Spring.

In the vegetable garden draw soil up around the stems of Potatoes with a hoe (earthing up). This encourages roots to develop from the stem to produce a larger crop and to prevent greening of the potatoes.

It is time to plant out Onions and Leeks which have been raised under glass in trays – but make sure that they have been well hardened off. Hoe between rows to control annual weed as competition at this time can damage the crop.

French Beans and Runner Beans can be sown direct into the soil or glasshouse raised plants that have been hardened off may now be planted out.

Plant Tomatoes in the cold greenhouse, also Peppers and Cucumbers. It is time to put up the hanging baskets but do remember to water them every day and feed them regularly.

Although there is a lot to do in the garden this month do take advantage of sunny days once in a while to get out the garden chairs, put your feet up and enjoy looking at your labour of love!

Ann Legg

Sarah's Field

Berkeley Town Council has received a gift of land know as Sarah's Field. The piece of land is situated (if you are heading towards the Power Station) off Lynch Road just past James Orchard.

The land has been relatively untouched for many years and is therefore a

haven for wildlife and meadow plants.

Berkeley Town Council is working with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to conduct a survey of the land to ascertain the species on site.

If you would like to help, we do need some volunteers, please come along on Tuesday 24th June 2014 between

6.30 and 8.30 pm – experts in the field will be available to help.

Berkeley Town Council will be working towards creating a public open space for people to walk, play and enjoy the surroundings. We will also be working with advice from Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust to reinstate the water meadow.

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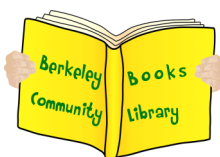
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We had another busy month during May with a talk by David Tandy which was a sell out, the first Craft Fayre to be held in the Library which was a success and a family history week proving very popular and we will be organising a repeat week later in the year.

Photography Competition:

Entries to the Photography Competition **close on 30th June**.

They should be A4 landscape size of Berkeley or the area around Berkeley. There is an entry fee of 50p. for each photograph. They will then be judged for inclusion in next years' calendar.

Talk: Alkington – Where is it?

Following the success of his talk in May David Tandy has agreed to do another on 9th July, titled: Alkington – Where it is? This will be a ticketed event with tickets costing £5.00 each, including a glass of wine or soft drink and are available from the Library. This event will start at 7.00 p.m.

Children's Activities:

Saturday 14th June will be a chance to make dad a gift for Fathers Day, together with gift wrapping and a card. Places for this free activity can be booked at the Library.

The Summer Reading Challenge will start on 12th July – full details will be in The Flyer next month.

Berkeley Primary School Photographs:

Did you attend Berkeley Primary School? The school has loaned us two volumes of old school photographs which we will have in the Library until early September. Come and see if your school photograph is there.

Berkeley Primary School Fete:

Along with the Craft Club we will be having a stall at the school fete on Saturday, 28th June.

Easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/berkeleybooks:

We have now raised over £100 through the easyfundraising scheme. If you register for the scheme, then each time you buy

online, through the scheme, money will be donated to the Library without any extra cost to yourself.

Berkeley in Bloom:

Created by the Berkeley in Bloom group last year, the border in front of the Library has been tidied and planted by the small group of hard workers ready for the summer.

Berkeley Books – Committee

PS—Our website has recently been updated. Check out www.berkeleybooks.org.uk

Alkington – Where is it?



Berkeley Community Library are pleased to host another

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How a hypnotic approach builds confidence

As a society, many people are becoming more and more isolated as they communicate ever more through personal computers and

less via personal contact. Whilst computers permit us to converse instantly with anyone globally, the decrease of face to face communication and interaction is having an undesirable effect in our society.

Local Hypnotherapist, Liane Ulbricht-Kazan comments "it's all too easy for people to feel isolated and I'm seeing increasingly more evidence of this as more and more people come to see me for some kind of social anxiety".

Although digital communication certainly has its place, the surge in the use of computers for communicating with friends comes at a cost. Indeed many people are not practicing their verbal communication skills enough to be confident when speaking in social situations. And if our children grow up without learning these skills in the first place, then this problem will get worse.

So how could this lack of social skills affect people in the long term?

