



BBC (BUMPER BERKELEY CHRISTMAS)

On our last front page in December we celebrated the many events planned to brighten up the dull and dark winter days in the run up to Christmas. Here are some of the highlights.

The Town Christmas tree attracted huge attention this year and local girl Lisa Higgins thought that it would be a good idea to spruce it up with some decorations provided by the community at large. Even she was amazed at the success of the response to her Facebook page with dozens of local children and parents fixing some amazing baubles as you can see from the picture. Thanks to the people of Berkeley for this display of community spirit. If you provided a decoration which you'd like to retrieve, don't forget that 12th night is 6th January, after which they'll be removed to the Library where the ladies of the handicraft section have offered to spice them up with some new crochet covers ready for next year. Donations of festive coloured wool would be gratefully accepted. Local traders and householders surpassed themselves with their contribution to the Christmas lights and the Berkeley Lanterns display at the top of High Street was stunning. Drop us a line to tell us what else you'd like to see for Christmas 2016 in the Town.

In the same vein, St Mary's Church held the first Christmas Tree Festival and donated 9 trees to be decorated by local groups. As our picture shows the results were just amazing and the trees were auctioned, raising £475 for the Belltower appeal and Church funds. The large numbers of townspeople who came to view the trees requested that the event become a part of the Festive calendar in 2016. Watch out for your chance to get involved this

year.

Santa made more than a few appearances at local events including the annual Buffs Children's Party, Salutation Christmas Market and the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's. Some of our readers managed to catch a picture or two to share with those who didn't catch a glimpse.

Sadly the annual Christmas Fayre in the



Market Place had to be cancelled for safety reasons, due to the high winds which developed on the day. However, plans are afoot to weatherproof the event this year so that the much anticipated torch lit children's parade from St Mary's to Market Place can take place.

Cornerstone of the Christmas celebrations each year is the Berkeley Players pantomime and the 2015 production of Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves lived fully up to expectations. The amazing chorus line and snappy musical and dance numbers brought the old story to light in a laugh a minute escapade which sold out for every performance. Here's to more of this traditional community entertainment in 2016.



GUEST WRITERS GET YOUR PENS AT THE READY!

How would you like to be a guest writer for the Berkeley Flyer? If you have any amusing or interesting stories to share we would be happy to print them.

You can send them to us by email: editor@theberkeleyflyer.co.uk or write them out and drop them into the Flyer post box in the Berkeley Pharmacy. Photos of old Berkeley are also welcome and any original photos sent in to us will be returned to you - so long as you give us your address!

The Flyer Team

BERKELEY BOOKS – YOUR COMMUNITY LIBRARY

A very Happy New Year to everyone from all of us in the Library.

December was a very busy month for us. As well as attending craft fairs each weekend we supplied the refreshments for the Question Time held in the Town Hall and decorated one of the Christmas trees in St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival. Our thanks to all those who helped or supported us. All the profits we raise go towards running the Library.

We are now putting our plans together for 2016.

Children's Activity: 4th February is Harry Potter Night. We are running this event from 4.30 – 5.30. Of course, there will be magic, as well as a bubble machine where you could find yourself inside a bubble! You can also dress up as your favourite Harry Potter character. To join us you will need a Platform Ticket which can be bought for 50p from the Library. Numbers are limited so be sure to buy your ticket early.

Talk: David Tandy returns on 7th March to give his latest talk entitled Berkeley – a Town on an Island. Tickets will be available from the Library, priced at £5.00 each to include a glass of wine or soft drink.

We are also planning a Curry & Quiz Night and a repeat of the successful Summer Concert we held in St Mary's last year.

Berkeley Books – Committee



SALUTATION WINS YET ANOTHER AWARD

We are thrilled to announce that the Sally has been judged the Dursley and District CAMRA pub of the year 2016. This is the 3rd year in a row that the Sally has won this award and means that they can now have a crack at defending their current position as Gloucestershire Pub of the Year.



