



BERKELEY'S MOBILE BANK

The mobile bank arrived, as planned, on 4th September; luckily, it was a dry day as the queue extended all the way to the Town Hall.

Unfortunately, there were huge problems with the satellite dish on the roof, which couldn't get a signal, making it impossible to complete some transactions. Contrary to fears, the van didn't drive off at 12 o'clock so everyone did get some attention.

On the second week, Natwest arrived earlier. The systems all seemed to be working properly plus they asked the former Berkeley branch employee, Ambrose, to lend a hand which was very welcome.



When planning where to park the bus, Cllr Liz Ashton specifically asked Lamara Hibbert, from NatWest, whether there would be disabled access and was assured that 'everything would be fine' but, as you can see from the photo, it most definitely is not. The only way onto the bus is via a narrow set of three steep steps. Customers who use wheel chairs or have other mobility problems have to be served outside on the pavement. This is really not acceptable: there's no privacy or security.

Cllr Ashton had this advice *"Many of us feel the bank probably hopes we'll move our custom elsewhere but I don't think we should give up without a fight. Keep writing the letters!"*

Dr Jenner's House triumphs again with VisitEngland'



Back in June, the museum was secretly visited by an assessor of the 'VisitEngland' Visitor Attraction Quality Scheme 2015. The museum received an excellent 83% rating overall.

The volunteer team were particularly thrilled to gain a 5/5 for 'Admissions Staff knowledge' and 5/5 for 'Appearance of grounds

and gardens'.

There was also praise for the temporary exhibition shown in The Old Cyder House, with Dr Jenner's House: 30 Years of Events and Successes being described as 'a 'fascinating record'.

The museum wishes to warmly thank all our volunteers as the award is a brilliant result that is only achieved through their hard work.

Dr Jenner's House is open until the 30th September. We will also open for October half term. Please see our website for opening days and times: www.jennermuseum.com

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Dog owners of Berkeley town. I find myself again having to plead with the residents in this town to please clean up after their dogs. We know the majority of people in Berkeley are responsible but there are few that are spoiling things for many people in this community.

OFFENDING DOG OWNERS RISK PROSECUTION WITH A POSSIBLE MAXIMUM FINE OF £1,000

All dog owners are required to:

- ☐ Clear up when dogs have fouled
- ☐ Keep dogs on leads in designated areas.
- ☐ Put and keep dogs on leads when asked to by a District Council Officer
- ☐ Exclude dogs from children's play areas

The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 allows Local Authorities to designate specific areas where dog controls can be applied. After a public consultation, Stroud District Council decided to adopt four dog control orders.

What are the requirements in the Stroud district?

There are four dog control orders.

Each order applies to different specified areas in the Stroud District and in Summary requires dog owners to:

1. Clean up after their dog has fouled
2. Keep a dog on a lead on allotments, tow paths, cycle tracks, cemeteries and footpaths used along school routes.
3. Put a dog on a lead when directed to by an authorised officer.
4. Keep dogs out of enclosed children's play areas.

If a dog control order is breached then an offence would be committed. The Council then has the option to serve a fixed penalty notice. This is a penalty 'ticket' that would cost the offender £75 (which is reduced to £50 if paid within ten days). Alternatively the offender may be prosecuted; this could result in a fine of up to £1000.

(Persons using a guide dog or an assistance dog are exempt from the order)

We urge everyone to be responsible at all times and always clean up after their dog, fouling is both unpleasant and a health risk, particularly to children.

Please always carry a poop scoop and be prepared to use it!

If you have any dog related queries there are people who can help and are happy to give advice or if you have information regarding offending owners please contact us. We need your help to solve this problem.

Alex Davies, Animal Welfare Officer – 01453 754497

Josie Oak, Environmental Enforcement Officer: 01453 754490

Or Andy Murray, Neighbourhood Warden – 01453 754512

There are 500 dog waste bins all over the district in places identified as hot spots for dog walking and dog fouling. Please use these bins where provided and if there is not one take it home double bag it and put it in your waste bags at home for the collection team. Remember unfortunately your dogs can't collect it themselves.