A typical example when entering any kind of social situation, especially a new one, would be that a person may feel unprepared and unable to meet possible scenarios because, in actual fact, they are simply not accustomed to it. Nevertheless, these issues are just making a pre-existing problem more prominent.

Requests for help from clients with self-confidence issues is a daily occurrence for

just about any practicing hypnotherapist. A common example is anxiety related, that the person fears they may do or say something that will make them look stupid and be judged as a result. For many the solution is to become a wallflower and hope no one notices their "silence". It is a very common problem, which can be helped with hypnotherapy. However, helping people to actually feel more confident for a little bit just delivers a quick fix. The actual reason for the situation has to be resolved before this issue can be fixed long term.

There is not much we can do to change our society, but we can change the way that our past events have impacted our lives in an undesirable way - things like intimidation, ridicule or pushy parents. These past ordeals can be dealt with at the same time as building new levels of self-confidence, focusing on alternative positive and desirable outcomes within any given social situation. When these past memories are no longer the focus, hypnotherapy can help the client to build up their self-esteem and confidence, in a very effective way.

By guiding the client to visualize the positive aspects of a given event, hypnosis is used to consolidate a confident version of themselves. It could be something as simple as chatting to people in a weight watchers group, at a party, or at work. When the client enters the social circumstance, whatever it is, they need to be sociable and cheerful, and if that's what they expect to be, then they have a confident outlook. This approach helps people to remain positive and self-assured throughout, which in turn boosts self-esteem, and the client will gradually build his or her confidence on the solid footings they have already laid down. This leads to a long lasting change in behaviour, which is what they came for at the outset.

Reading this article will have given you a glimpse of how Hypnotherapy can help with self-esteem and confidence boosting. If you are interested in learning more, Liane brings a

wealth of experience and offers regular appointment times at the 'Marybook Medical Centre' in Berkeley.

Contact her today on 07825 286550, or visit her website for more details www.changeswelcome.co.uk, or to book a free 45min initial consultation with this copy of the Berkeley Flyer.

Dr Jenner's House Awarded Certificate of Excellence

Dr Jenner's House & Garden is proud to announce that it has been awarded the coveted TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence for 2014.

The Certificate of Excellence recognises and rewards organisations across the world that consistently achieve outstanding reviews from TripAdvisor users. Only the top-performing 10% of organisations listed on TripAdvisor receive this prestigious award.

To qualify for the Certificate of Excellence, organisations must maintain an overall rating of four or higher, out of a possible five, as reviewed by travellers using TripAdvisor. Additional criteria include the volume of reviews received within the last 12 months. The Certificate of Excellence award recognises top performing hospitality organisations based on feedback from those who matter most – their customers.

Simon Hobson, Visitor Experience Manager at Dr Jenner's House, said: *It is wonderful that our museum team's work to provide the best possible visitor experience has been recognised in so many reviews and that we have now received this distinction.*

On behalf of all the Visitor Experience Team would like to thank our visitors for their support of Dr Jenner's House & Garden and for all the encouragement they give us as the stewards of this very special place and unique global legacy.

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News for June 2014

Well, the saying goes "June is bursting out all over" Let's hope it is where you live. It certainly is in my garden, I have lovely things

like flowers, mostly wild ones, plenty of birds and insects and weeds too! Most of us have gardens, patios or windowsills so we can all attract wildlife to these areas. Most of us enjoy spending time outdoors, there are lots of simple things we can do to encourage different types of wildlife, so keep a look out. You can use plants that provide food and shelter. Fragrant flowers like buddleia, lavender, dandelions or bluebells will attract butterflies and bees. In my garden I have erected a sort of wildlife corner using old, unwanted stuff like rotting logs, terracotta pots with compost in, old bamboo canes chopped into short lengths and bound together. This can be arranged on a rustic shelf made with a small plank of wood and bricks. And if you haven't already got one consider investing in a small bird box for your wall, every year the bluetits nest in mine and never fail to delight me.

So, let's enjoy summer if we can. Remember that I hold a list of clubs and activities in most areas (sometimes they can offer transport) so if you would like to get out and about more often just give me a ring and I will tell you what is available in your area.