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Annual Precept. The Council have agreed to keep the precept at £81,000 for the year 2016/17. Therefore there will be no increase in the parish council element of your Council Tax.

Defibrillator. It was agreed several months ago to explore the possibility of locating a defibrillator in the centre of town. This is progressing but £2,500 has to be raised for the process. The Town Council has promised £1,000 towards the project and the Rotary Club have donated up to £250. In the new year there will be local fundraising to raise the remaining £1,250.

Recreation Ground – Land Drainage. We have received the report from the Institute of Groundsmanship, are now in the process of choosing a contractor. The work to provide drainage to part of the field will be done in the summer of 2016.

Planning Appeal. Regarding the 188 houses planned to be built on the land east of Berkeley, the Council decided to withdraw its previous comments and recommend refusal of the appeal on the grounds of lack of local infrastructure, dangerous access and location.

20mph speed limit. We are progressing with this. We are obtaining the results of speed surveys for all four roads entering Berkeley that have been taken by remote cameras which purely record vehicle speeds. We have received two sets of results and the other two should be with us soon.

Facebook. We have decided that it is time Berkeley Town Council has its own page. We will be setting this up over the next couple of months and will let you know when it is running properly.

Website. As technology has advanced since we started our website we are going to update it over the next few months and we will be able to make it much more community and visitor friendly. We will keep you up to date with progress. If you have any events coming up there is a section on the current website for advertising them, just email the information to the Town Clerk as above.

Pavilion Refurbishment. From May 2016 there will be refurbishment work being done at the pavilion as part of our Three Year Works Plan. Unfortunately this means that it will not be available for hire from 1st May to 31st August 2016. Please contact the Town Clerk if you would like to hire the Town Hall instead.

Val Watts

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WHAT IS ANGER?

In its basic sense, anger is a normal response, but a primitive way of increasing our strength to defend ourselves against a perceived threat. It may also be a result (or a mask for underlying feelings) of vulnerability, disappointment, hurt, worry, embarrassment or frustration. It covers a range of emotions ranging from a slight annoyance to a full, intense, and all-consuming rage.

This mechanism was crucial to our survival during our primitive development. When the caveman was faced with a dangerous animal or had to challenge another wild tribesman or defend his territory, he puffed up and beat his chest and would let out a loud roar. Or he would use his club to scare off any attackers. The anger response functions very effectively as a demonstration of power and an attempt to gain control of a situation (usually by instilling fear). We react as if something is dangerous or life threatening and that we need to speak out or act to change it. And even though we are no longer living in the jungle or have to defend ourselves against wild beasts, we are still left with this same brain function today. Unfortunately, getting angry is not always a good response to a lot of the situations we are faced with in the modern world.

Why Anger Management Therapy?

Anger Management therapy helps people to live healthier lives by recognising the triggers, and exploring the possibilities for an alternative more positive future, for example using hypnotherapy for anger management.

A good anger management strategy avoids the need to suppress the anger. Instead it will seek out ways suitable to you, which serve to prevent the anger or rage from occurring in the first place. For example,

by engaging in positive alternatives that allow us to cope better with the things, which are triggering the anger response.

When we instead go in for positive thought, positive interaction, and positive activity, then we can steer clear of the negative behaviours and habits that cause the issues in the first place.

Some signs that you may benefit from this type of therapy may include:

- *loss of self-control
- *anger responses are disproportionate to the event.
- *causing worry to loved ones.
- *actions are a threat to others - this includes family, friends, work colleagues & others.
- *angry feelings linger on until well after the triggering event has passed.
- *being violent/abusive - verbally, emotionally, physically or psychologically.
- *become passive-aggressive - silent treatment, sulking, sarcasm, or refusal to comply with a request as an indirect way of expressing your anger.
- *breaking things or damaging property in a fit of rage.
- *tendencies to react with anger upset relationships, especially with those who are close, young ones, lower in the hierarchy, or less powerful!
- *feeling angry all the time but being unable to express yourself.
- *using alcohol, drugs, or other addictions to try to manage your anger.