Think pick up and scoop the poop



Berkeley Educational Swimming Trust (BEST) - September Draw

Winner	Sue Camper	Ball No. 11	£25.00
Runner Up	Alison Thompson	Ball No. 101	£15.00

The draw took place on 10th September at Memorandum by Sharon King. On behalf of BEST I would like to thank Memorandum for their continued support. Regards, Gill Badsey (Lottery Manager for BEST)

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HELP NEEDED

Please could you spare a few hours to collect for the 2015 Poppy Appeal?

In 2015 the Poppy Appeal is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the First World War and continues to support injured service personnel and bereaved families in their own homes and through six care homes. I am your local organiser and need several more people to undertake house-to-house collections in the Berkeley area. It would be wonderful if we could top the £4000 we raised last year.

If you could spare a few hours at the end of October please contact Ray Chaney (telephone 01453 811545 or e-mail ray.chaney@btinternet.com).

Ray Chaney
Honorary Berkeley
and Sharpness District
Appeal Organiser.



Berkeley Primary School are currently looking to recruit a Midday Supervisor to work Monday – Friday, 12.00pm – 1.15pm. As well as helping out in the dinner hall, you will be expected to supervise the children on the playground / field and in the classrooms during wet play. You will need to be physically fit as the role includes setting out and putting away tables and chairs. If you are interested, application forms can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website.



BERKELEY WI

Here we are back from our Summer break and a start to the evening meetings once more. What do we have on offer up to Christmas? There is to be a walk for those of us energetic enough for it at Coopers Edge School at 10am on 21st November. A trip to Cardiff Christmas Market on Thursday 26th November has been arranged. On 18th November at WI House in Gloucester there is a training day "Computer Skills Internet Safety" at 1.00pm. If you feel you need a holiday next year there is a "Glorious Guernsey" one from 18th to 22nd April 2016. On the 24th November there is "Resolutions Shortlist Conference" at The Guildhall Gloucester from 10.30am until 1.30pm. So something for everyone!

So to our monthly meeting. Judith welcomed us all and hoped that we had a good break. Our speaker for the night was Rose Hewlett. Her topic was about the Severn Flood which happened on 20th January 1607. It affected a large area of South Wales and the Severn Estuary into Bristol and up to Gloucester and beyond. It was a natural disaster, a combination of a high tide, strong winds and a deluge of rain. It started about 3.00am in the morning and lasted about 5 or 6 hours. We know all this from the written word in pamphlets which were produced in London, also from local parish registers which were written by the vicars of each area and by other important family records one of which was the Standling family. It was stated that the water across the Somerset Levels was 11-12 feet deep in places and the water was up to Glastonbury Tor which is 14 miles inland. There are records by John Smith at Berkeley Castle which state it was the worst storm in history. There was much loss of life

and lots of animals –sheep, pigs and cattle drowned. Some said it was God punishing the people for their sins. There are still flood marks on local churches to this day and prints of woodcuts in pamphlets illustrated what it must have looked like. A lot of people lost their livelihood that night. It was a very interesting talk and very elegantly given by Rose. She was given an appreciative vote of thanks at the end.

After a cup of tea the evening came to a close. Our next meeting is on Thursday 8th October at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. The speaker is I Green and the topic is "Wild Life Photography" which sounds very interesting. You would be very welcome to attend and call Vicki Young on 01453 810929.

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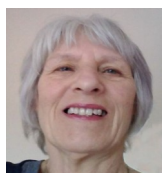
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Hello everyone. I'd like to start by giving you a bit of local news then I will give you some

information that may be of interest to anyone who is the "carer" for a relative.

The Hearing Aid Clinic will be held at Marybrook Medical Centre on 22/10/2015 at 10.00 till 12.30. Please contact the surgery to make an appointment. The cost for the clinic is still £2.50 per person, to clean and re-tube hearing aids and to give NHS hearing aid wearers batteries. These clinics do not test peoples hearing.