On a more serious note, I would like to remind people to be aware of scams. I have recently had a block put on my computer so that it couldn't be used unless I sent a specified amount of money, and someone that I know was phoned by an individual who said that she was owed some money but had to pay a fee upfront before the money could be released. This is attempted fraud and should be reported to the police on their 101 number. If anything like this happens to you please also talk to someone you know and trust about it as it is less worrying if it is shared. Never give money or personal or financial details to these people. You can contact me for advice if you are feeling concerned.

I can't help sharing this with you. I found it on the internet: "Most people turning 100 would celebrate with a small glass of sherry and a slice of birthday cake. Kay Novak is not most people! She celebrated becoming a centenarian by doing a loop-the-loop in a stunt plane. Kay has been a keen aviator ever since she first flew when aged 15 in 1929. On her 100th birthday a stunt pilot took her up into the skies above Gloucestershire where she performed some aerial acrobatics." Marvellous.

Penny French. Tel: 07776 245 726. Email: pennyf@villageagent.grcc.org.uk

Fight back against scammers to stop them getting away with scams in the Cotswolds

Stroud District CAB is calling for people to be on the lookout for any website, letter, doorstep seller or phone call with a proposal that sounds too good to be true – because it might very well be a scam. Anyone who is unsure about someone asking for their financial details should check with someone they trust and report anything that sounds dodgy to Trading Standards or to the Stroud District Citizens Advice Bureau. The CAB can be contacted by ringing 01453 759954 or by email. Please check the website for opening times of to send us an email www.stroudcab.org.uk

Top tips for dealing with scams

If it sounds too good to be true it probably is.
 If you haven't bought a ticket – you can't win it.
 You shouldn't have to pay anything to get a prize.
 If in doubt, don't reply. Bin it, delete it or hang up.
 Persuasive sales patter? Just say: "No thank you".
 Contacted out of the blue – be suspicious
 Never give out your bank details unless you are certain you can trust the person contacting you.
 Take your time – resist pressure to make a decision straight away.
 Never send money to someone you don't know.
 Walk away from job ads that ask for money in advance.
 Your bank will never attend your home.
 Your bank and the police will never collect your bank card.
 Your bank and the police will never ask for your PIN.
 Computer firms do not make unsolicited phone calls to help you fix your computer.
 Don't suffer in silence – tell others about scams.

What to do if you have been scammed

Report it to Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** to help stop it happening to others.
 Often you can't always get your money back if you've been scammed, especially if you've handed over cash.
 If you've paid for goods or services by credit card you have more protection and if you used a debit card you may be able to ask your bank for a chargeback.
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Severnside Nuclear Youth Football Club

We held our annual Presentation and Fun day on Saturday 10th May, and despite the cold and gale force winds, we had a fantastic day!

All of our players received trophies for their hard work this season, with many children awarded special trophies for their improvement, attitude, dedication, and goal scoring. We are really proud of each and every one of them. We were also delighted that Berkeley Town FC donated an award for the most improved player, which was awarded to Freddie Brown, who plays for our Under 8's team.

We hope to have greater contact with Berkeley Town over this next season and look forward to working with them in the future.

Ryan Powell from our Under 11's team has also been awarded League Player of the season for the Mid Gloucestershire League. Well done Ryan!

The day also had a sad note as we said goodbye to our Under 15's team and their manager Nathan Wolstenholme. Nathan and his lads have been together for 10 years and have played an incredible 177 competitive games.

I know that Nathan is very proud of all of them and they all received special shirts to remember their time at Severnside. We would also like to thank Nathan and his wife Olga for all their hard work and time over the years. The club will miss them very much, but Nathan now needs time to start working on his golf handicap!!

Severnside also said goodbye to one of our Under 13's team and their coach, Terry Gibbs.

Terry was a founder member of Severnside FC and has been with the club for 14 years. We would like to thank Terry and his wife Lorna for everything they have done and wish Terry, Lorna and the lads lots of luck for the future.

A HUGE thank you to everyone that came along to support us on the day, helped out and donated prizes for our Raffle and trophies.

Special thanks to: Phil Greenaway for the excellent music, Mr & Mrs Houser for the amazing BBQ, Tim Scott from Scott Law & Tim Davies for donations for trophies, The Berkeley Arms, The Salutation, The Mariners Arms, The Boars Head, The Malthouse and to all of our Coaches for their hard work on the day and throughout this season.