When should you seek help for Anger Management?

It can be argued that there are levels and expressions of anger that are considered helpful, for example to defend ourselves and our families from immediate and actual threat or danger. But if your anger is causing trouble with your health, personal/professional relationships, day-to-day living, or the law, then it might be best to get some expert professional help.

Changes Welcome Hypnotherapy holds regular practice hours at the Marybrook Medical Centre in Berkeley, as well as Nailsworth and Bristol. To book an initial consultation where you can learn more about how this therapy can help you, just call 01453 367 870/ 07825 286 550 and speak to Liane or Sam, or visit www.changeswelcome.co.uk.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLLERS RAISE CASH FOR ADDICTION

Rachael Goatman would like to thank everyone who took part and those who donated to the roaming Christmas carol singers who sang under many lamp posts and in local pubs on Wednesday 23rd December.

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THE GARDEN IN JANUARY

The New Year, and a new start to your garden. One should look back to last year's experiences whilst still looking forward and planning the year ahead. Although there are still activities indoors and out, most of the gardener's attention will be focused on masterminding the planning of this year's garden.

In the flower garden you will be considering any gaps left behind by lost plants or you may also need to move some plants to new areas. You may even be considering expanding borders or making new beds. For the vegetable garden draw a simple plan and rotate crops so that they are not grown in the same place as last year. This helps with disease problems as well as soil fertility management.

It's time to sow your sweet peas under cover, like all the legume family they like a long root run so deep pots are ideal. Water the compost and push a pair of seeds about 1/2in (1.2cm) below the surface. Cover with newspaper to keep the moisture and warmth in and the light out. It usually takes about 10 days for them to germinate. Also you can start to sow hardy annuals such as Nigella and Calendula now.

Keep a check on any forced bulbs you have planted in pots, also check your stored dahlias periodically for signs of disease. Remove any that are diseased to prevent it spreading. Any infection on individual tubers can be cut out and the cuts dusted with Flower of Sulphur.

Wisteria can be pruned at this time of year when it has established. Shoots should be shortened to two or three buds along the main stem. You can also do the same to any side shoots that have grown since the summer. In the summer the long whippy growths should have been shortened after flowering. This will contain the plant and produce fantastic flowering in the Spring.

If we have any snow be ready to knock it off any trees that may be damaged by it. In the greenhouse you can sow leeks, onions, broad beans, carrots and beetroot. I usually sow seed in small cells and then plant out later in the vegetable garden when they are about 3" or 4" (7.5 – 10.0 cm) tall and the weather has

improved.

Rhubarb plants can be covered and forced as soon as they show signs of growth. This will encourage early stems which are delicious made into a crumble - now there is a mouth watering prospect! Blackcurrants and Gooseberries which are established should be pruned now, taking off all damaged and old wood and the main branches cut back to a third of their length. To make an open network of branches always cut back to an outward facing bud.

It is a good idea to keep off the lawns if it is frozen or frosted as damage can be done with your feet which will show up as yellow patches when it thaws. Walk round your garden and plan to add plants for winter scent. There are lots of plants such as Daphne, Sarcococca and Viburnum which have lovely perfumes this time of year. Why not grow some Heathers and Winter Aconites for colour or Witch Hazel. There are lots of varieties on the market.

It is the time of year that the more you plan the better the garden will be for the whole of the year. So sit back with a good gardening book and have pen and paper at hand.

All the best for the new gardening year.

Ann Legg

DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME YOU COULD SPARE TO HELP US WITH THE FLYER?

We need more volunteer editors and an organised person to volunteer to administer the advertising for us. If you think you can help please email: editor@theberkeleyflyer.co.uk with your contact details and we will get back to you.



OOPS!

Unfortunately the Berkeley Scouts' Christmas post advert in last month's issue missed out 2 collection points in Berkeley namely, Aldridges and Jenner Court.