World Jungle is organising another "Full of Life" community event at the Chantry Centre in Dursley to celebrate Older People's Day on Thursday 1st October at 1pm till 3pm. It is a free event aimed at the 50+ and will include a mixture of free activities, taster sessions, refreshments and entertainment. I will be going to join in the fun!

Recently I have been involved in helping several carers get information, support and advice. Regardless of the specifics behind a person needing care, being a carer can be very isolating, exhausting and increasingly demanding, especially if the cared for person has a progressive or long term condition. There are an estimated 6 million unpaid carers in the UK, so with that in mind I thought I would spend a little time looking at what sort of help is available.

All carers are entitled to a Carers Assessment which is to look at an individual's needs. This could result in more services being provided for the person who needs the care, or a break for the carer and information on rights and benefits, emotional support, access to therapies, treatments and coping strategies. You can ask for an assessment through the Adult Help Desk and it will be carried out by Carers Gloucestershire.

As a carer what happens if you were to have an emergency situation? You and the person you care for should agree a plan, if it is possible talk to your Care Co-ordinator if you have one and register

on the Cares Emergency Scheme. Level 1 nominates two contacts (organised through Carers Gloucestershire) and Level 2 is for someone with high care needs where a support worker will be provided for up to 48 hours by the County Council. This is free and organised through the Adult Help Desk.

Carers Gloucestershire specialise in helping carers to get the support that they need. They have specialist knowledge on so many things, whether it is about emotional support, having time-out breaks, or breaks away together, support groups and loads more. They also do a "Positive Care Programme" which covers topics such as health and wellbeing, emotions and stress, how to access services and support. They are held around the county, mornings and evenings, and help can be given for replacement care and transport. They are informal and you will meet others in similar situations.

If you would like any further information please call me, or you can go directly to the organisations:

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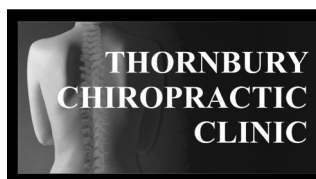


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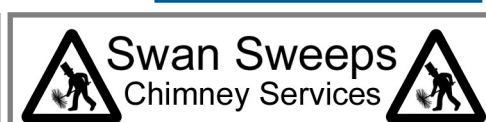
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Changes Welcome Hypnotherapy

This month's guide looks at grief. No topic better demonstrates the fact that, regardless of how well we are doing in life, and how well we cope with adversity, things sometimes happen, which are difficult to deal with.

Although grief affects all of us at some stage, many people endure its negative effects for a great many years longer than they need. If you think of grief as a process, which we go through, then it is certainly useful in many ways to progress through this and continue as soon as possible to live our lives again in a positive and meaningful way.

But the thoughts associated with grief can be very powerful, and include guilt, anger, remorse & sorrow to name a few. They affect even the strongest amongst us.

Here it's useful to remember that every negative thought that we have is essentially transformed into anxiety. This anxiety in turn adds to life's stresses and strains, causing primitive reactions, which are not conducive to again feeling happy and content. If we are not careful, we may enter into a negative self-sustaining cycle of stress, anxiety, and even depression, which may need some extra help to shift.

Hypnotherapists would not ordinarily work with grief of a loved one until it's gone on for too long, but what is too long? The turning point is when you decide enough is enough, and I want to get back on with your life.

Grief comes in many shapes and sizes

You are probably thinking of grief as the loss of someone close. But it's not just the loss of someone you care about that we can grieve over. Things like relationship breakdown, divorce, and even losing a prized possession like a family home can instigate the mourning process, and can all be effectively helped through hypnotherapy.

Life after death

Grieving is normal, the catch is when a person is not able to move forward even after months or even years. In some cases grief can be deferred for many years, particularly if they couldn't grieve at the time. A person may then be annoyed at themselves because they are not grieving, or they may fear the grief itself.

Grief may be aided by hypnotherapy

It's imperative to recall our loved one and at the same time have the ability to accept our loss. The overwhelming emotions grief generates can be brought in check making use of hypnotherapy. Hypnotherapists have useful methods to help stop the negative internal thoughts that we have about the demise of a loved one and replace them with more desirable, and hopefully beneficial ones.