Training will start back on Wednesday 16th July at the Power Station. We had a lot of interest from new players and look forward to starting our first girl's team. If you are interested in joining or finding out more information, please contact us – we would love to hear from you!

See you all soon.

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More Football...

It wasn't just Severnside who were having presentations on the 10th May. Slimbridge were also enjoying a blustery day. And thanks to Berkeley Primary School's latest pupil blog scheme, I can let Morgan Tayler (pictured right) tell you how it went far better than I could

"Last Saturday, I went with my Dad to S.A.F.C. (Slimbridge Amateur Football Club) for the end of season presentation for Slimbridge Youth under 9's. When we got there we were joined by my teammates, who are: Jamie, Justin, Carlo, Aiden, Jacob, Lewis C, Lewis S and another Jamie.

After being called in for our presentation we were seated by our parents, waiting excitedly for the trophy ceremony to start. This year, it was hosted by Kev, Carlo's Dad, because Richard, our manager, wasn't there. Then it all began!



This is who got which trophy:

Top goal scorer: Jamie

Most improved player of the year: Justin

Manager's player of the year: Aiden

Player's player of the year: Jacob (pictured)

In addition, everyone received an attendance trophy.

A new trophy was awarded this season and everyone knew who was going to receive the maximum effort award because Kev gave it away by saying "she" in his introduction. And guess what....

IT WAS ME!!!!!!!

It was a big surprise to receive such an honour and I felt delighted to get this award."

A great end to another

good season!



And even MORE football!

Make a date for your diary for the 14th June. **The Berkeley Arms** are having a band on from 8pm until 11 called "So What?" They will be playing some excellent tunes including covers to get you up and dancing the evening away. And what does this have to do with football you ask? Well June 14th is also the date of the first England fixture in the 2014 World Cup!

The Berkeley Arms have been granted an extension which means even though the kick off is 11pm our time, you can watch the match over a few pints in the BA until 1am!



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One of the classic thrillers of the silent film era is presented at the Electric Picture House Cinema on Sunday 8 June, with an original live score by the four-piece band Minima.

Beneath the sewers of the Paris Opera House dwells a masked figure. He is the Phantom, a hideously disfigured composer whose dream is to turn chorus singer Christine into a diva. Known as a novel, a long-running stage musical and a whole array of film adaptations, **The Phantom of the Opera** has rarely been so vividly presented as in this 1925 version.

The film stars Lon Chaney, known as the "Man of a Thousand Faces", who had already successfully played the title role in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. His ghastly make-

up - which he created himself - and outrageous performance made this one of the great classics of American silent film.

Minima's music is an audacious 21st-Century interpretation of the images of silent and avant-garde film. Formed in 2006, Minima perform in cinemas and art centres, as well as music and film festivals. Minima's repertoire includes set scores to surrealist films, horror and science fiction, as well as silent short films and improvised performances.

Minima's Alex Hogg said, "Films from the 1920s have a different pace, and for the uninitiated it can be hard work so a contemporary interpretation by musicians can really help. You can make people laugh, cry and jump out of their seats but we only do this in the name of accompanying the film and helping people to watch."

The Phantom of the Opera (PG) is showing on Sunday 8 June at 3pm. Tickets cost £10 (£9 concessions) and can be booked in advance through the cinema's website, www.wottoncinema.com. Advance tickets can also be purchased at the cinema during opening hours, or by calling 01453 844601.



Berkeley Neighbourhood Policing Update.

We have received reports of a number of suspicious vehicles patrolling the area recently which in turn have turned into crimes. These suspicious vehicles could be spotters and then passing on information to associates. If you have any concerns or suspicions regarding vehicles acting in an unusual manner please call us on 101.

On the 2nd May we received two separate reports of a white transit travelling up and down the A38 from between Berkeley Heath and Stone. One caller noticed the vehicle 5 times driving particularly slow lypast properties, unfortunately a vehicle registration plate

could not been taken at the time.

On the same day police received reports of the same or a similar vehicle acting in a suspicious manner in the Purton area. The vehicle was seen coming out of a property whilst the owner was at work, on this occasion a dog may have proved a good deterrent as the visitors seemed to have been disturbed by the dog.

There were 3 incidents reported a few days later involving thefts possibly as a result of previous suspicious activity.