We apologise for this omission and hope it didn't cause too much inconvenience to those who used the service.

The Berkeley Flyer Team

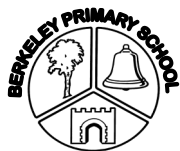
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THE CHAMPIONS

For many years, sports scientists have been sharing with us the physical and psychological benefits of engaging in an active lifestyle; becoming less of a couch-potato and more of a speedy-sprout! To ensure our children get the best possible start in life, here at Berkeley Primary School, we provide a variety of facilities and opportunities to develop young healthy minds and bodies. One way in which children are able to engage in such activity is via local and national sporting events and tournaments.

Keeping their eye on the finishing line, a number of courageous runners from Key Stage 2 joined other children from local primary schools within South Gloucestershire to participate in the largest cross-country event in the area at Katherine Lady Berkeley School. Two meetings have taken place already during November and December, with the next meetings scheduled for 16th January and 6th February. The courses for the different age groups are challenging and test the stamina and determination of the runner. We are delighted to announce the massive achievement of Declan Price who came in 3rd in the Junior Boys Race in November and 4th in December.

Our netballers, on the 2nd December, won the Dursley & District Netball Tournament held at Rednock School. The team won all their games and demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the event. This is the first time the Tournament trophy has come to the school for some years, making this a memorable win for all concerned. We hope that this victory will be repeated at the 2016 Tournament. However, regardless of position, a trophy carries dust but memories of the event live forever.

For the first time in December, eleven children from Key Stage 2 journeyed to Olympia to participate in the 7th London Chess Classic. After a four hour journey the children joined over 400 children from other primary schools, mostly from London, to immerse themselves in a game that many at the school have developed a passion for – chess.

On arrival the children watched part of a chess demonstration. Following lunch the chess-hungry children were organised into year groups and for two hours went head-to-head with an opponent to establish ranking using a points system. Year 5 pupil, Ru Hull, scored 14 out of 15 points and was awarded the silver medal for his amazing achievement. For this success Ru was given the privilege of making the first move for Michael Adams, England's highest ranking chess champion for 20 years, in an international tournament which brought together ten of the world's

top chess players. Do you think our children had had enough of chess by the end of the day? Not at all! On the journey home they played using the magnetic chess set given as a gift to every child who participated.

There are so many important lessons for us through engaging in sports. Our children have discovered that there is never any regret in doing our best; our biggest opponents are fear and negative thinking. Conquer these and we will have success in whatever we do; never stop chasing our dreams, if we don't stop running, one day we will catch them and make them realities.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY BERKELEY DIG NOMINATED FOR AWARD

The University of Bristol's Berkeley Castle project has been nominated in the category for 'Research Dig of the Year' at the Current Archaeology Awards 2016. This is a real credit to all the staff and students who have been involved in the research and excavations at the Castle over the last 11 years.

The winner will be decided by public vote and announced next February. To cast your vote visit: www.archaeology.co.uk/awards/archaeology-awards-2016/research-project-of-the-year-2016.htm

Berkeley Forum

The Flyer reserves the right to edit and abridge letters submitted for publication. Anonymous letters will not be published, but we will withhold your name if requested

Dear Editor,

I am prompted to write to the flyer after having to wait at five sets of temporary traffic lights on our way out of Berkeley.

Whilst I am sure the relevant road works applications will have been made and notice given in some obscure corner of the council website this does not give the applicant free rein to inconvenience the whole population of Berkeley and more to their hearts desire.

If I have to wait an average of 2 minutes every day for a month that makes an entire hour of my life wasted at traffic lights.

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Local pharmacy: The pharmacist at our local pharmacy can offer medical advice on various symptoms and will also advise when you need to see a doctor. There is also a private consulting room if you wish to speak to the pharmacist privately.

Mental health issues: All the doctors at the surgery have been on refresher courses relating to mental health issues. This is a growing problem in the country and if you wish to speak to any of them regarding any mental health issue they will be happy to discuss the matter with you and advise on the best course of treatment.