As soon as people become aware of their thoughts, it allows them to tackle these properly and start on the road to recovery. When you're able to grieve properly you can start focusing on the qualities that person had.

If you are finding that the grieving process is still holding you back long after the passing, then you can do something about it. Why not contact Changes Welcome Hypnotherapy and book an initial consultation where you can learn more about how this therapy can help you

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Its Flu Jab time again! The surgery will be holding its annual flu clinics week beginning 5th October. If you are over 65, pregnant or suffer from a chronic illness you are entitled to a free flu jab. Please phone the surgery to make an appointment or to check if you are entitled to a free flu jab. Don't worry if you are unavailable for the week commencing 5th October, further dates will be available.

Return unused medicines: Unused medicines can be a risk if left in the home. If you have any pills etc. leftover please take them into the chemist. They will arrange for the medicines to be destroyed safely. Please do not put them out for ordinary rubbish collection.

Please do not collect medication if you have enough supplies at home, the pharmacy will be happy not to dispense medication to prevent wastage and to save costs.

Hospital referrals: If your doctor decides you need to be referred to a Consultant for further investigation you will be sent a list of at least three different local hospitals to choose from. If for some reason you prefer a hospital away from the area, perhaps near relatives, this can also be arranged.

There is also a very helpful website – NHS Choices (www.nhs.uk) – which has a lot of Information about the NHS and other services available e.g. physio etc.

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Planning Applications – the Council has supported the proposed development of the old hospital site in Berkeley. We have made a few suggestions relating to the flats, refuse areas and parking issues which can be viewed on the Stroud District website.

Park View Play Area – we have agreed with Stroud District Council the lease for the play area and are hopeful that it will be in place within the next month or so. It will last for 25 years. When it is in place we will be doing a complete review of the play areas which are our responsibility with a view to updating them.

Canon Park Recreation Ground – I owe Berkeley Town Football Club an apology. My last report should have read three floodlights and not two!

Recreation Field – we are pleased to report that Council have received a grant for £15,000 from Active Together at Gloucester County Council. The Institute of Groundsmen will be providing the expert help to find out the cause of the flooding and the grant will enable us to ensure that we put in the correct measures to alleviate the problem.

Youth Club – we have agreed a new three year deal to provide youth club facilities in Berkeley. Cllrs Liz Ashton and Tony Tucker are leading on this and gave the details regarding start times etc. in last month's Flyer.

Town Centre CCTV – we are pleased to report that Council have received a grant of £7,950 from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund, payable over two years, towards the cost of providing improved CCTV cover and the work started in August and will have been completed when this month's Flyer is published. The current cameras will be updated, and in addition there will be an extra five cameras covering areas of Salter Street (2), Marybrook Street, Canonbury Street and the start of High Street. All the cameras will provide images which are good enough to be used in a Court of Law.

Val Watts

The future of our bus services

Several people have told me of fears that some of our bus services are due to be axed. In order to clarify the situation, I've recently spoken to Alan Barrett from Shire Hall. We all know that budgets are tight at the moment so the County Council has to demonstrate that their services give value for money.

There is shortly going to be a survey of particular buses which carry a disappointing number of passengers. Everyone will have the opportunity to contribute either on-line or using paper copies

from the library. Travel Advisers will also board any affected buses to talk to passengers. The survey will be well publicised with posters listing the services most likely to be affected; there will also be drop-in events across the county.

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Cllr Liz Ashton : SDC Berkeley Ward

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WELCOME TO BERKELEY

Eagle eyed Flyer readers will already have spotted the new signs on the four main roads into the Town and hopefully have been pleasantly surprised. A few months ago the Town Council set up a new Streetscape and Street Furniture Committee to look at how the Town Centre and approaches could be smartened up to present a more friendly image for the growing number of visitors to the Town.

Working with local Gloucestershire County Councillor Brian Tipper, the Committee were able to take advantage of his offer to secure the necessary funding from the Area Highways Budget.