At Mobley a number of tools and gardening items were stolen from a garden including a petrol lawnmower valued at £600 along with a grass and hedge trimmer valued around £300. The near neighbours of our victim reported seeing a white transit type vehicle parked up near to the property.

On the same day there were two separate reports of calor gas bottle thefts in Newport. There have been no reports in the Berkeley Town area, however, we do ask you to be vigilant regarding out buildings and sheds.

With summer on the way, if you plan to be away for a period of time and require a free internal light timer to deter any potential/unwanted interest in your property - do contact PCSO Mike Trebble on 101.

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The shifts are normally either a morning or an afternoon, once a week or fortnight, but we are very flexible and will always try to get shifts to suit you no matter how many hours you would be prepared to volunteer

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Our speaker in April was Val Watts telling us about the duties as the former Mayor of Berkeley. Lots of interesting facts about the Council and representations she made on our behalf in her role as Mayor.

Then in May we had a lovely talk from Ernest Armstrong, 'Life of a Country Vet'. There were lots of anecdotes and gentle humour and he spent ages answering questions and chatting!

I am afraid we lost our first formal skittles match against Hampstead WI by one point - but we do have another attempt later.

Craft Group has been busy with hanging Easter decorations and Beading, this month we shall be making fabric flowers.

If you want to know more about Berkeley WI please 'phone 01453 810929

Berkeley Educational Swimming Trust (BEST) May Draw

Winner - Lawrence Beresford - Ball No. 10 - £25.00

Runner Up - Paul Walkden - Ball No. 75 - £15.00

The draw took place on 10th May 2014 by a member of staff of The Coventry Building Society. On behalf of BEST I would like to thank the Coventry Building Society for supporting us by displaying a poster

Meningitis Walk in memory of Sam Virgo



On a very hot day in May, over 180 people (and at least 2 dogs) walked ten miles from Thornbury to Berkeley in memory of Sam Virgo with monies raised

going to Meningitis Now.

With water breaks on the way (and the occasionally beer break as well) it was a glorious walk on a glorious day for an excellent charity.



Money is still coming in but so far this year, over £3000 has already been raised.



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There has been a lot of work being carried out along the High Street recently, with vans being parked on the pavement — Long may this continue! The vans are having a brilliant effect as a speed deterrent.

At one point there was a van on the left side and a van further down on the right side acting like a portable chicane. Maybe this is the answer!

James Walls

Church Lane

Dear Editor

I was so disappointed to learn that Peter Hall was not re-elected to Berkeley Town Council on 22nd May. Peter has not been a member of the Council for long but during that time has worked tirelessly on plans to improve and extend the play facilities for young people in the town, particularly at the Park View site. I know the members of the Youth Forum have also really appreciated the interest Peter has taken in their plans for a skate-park and the work he has done to try to bring these to fruition.

Thank you so much Peter. Your energy and enthusiasm will be greatly missed at Town Council meetings

Cllr Liz Ashton

Big Sunflowers for Little Jesters

Three members of the In Bloom Group spent a morning with the Little Jesters class at Berkeley Primary School showing them how to plant and look after sunflower seeds

donated by the RHS as part of their 50 years in bloom initiative. The children took part in planting their own pot with the sunflower seed and will nurture the plant until it is tall enough to plant out. The children were also shown how to



plant and look after vegetable plants donated by us for their newly created vegetable bed.

We also made some bird feeders together using bamboo sticks, paper cups, string bird seed and fat in a

demonstration Blue Peter would have been proud of, hopefully there are many happy birds around Berkeley at least for a week or so!



Summer Rounders Event



This years Rounders Tournament / Family Funday in aid of Meningitis Now in memory of Sam Virgo is set to take place in around 7 weeks on Saturday 19th of July.

The event is now in its 5th year and gets bigger and bigger and raises more and more money. The main event of the day is the rounders tournament and if you would like to enter a team please call Lisa. There will also be a tug-o-war tournament which you will be able to enter on the day.

There will be music all day including a kids disco from 5 p.m. and live music from our very own "Rounders Band" and the fantastic local band "Fracture". New

Generation Streetdance will be coming along to show you their awesome moves and we would love to see you join in with your own cool moves.