Val Watts

Secretary of Marybrook Medical Centre
Patient Participation Group.

BUFFS RAISE MONEY FOR BERKELEY SCHOOL POOL

The BUFFS Berkeley Castle Lodge organised a sponsored walk on Sunday 16th August. The walk started from the Castle Bridge down the tow path of the Sharpness & Gloucester Canal to Berkeley Football Club where a barbeque and raffle was held.

We are pleased to announce that the sum of £1,060 was raised which was presented to the committee members, Gordon, Angela Barnes and Phil Greenaway from the organisers, Martyn and Joanna Turl and Tony and Diane Edwards. We would like to thank Mark and Fiona Edwards for doing the barbeque and Phil Greenaway for doing the music. We would also like to thank everybody who did the walk and everybody who contributed to this wonderful local cause.

On behalf of the RAOB
Berkeley Castle Buffs Lodge

LOCAL GUIDE LEADER RETIRES

Pauline Craig known to local girls as "Bobby" retired after 25 years as leader of our local Guides unit. The unit based in Sharpness serves both Berkeley and Sharpness and has been fully subscribed with around 30 girls over all that time with most girls coming from Berkeley. Pauline who has been district commissioner for guiding and is still chair of the District Trefoil Guild has decided it's time to take a step back and leave the unit in the capable hands of Gilly Stook, Amanda Cole and Sarah Walkden. She was presented with a specially engraved vase and a massive chocolate cake which, in true guiding fashion, the girls helped her eat.



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Samaritan's Purse was pleased to collect approximately 100 gift filled shoe boxes from Berkeley on 19th November.

After collecting boxes from other local drop-off points they were taken to a warehouse in Evesham where they were packed into large cardboard cartons. The first 2 or 3 lorry loads left Evesham for Lithuania.

We've yet to find out if this was the destination for our boxes but whichever country they were assigned to, you can be sure they made a much happier Christmas for many children.

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theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

As we made our way to Berkeley Town Hall on a very wet night we were looking forward to an enjoyable evening. The hall looked very festive as we entered with beautifully set out tables and a large table waiting for the shared meal.

Judith, our President, welcomed everyone to the Christmas Party and congratulated the members on how attractive they looked in their party dresses. There were a few announcements to make, we are to have a New Year lunch in February at the Berkeley Arms and there is to be an auction on 11th February and members were asked to bring any unwanted items for it. Members were asked to look at the eight Resolutions in the WI Life and fill in the form and bring it to the January meeting.

We had some members from Ashmead and Uley WI as our guests and they were hosted by Jenny and Chris.

The party got started with supper. The food was incredible with lots of home made dishes to tempt the poorest of appetites. The pudding came next and the choice was formidable with Pavlova, fruit salad, cheesecakes and chocolate surprise to name a few of the all home made (well it is the WI you know!) dishes followed by cheese and biscuits.

The entertainment was provided by Mr Paul Prothero who sang a variety of familiar songs from old favourites to more modern Christmas songs and everyone joined in for a very jolly evening. The evening came to an end with a free raffle and Judith thanked everyone and wished us a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Our next meeting is on 14th January and the speaker is Colin Chapman and the topic is "World War One Prisoner of War Camps in Gloucestershire".

New members are always welcome just call Vicki on 01453 810929.

ANOTHER BOOK FOR BERKELEY MAN

Following his award winning book 'Classified', former Berkeley resident and KLB pupil Chris Moran has had a new book published, entitled 'Company Confessions'. The book examines how the US Central Intelligence Agency grapples with the notion of secrecy, when faced with the demands of an open and democratic America. The book is published by Biteback Publishing in the UK and by publishing giant Macmillan in the US. This is an Associate Professor at

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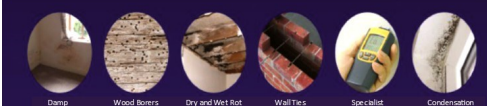
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Last month and particularly over the Christmas holiday period, the town of Berkeley once again turned in a very low crime rate. The annual drink drive campaign also covered the Berkeley area with roadside checks having been carried out and provided further evidence that we continue to enjoy a safe environment on the roads during the recent Christmas and New Year period.