The Town Council aim to present a more friendly and interesting image for visitors, to encourage them to dwell a little longer and explore what the Town has to offer. As can be seen from the before and after pictures here, the signs offer the prospect of delving into the 900 year old history of the Town as well as sampling the modern delights of the shopping area.

Further projects under consideration include additional flower planters and displays during winter and summer to brighten up the shopping area, more visitor friendly signage to highlight the attractions and facilities and a scheme to encourage businesses and householders to continue to provide the hanging baskets and flower tubs which have been such a delight to see in Market Place, Salter Street, High Street, Canonbury Street, Berkeley Books Library, School playground and throughout the Town.

If you have any ideas you'd like to share with the Town Council on how you'd like to see the Town improved, why not drop us a note which we can share with the Streetscape and Street Furniture Committee. Let Berkeley flourish.



BERKELEY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Hot news from Christmas Fayre organiser Val Watts is the date for this year's event which is to be held on Saturday 12th December in the Market Place from 2.30 onwards. An exciting new development is the proposal to link with St Mary's Church which is holding an all day Christmas Tree Decorating event on Saturday and it's hoped that parents and children can attend both to spread the magic of the day even more. Santa Claus will be arriving as is now traditional at around 4.30 and plans are emerging for a candlelit procession from the Church down to the Market Place to greet him

with a warm Berkeley welcome. Details will be published nearer the time but get the date in your diary now. Don't miss your children's favourite day.

The Fayre Committee are also encouraging shops and businesses around the Market Place to stay open and offer a last chance for people to get their gifts and Christmas shopping locally.

Why spend your money elsewhere, Berkeley has more to offer than you'd think, including the very special Made in Berkeley Christmas Gift Fayre at the Town Hall on Saturday 21st November.

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BERKELEY FORUM

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Dear Editor

In your last publication I wrote that I would find out more about Sharpness being identified as a possible fracking site. During the last few weeks I've been drilling down to establish the chances of fracking coming to this area and here are some replies I got from people who should know

Lewiss Robinson from Neil Carmichael's Westminster Office

"Even if a company successfully bids for a licence in the local area, it still has to win planning permission and permission from other assorted agencies (the Environment Agency being one)"

"My understanding is there is nothing in Stroud and unlikely to be"

David Hagg Chief Executive Stroud District Council

"On the 18th August the oil and gas authority announced a further 27 areas where licences would be considered these are subject to planning consents."

"A map identifies an area of the Forest of Dean. This grid includes a small area of our district along the Severn shoreline, though my understanding is that this is only included given the radius around the main area for potential exploration."

Barry Wyatt Strategic Head Of Planning Stroud District Council

"Any application would be a County matter with the district as a statutory consultee only."

Patrick Molyneux Leader of Forest Of Dean District Council

"Our understanding is that a habitats consultation is currently being undertaken in an area covering much of the forest. As a council we are very against fracking in the forest, we believe there are far more appropriate sites. Mark Harper our MP is behind us and has given us words of comfort. A local protest group Frack Off Our Forest has been formed and they have already petitioned outside Gloucester County Council Offices".

Conclusion

Much of the Forest Of Dean which takes in a small section at Sharpness has been identified by the oil & gas authority as an area that might be suitable for fracking and a habitats regulations consultation is being carried out, this and other consultations may or may not indicate that the area is worthy of further investigation.

Given that there are many previously identified sites mainly around Nottingham and Lincolnshire that are quite advanced and very accessible, then the Forest of Dean area which includes Sharpness may go no further. If it looks like it will, then Local MPs who I am guessing are not against fracking in principle are lined up against this specific location on the basis that this is not an appropriate area. The Forest Of Dean District Council is very strongly against it and by the time this letter is published in The Flyer I will have had a meeting with my Group at Stroud District Council and our County Councillor Brian Tipper to ask them to oppose it and I am confident that Liz Ashton will have had a similar meeting with her group.

I guess the message right now is yes The Forest including Sharpness has been identified as an area that may contain shale gas and that's it for the moment. If things move on from there then the defences are in place !