There will be free bouncy castles, free kids craft tent and face painting (small charge) for the kids. We are also offering any organisations or crafters the chance to have a stall to sell their wares for the small sum of £10, please contact Lisa or Corinne if you would like stall.

Alongside all of this we will be catering to your every whim with a very well stocked bar with real ales, ciders, as well as all the usual drinks, a Cocktail Bar will be serving Pimms and our very own blends of Cocktails. The Barbecue will be fired up all day and will be serving bacon rolls for breakfast, burgers and hotdogs all day and when evening comes there will be a hogroast.

From the kitchen you'll be able to buy cheesy-chips, cakes, teas and coffees and lots of other scrummy things. We will be selling ice-pops and sweets to keep your little darlings happy so you really won't need to go home at all day. We pride ourselves on being an affordable day out for you and all your family and hope that if you have any ideas for other things we could do to keep your children happy you

will let us know. There will of course be a raffle so if you have anything you would like to donate please get in touch with any of the committee members. To make this fantastic event happen we need to raise some funds so we have held a couple of events already and our next one is a Bingo and Quiz night at the Berkeley Arms on Friday 27th of June so please come along and have some fun and help us raise some funds to make this years Funday the best ever. Get in touch Lisa Higgins 07885881145, Corinne Regan 07841344001, Suzanne Virgo 07719525375, Claire Spiers 07500801972, Diane Edwards 811946, Josy Regan 810732.





Are you an Audrey Hepburn wannabe ? Or perhaps you're more a Marilyn Monroe fan ? Whoever you love, if you love the glamour and style of yesteryear then you will love LILY & VIOLET VINTAGE.

Lily & Violet Vintage is a new business opening very soon in Dursley and is owned by two Berkeley ladies Lisa Higgins and Mary McNally. Mary went to the Goodwood revival last year where she fell (even more) in love with all things vintage and came up with the idea of opening her own Vintage clothing boutique and also doing up vintage caravans so, knowing that Lisa was very open minded about such crazy ideas, she asked her whether she fancied joining her

in making her dream a reality. Lisa jumped at the chance and together they have spent the last 8 months buying vintage clothes from all over the world and rescuing derelict vintage caravans from farms, gardens and even skips. Along with convincing landlords to renovate their shops for them, designing websites (with the help of a creative genius in Kirsty McGibbon from Sharper Marketing) renovating their first caravan "Marj", going on endless research trips to other vintage shops and auction houses among many other things they are almost ready to open the doors of their fabulous new shop "LILY & VIOLET VINTAGE". The grand opening is yet to be confirmed but is expected to be around mid June so please take a look at their facebook page or website www.lilyandvioletvintage.co.uk where they will announce the date . Please come and take a look the shop at Bristol House in Silver Street, (some of you may remember it as Kidsons bike shop) when they open, they will be very happy to see you .

1st.Berkeley Brownies & Rainbows

Dear friends, since our last letter in the flyer we have completed our Easter egg hunt around the town,

We would like to say a special "thank you" to Berkeley pharmacy for all their help and to all the shops and houses who allowed us to put Easter eggs in their windows, all your kindness was appreciated and to all those who took part - thank you.

Our district commissioner pulled the winners names out of a bag and they were.

Easter egg hunt.....Hayley Bryant
Find the bunnies.....Aimee Watson

So thank you to everyone.

Our next venture will be our "centenary show"

As Brownies everywhere are celebrating the brownie movement being 100 years old this year, there are certain challenges the girls have to do, and one of them is to "involve your community" so this show will be part of their task. The Rainbows and Brownies have been working very hard to prepare their evening's entertainment, so we do hope you will come and support them.

The show takes place on Friday and Saturday June 13th & 14th in the town hall from 6.30 to 7.45 approx.

Tickets will be on sale from Berkeley pharmacy. Adults £3.00 ch/ s.c.£1.50

Also please put this date in your diary; Saturday September 13th when we will be holding a garden party in the garden of Jenner museum, we look forward to seeing you.

Brownie & Rainbow committee.



Photo courtesy of Andrew from the Gardening Club who are having a plant sale at the Town Hall on the 7th June between 10am and midday

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WHAT'S ON ...