Our neighbouring rural locations, however, have been hit with a recent run of crimes, during mid-December there were 3 house burglaries with 2 in Stone where offenders entered properties by smashing rear patio doors to gain access. One home owner returned and disturbed the offenders who made off. The other property, however, had a number of items stolen including foreign currency & jewellery. The 3rd burglary took place in Newport where offenders gained entry via a rear kitchen window and made off with foreign currency, tobacco and a high value watch.

A van was broken into in Halmore where a number of valuable power tools were stolen and a vehicle was damaged in Stone where a sharp item caused extensive paintwork damage.

Finally, a vehicle break-in was under way in Fitzhardinge Way in Berkeley on the 16th December where a resident heard a noise and disturbed the offenders who made off.

If you have any information relating to the vehicle crimes please contact PCSO Mike Trebble.

Both Mike Trebble and Mel Campbell will be holding a Police surgery for any concerns or questions and for any crime prevention advice. This is being held in the town hall on the following dates:

Tuesday 26th January 2016 from 2pm – 3pm.

Thursday 25th February 2016 from 2pm – 3pm.

Finally we would like to wish everybody a very happy New Year 2016.



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melanie.campbell@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk



A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM BERKELEY TRIANGLE ACTION GROUP

The Committee of Berkeley Triangle Action Group would like to wish all readers of The Flyer a very Happy New Year!

We have had a very busy 2015 as we draw attention to the need for a new road link to the A38 from the Berkeley and Sharpness area, and we haven't even got into our stride yet! Some of our achievements in 2015 include;

- * We held a two hour meeting with our MP Mr Neil Carmichael to highlight the need for more funding for a new road.
- * We met representatives from Gloucester County Highways team to press for a new road to be taken seriously and understand what we need to do to achieve it.
- * We organised and submitted a petition with over 400 signatures to the County Council calling for a new road (look out for more on this in The Gazette soon).
- * We asked a question at the December full County Council Meeting as to why a new road has been so roundly dismissed.
- * We attended the recent Berkeley Question Time in the Town Hall and had the chance to put our thoughts across at this excellent public meeting.
- * We held the first of a round of meetings with major occupiers and other influential bodies in Sharpness to seek their support for a new road. Initial responses have been very encouraging!

So it's been a busy few months for the Committee as you can see. In 2016 we will be focussing on the feasibility of a new road, considering what route this may take, challenging the County and District Councils on the matter of funding, and generally making the provision of this badly needed new route the number one priority for the area. With over 6,000 extra vehicle movements in the pipeline from new development proposed today, we think it can't happen soon enough.

If you want to help us or get involved with our campaign, please go to our Facebook page and like us. Contact details of the Committee are on there together with more details on what we are up to and our forthcoming events. We welcome support from all who are interested, so it is a great opportunity for you to be involved and have your say on a vital local issue.

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FIRST 'QUESTION TIME' HITS THE SPOT

The first "Question Time in Berkeley" was a great success, everyone enjoyed the evening, the library made some money from the refreshments and some areas of local concern got highlighted to some influential people. We thought you might like to share the points raised on the night.

1. The School bus from Berkeley to KLB school in Wotton.

• When The Vale Of Berkeley School closed a few years ago all Berkeley children had to attend secondary school at either Rednock in Dursley or KLB in Wotton. Free travel was initially provided for all pupils forced to transfer to either alternative school by the closure. The County now appears to believe that the integration period is over, so Rednock which is the closest school to Berkeley continues to attract free bus travel while KLB, a few miles further away does not.