Gordon Craig—Stroud District Councillor Berkeley Ward

Dear sir

I would like to thank Valerie and Martin (they know who they are!) very much for finding my dogs and returning them safely to my garden while I was out looking for them. I am extremely grateful, especially as they were quite dirty and were put into a very clean car!

Val Watts



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BERKELEY FORUM *continued*

As you probably know from recent reports in the Gazette and other local papers, the Government have issued licences for fracking in 27 new areas of the country, including our own.

Fracking is a method of obtaining gas by drilling deep under the ground then forcing a mixture of water and chemicals, such as hydrochloric acid and benzene, down at high pressure to fracture the rocks below. In suitable areas this releases gas which is then pumped to the surface. Apart from the original drill hole, several other horizontal channels are also created, radiating out like a spiders' legs deep under the ground for up to 10 kilometers in length.

In some areas, such as the Forest of Dean, it is likely that there is a lot of methane remaining in the old coal fields. The geology in our area is less likely to yield gas but the Cambrian shales in the Severn Vale are considered a possible source of gas.

In the US there have been leaks of methane from the pipes which have contaminated water sources. Bristol Water extracts its water from the canal in Purton; if that became contaminated the results could be catastrophic. We also have the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust in Slimbridge, historic monuments such as the Castle and the area of Special Scientific Interest in the middle of the river all of which need protection.

Hansard 26th January this year contained a quote from the Energy & Climate Change Secretary, Amber Rudd in which she said:

"We have agreed an outright ban on fracking in National Parks, areas of Special Scientific Interest and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty".

I feel the Government should be held to this promise.

The world is already suffering the effects of climate change caused by the use of fossil fuels; by permitting fracking we are futherling this damage. I feel very strongly that we should be promoting the use of green, renewable energy for the sake of our children and the planet.

Cllr Liz Ashton—Stroud District Councillor, Berkeley Ward

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OCTOBER IN THE GARDEN

Welcome to the Autumn mist and mellow fruitfulness. The garden at this time of year can be just as colourful with careful planning as the Summer months have been with the leaves turning golden brown and the fruits of crab apple, Pyracantha, Berberis, and Holly which are all richly painted. Also there are lots of late flowering plants such as Michaelmas Daisy, Chrysanthemums, long elegant stems of Anemone japonica and round heads of Sedum and Rudbeckia, the violet blue of the Autumn Crocus and the pink Nerine bowdenii all opening in a delightful display.

This month may see the first frost of Winter so any tender plants must be protected, either taken indoors or cuttings can be taken so that if they succumb to cold then there will be new plants ready for Spring. This year I have saved a lot of seed from my garden such as Lupin, Aquilegia, and Primula. Wait until they have ripened on the plants. If you are unsure whether they are ripe just tap them gently and if the seeds fall out then they are ready to collect. Always harvest them when they are dry. Have a large tray with paper on it and gently tap and the seeds will fall on to the paper. These can then be spread out for a few days until thoroughly dried. Store them in paper bags and label clearly the date you collected them and the type of seed.

Pots and bowls of bulbs for indoor flowering should be organised now if you have not already done so. Make a point to leave all potted bulbs in a cool place for a minimum of eight weeks to enable them to form a good root system before bringing them into the mild warmth of a cool greenhouse or conservatory. They can finally be brought into the house and a warm living room as they come into bud. This will give you strong growth and not the floppy pale green growth that too much heat will produce.

Planting out Spring bedding can be done in beds and borders, there may be obvious gaps from clearing out summer plants when they have finished flowering. These need to be filled so take the opportunity to plant Wall flowers, Sweet William, Forget me Nots or Pansies and Polyanthus. Spring will be all the poorer without the sight and scent of this display.

Before the more boisterous of the gales get underway do check supports and stakes you may have for your plants. They may have worked loose over the Summer months and need to be secured. Now is the time to finish lifting potatoes – leave them on the surface of the soil for a couple of hours to let them dry out. It is important for them to be dry before you put them into storage. Only store them in paper or hessian sacks. Any damaged ones that have turned green should be discarded. A potato is a swollen underground stem and if light gets to them they will turn green and if eaten will give you an upset tummy.