Berkeley Players

Hello Everyone

Calm down, calm down. I know you've missed our little articles in the flyer, and that they are the high-light of your month but we've been very busy.

Just because we are not actually on stage performing doesn't mean we have been lounging about sipping fine wines while our butler feeds us grapes. Oh no. Our butler is allergic to grapes, so he feeds us prunes instead.

Anyhow, here's a date to put in your diary.

We are proud to announce that our next production will be 'DARK RIVER', a play by Alexa Romanes.

Set in Victorian London, Dark River traces the fortunes of the poorest inhabitants, from the Mudlarks who scour the Thames mud for a pittance, to the crossing sweepers, costers and pickpockets. Into their midst comes a mysterious stranger, Sal, a maid-of-all-work from the country who is running from her Rotherhithe employer.

We have performed Dark River previously, and everyone agreed that it was a stunning piece of work, and that it is well due another airing.

DARK RIVER will be performed on the Jenner Museum Gardens on the 4th and 5th of July. Bring your own chairs, and refreshment will be available. Adults £4.00 and children / SC £2.00. Tickets will be on sale from Berkeley Pharmacy from the 16th June.

Miss it at your peril.

COFFEE MORNING EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Saturday 14th June
10.00—11.30

We shall be holding our usual coffee morning with a selection of home made cakes, tea and coffee. You are welcome to drop in or stay all morning. We never limit the number of refills in cup or on plate and we make no charge. If you would like more information or a lift to be able to join us please phone Grace on 811138 or Dawn on 810494. See you in June.

Many thanks,
Dawn.



Open Farm Sunday Billow Farm on June 8th

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Berkeley Primary School



KEEP MOVING!

There is a full calendar of engaging activities and events planned for both the children, parents and the local community during the month of June and beyond.

Miss Robbins, Deputy Head, with a dedicated band of volunteers has made a splendid job of repainting the outdoor swimming pool. Visitors can now enjoy a splash and a swim with our new resident octopus, turtle and other oceanic sea creatures! The children have been delighted by the new additions which hopefully won't be too much of distraction during their swimming lessons. We are one of very few privileged primary schools in Gloucestershire who have a swimming pool on site. This means that all our children, from Little Jesters to the Year 6 pupils, are able to receive swimming lessons over and above that expected within the National Curriculum. Members of the local community, weather permitting, can take advantage of the pool facilities too after school.

Last year our **School Swimming Gala** was enjoyed equally by both children and parents alike. This year again we are expecting a tightly fought contest between the competitors who will be spurred on by proud parents and family members. This event is scheduled for **Tuesday 15th July**.

If travelling 'on land' is preferred

then there are three major sporting events to look forward to.

Traditionally, the school **Sports Day** involves every child in the school; this year is no exception and will take place on **Thursday 3rd July** (Friday 4th July reserve date).

However, this year, especially for our **Little Jesters** we have organised their own special **Sports Day** on **Tuesday 1st July** (Wednesday 2nd July reserve date).

We have some amazing athletes at the school, hoping they get a chance to demonstrate skill, strength, stamina and star quality during the inter-school **District Sports** events on the **16th June** for the **Field** and the **18th June Track Events**. These extremely popular annual events are always full of surprises as those who were there last year witnessed an unexpected visitor parachuting onto the track!

Part of a healthy life-style includes being physically active. Our desire is for our children to make healthy choices and therefore we have been providing the children with a 'tasty menu' of after school sporting activities, some of which have been newly introduced; these include golf, tennis and multi-skills sessions. Not only are they developing a new found knowledge and skill of a sport but the children are discovering that they are having fun. It is our desire that this will establish a lifelong healthy life-style of regular physical exercise.

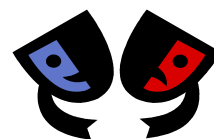
A healthy interest in history is very much evident this term at the school. Every class will be either venturing to a venue of historical interest or inviting a host who will bring the current topic 'alive' in the classroom. For example, to bring the learning of Neolithic history to life Year 5 will be visiting Stonehenge. To discover how the Anglo-Saxon's

defended themselves from the Vikings, Year 3 will be visiting Old Saarum, an ancient Anglo-Saxon settlement near Salisbury. We are all looking forward to the return of Year 2 from their trip to Cadbury World where they will be discovering the history of chocolate! History never tasted so good!