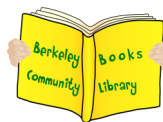
Indoor pots of herbs such as Mint, Parsley or Thyme will provide you with valuable additions to winter meals. So dig up a few roots and shoots and put them into small pots of compost, water in, and stand on a bright windowsill in the kitchen. You will have fresh herbs at your fingertips throughout the winter.

October is a good time to take stock of your garden and plan any alterations you may want to do over the winter months. A little thought now can save a great deal of work later on.

Ann Legg

NEWS FROM BERKELEY BOOKS

YOUR COMMUNITY LIBRARY



After the summer break Clubs are meeting again:

Crochet for beginners is Tuesday from 11.00 to 12.00.

Craft Club meets last Wednesday of each month at 10.30. Why not join us – bring along any project you are working on.

Gardening Club, which meets on 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30 have a varied programme of speakers or demonstrations.

Summer Reading Challenge:

The reading challenge has now finished. All those who completed the Challenge can collect their certificate and extra reward from the Library.

Raffle:

The handmade crochet blanket, which is the 1st prize in our Raffle, is now complete and on display in the Library.

2016 Calendar:

The 2016 Calendar is on sale in the Library, Coventry Building Soc., Berkeley Flowers and Berkeley Tea Rooms priced at £5.99.

50/50 Sponsored Walk

Unfortunately, due to lack of interest, we had to cancel this year's 50/50 Sponsored Walk.

Notelets:

As well as our cards and crafts we have a selection of Notelets for sale which feature local views.

New Stock:

We are continuously updating our stock. Why not call in to the Library to see if we have something to interest you.

Thornbury Musical Theatre Group

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'CALAMITY JANE'

Watch out! Sharpshooting, gun slinging Calamity Jane is shortly to ride into Thornbury town on the Deadwood Stage. 'Calamity Jane' will be performed by the Thornbury Musical Theatre Group at the Armstrong Hall in Thornbury from 21 to 24 October.

Romance, comedy, lively dancing and a great score (including the songs "Black Hills of Dakota" and "My Secret Love") make 'Calamity Jane' a must see musical. Suitable for the whole family to enjoy, it is sure to be a crowd puller. Performances 7.30 pm nightly and also a matinee on 24 October at 2.30 pm.

Tickets bookable online at www.tmtg.org.uk. Adults £12, concessions £10, and a family ticket for 4 costs £36. Group discounts of 10% can be arranged via our Box Office for 10+ seats. For enquiries call Angie at the Box Office on 07516 270140. Tickets also available at Lisa Costa Residential Sales and Lettings at 53 High Street, Thornbury.

For more information about 'Calamity Jane' and our group generally, take a look at www.tmtg.org.uk or contact us by email at membership@tmtg.org.uk

EVAGELICAL CHURCH COFFEE MORNING- SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER 10 - 11.30am

The better than expected weather encouraged many evangelists seekers to join us at our September morning. We were pleased to see some new faces among our regular visitors. I hope that now you've had a taste of the cakes on offer you'll be back for more. Thank you to all who took shoe boxes to fill ready for the Operation Christmas Child appeal. A filled box is such a simple way to give a needy child somewhere in the world a great deal of pleasure.

We look forward to seeing you in October. If you haven't already seen what we're about why not give it a try?

For more information or transport help please phone Dawn on 810494 or Grace on 811138.

HAMFIELDS LEISURE

Friday 30 October
Firework Night & Halloween Extravaganza
(for more details see Facebook/Twitter)

Saturday 19 December
Christmas Party Night
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Thursday 31 December - New Year's Eve
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Events at Dr Jenner's House

Thursday 15th October
Museum Man
The Multi-Talented Joseph Ritson Wallace
Andrew Legg (7:30pm, Tickets £5)

Saturday 5th December
Christmas Craft Fair
11am-4pm, Free Entry

Monday 7th December
The Amazing Christmas Magic Lantern Show
Pat & Norma Furley (7:30pm, Tickets £5)

"VALE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

Our Christmas Shop will be open in the Hospital reception area from 26 October on Monday - Wednesday mornings (9 am - 12 noon). Why not pop along and get some stocking fillers. We will also have Christmas cards on sale and, of course, we always have second hand books for sale.

On Monday 23 November we are also having a coffee day (9.30 am - 4 pm) so you can combine some shopping with a cup of coffee and some homemade cake!

All monies received at the above events will be used for the benefit of both inpatients and outpatients."

WHAT'S ON DIARY

For a regular entry in the What's On Diary please email editor@theberkeleyflyer.co.uk before 15th of the month

MONDAY

Town Council Meeting
21 September 7.30 pm

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

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 (recycling week) £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

Past-Times Café
Marybrook Medical Centre
Chat, Crafts, and tea. 2.00pm

TUESDAY

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

Town Planning & Finance Meetings
8th September 7.00 pm

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

FRIDAY

Bingo in the Mariners Arms
Fridays from 3pm

Berkeley Community Library
Fridays 10.30am - 4.30pm

Berkeley Rainbows
Fridays The Scout 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

Coffee Morning
Every 2nd Saturday of the month
10.00-11.30 at The Evangelical Church

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
Mariners Arms Berkeley. 8.30pm start

Berkeley Union Church
Salter Street, Berkeley.
(Next to town hall)
Sunday Services 10.00 am -11.00 am
Coffee, Tea and biscuits to follow

St Mary's Church
4th Oct 10.30 All Age Harvest
Communion; 7 pm Farmer's Harvest
Service
11th & 25th Oct 9.30 Choral
Communion; 11.00 All Age
Worship (No evening services)
18th Oct 9.30 Parish Communion;
11.00 All Age Communion; 6pm
Evensong

THURSDAY

Bingo - Sharpness Village Hall
from 7.30pm contact Jimmy Thomas
01453 811339

Coffee Morning
Thursdays, Union Church Schoolroom
10.00 - 11.00am

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

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RECIPE

With the kitchen team recuperated and the recent success of the pop up restaurant "Nothing Ever Happens" I think it's time for another pop up, don't you?

Different location, different vibe and an idea that's been talked about between me and the landlord from the Pier View Hotel, Mr Pete Waite, for a tres tres long temp. Soooooo, on the 16th and 17th of OCTOBER we are proud to announce the transformation of the Pier View Hotel to the pop up PIER VIEW AMERICAN DINER.

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This event is also kid friendly with the kitchen open from 5PM til 7.30 for the kids, then us adults can be-bop and rock and roll to the late hours munching burgers and jive talking with the kitchen open until late.... So come on down and say "HOWDY!"

This month's offering is going to be a big nod to that great American tradition of milkshakes and cream sodas and this one will most definitely be on our menu. I've made these with or without booze so they are fine for the kids. (well I suppose it all depends on how much bourbon your kids drink)

There is something essentially comforting and authentically American when making these. They are quick simple and full of opportunities for experimentation. They also make a superlative alternative to the 'usual' dessert. The best thing is you probably have all these ingredients already. Let's make a MISSISSIPPI MUDSLIDE FLOATER.

YOU WILL NEED:

A stick blender or jug blender or even your nutra bullet can do this, although nutritious it aint. A mixing bowl, chocolate ice cream, single cream, bourbon biscuits and a couple of measures of Jack Daniels (other brands of bourbon are available) Some nice tall glasses to serve your mudslide in. Sorted....to the lab.

METHOD:

This is dead easy folks. Fill the serving glass $\frac{3}{4}$ full with single cream and pour into the mixing bowl then repeat for each serving. Then break up 2 bourbon biscuits for each serving and wang those in the mix too. Next for the booze!! Add a good 50ml serving of bourbon, splosh it in for each serving. A couple scoops of chocolate ice cream next, get 'em in there. Finally, it's time to whizz it up good and proper, when you're done whizzing.... Whiz it some more making sure all those biscuits have broken up. It's time to serve up. Pour the mix into your swanky glasses and add a small scoop of chocolate ice cream on top...

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