New environments can inspire and stimulate a hunger to discover more about the world around us. How do we create a window into a different world, into a realm into which a child can gaze and find food which feeds the imagination? Our answer has been to invite professional performers from M.M. Productions to stage the Hunchback of Notre Dame. We are hoping that this experience will provide the source for a wealth of inspired and creative pieces of writing.

Little Jesters have also been extremely busy. If you would like to find out more about our pre-school provision **Little Jesters** will be hosting an **Open Day** on **Wednesday 9th July from 1.30p.m.** In addition, Little Jesters will be running a **Toddler Group** on **Friday** afternoons from **September 1-3p.m.**

We are extremely excited at the prospect of witnessing the children's joyous journey of learning and discovery and would be delighted if you could join us in this too by visiting our website at berkeleyprimary.org.uk.



Psst... Did you think we had forgotten about the Adults in the Berkeley Players?

We can't reveal too much yet, but we are busy working on something to commemorate the anniversary of World War 1

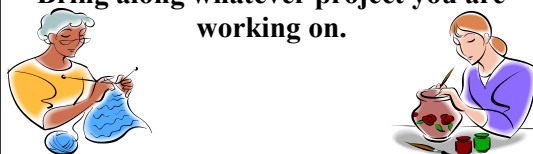
Dates and further information in next months edition



Berkeley Craft Club 1st Craft Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came and supported us at our first Craft Fayre on a very blowy and blustery Saturday! It was a very busy day in Berkeley with many events happening so we were so glad that our first event was a success. We are hoping to be working alongside the library at a few other local events selling all kinds of crafts from our group. So watch this space...

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Dr Chris Moran of Lantern Close has been awarded the prestigious St Ermin's intelligence book of the year award. His book "Classified" was chosen from hundreds of books on intelligence printed worldwide during the last twelve months.

Chris is an Assistant Professor of US National Security at Warwick University.

He is a regular contributor to BBC Radio 4 and is a consultant to the International Spy Museum in Washington DC.

He is an expert on James Bond. In this connection he has regular contact with the Ian Fleming Foundation.

He is a friend of the famous Tony Mendes of the movie Argo, and was interviewed for the Special Features DVD for the latest Jack Ryan movie.

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WHAT'S ON DIARY

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

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

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 8.30 Adults

Circuit Training/Keep Fit

Hamfields Leisure
6.30pm - 7.30pm
Contact Jess Efford 07866 255325

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 825096

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

QUIZ NIGHT!

Sundays at the Mariners Arms
Berkeley. 8.30 start

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
£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
Library 7.30pm

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)

Ellen's Dance Class for ages 4 -15

Sundays 9.30 - 10.30am
Sharpness Village Hall

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Handle the Past

Berkeley Excavations – 19 May – 13 June 2014

The University of Bristol's archaeological students return to the dig at Berkeley.

Join guided tours of the excavations from Berkeley Castle

amazing finds, incredible history...

Handle fascinating artefacts found at Berkeley, discover how they were uncovered and why they were there .

The University of Bristol will be returning to Berkeley for the tenth year in succession to continue with their excavations at the Berkeley Dig. Each year as their trenches go deeper and they explore different areas of the paddock, they uncover further spectacular finds.

Dr. Stuart Prior, Senior Teaching Fellow in Archaeological Practice, Director of the Berkeley Castle Project, said;

"This year we want to excavate the rest of the Norman House in the dig site. We were excited to see the remains of a Roman track way with cart runs within the paddock area too – you can actually see the wheel marks! There is also a mystery building, which may be evidence of a Tudor cabin that is recorded in the documentary records held by the Castle."

The project has been awarded funding from the University's Green Apple Scheme, this gives the students the resources to promote their activities and liaise with the local community.

Come to Berkeley Castle on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 19th May and 13th June, from 10am until 4pm and handle real archaeological artefacts which have been discovered at the Berkeley site. For the first time the staff and students from the University of Bristol are setting up a press office at Berkeley Castle and will be on hand to share their in-depth knowledge with you. This added attraction is included within the normal Castle admission price. Tours of the Dig depart from Berkeley Castle, these will be conducted on Tuesdays -20th, 27th May and 3rd, 10th June at 2pm.

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