It appears that the County is applying the rules as it understands them, but this whole situation is further complicated by other factors such as younger siblings expecting to go to the same school as older brothers or sisters and by some classes in Rednock being full etc, etc. What seems clear on paper has become a very costly mess to many parents as was highlighted in Friday's debate. Mark Horton pointed out that there is a long history connecting Katherine Lady Berkeley School to Berkeley which makes this situation particularly sad. Given that the scale of the problem doesn't appear to be recognised by the County who are perhaps not unexpectedly simply applying the rules, this issue could go on for a very long time indeed without powerful intervention for a common sense approach. This must surely be to take account of the history and ongoing complications at play here and give

both schools equal status regarding free travel from Berkeley. While I understand this will mean a cost to the County, when I was at school my teacher always taught me to do the right thing whatever the cost!

• It was reported that the KLB school bus is often overcrowded to the point where some children have no seat. Apparently this situation occurs mostly on the return journey as parents often drop children off in the morning to save bus fare but are unable to pick them up again in the middle of the working afternoon. It was generally agreed by the panel that if this is the case it is a deplorable situation which will warrant further investigation as all children must be in seats with their seat belt fastened at all times whilst on a school bus.

2. Need for a joined up plan for roads in and around Berkeley

• There was wide concern that roads leading into Berkeley from the A38 are simply not fit for purpose and that in looking at planning applications uniquely and in present time rather than considering future growth and trends, highways planners have been seriously caught out. Boasting a castle, a museum and the only theme park in Gloucestershire its not surprising that Berkeley is Stroud District's largest tourist attraction by far - and growing. Then there are the docks at Sharpness, tonnage there is growing month by month, year by year. Sharpness also boasts one of the largest distribution depots in the UK and its set to double again in size shortly.

The Stroud plan includes provision for 300 houses in Sharpness and 500 jobs in tourism... how many tourists are needed to sustain 500 jobs? Then of course we have the new Berkeley Science and Technology Park. As a college there may be no more traffic issues than were caused by the power station when it was in full flight, but when it grows as we hope into Gloucestershire's Technology Park, we must expect much more traffic. There must be a long term plan and fairly swift action to meet, not chase projected growth. Also there must be immediate action to prevent our little B4066 and Alkington Lane, neither of which are man enough for the job as it stands today, from being constantly abused by heavy traffic that they were never designed to carry. Alkington Lane in particular has deep gullies in the verges where meeting lorries must leave the road in order to pass each other. It was strongly felt on Friday that serious accidents should be anticipated unless proper action is taken.

Thank you all for making the first "Question Time In Berkeley" the sell out event it was. Everyone I have spoken with since Friday has remarked on how they enjoyed the evening and the Community Library were thrilled to make £108 on the refreshments. I have no doubt it will be the first of many Question Times here and wasn't Val an

excellent chairman? She will hitherto be known in the Berkeley area as Val Dimbleby!

Gordon Craig,
Stroud District Councillor



CAB Needs Volunteers

Stroud District Citizens Advice is calling for new recruits to join their volunteers and make a difference in the local community. Citizens Advice are holding an information session for prospective volunteers on 3 February at 3:15 pm in the Stroud office.

Chief Officer, Sally Pickering said: 'The Stroud District Citizens Advice simply couldn't function without the time and dedication of our volunteers. Our volunteers are a real asset to the Bureau, and they get a lot out of working with us too. Volunteering can be a chance to use or develop your skills to help people resolve their problems.'

Mary who has been volunteering for nearly 3 years said, 'I am proud to be a CAB adviser; we provide a professional service and I am always learning and looking up new information. I know if I am not sure about something I have lots of great support from the team.'

The CAB is looking for people who can spare 9 hours a week to join their adviser training course on the 16th March. The training is very comprehensive and travel expenses are paid. If you would like more information about volunteering for the Citizens Advice, contact Sandi Sorell on 01453 7582852 ext 202 or email Sandi sandi.sorell@stroudcab.org.uk If you need advice and or want more information about the Citizens Advice Stroud District you can check www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk or ring 0800 800



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What's On This Month...

Aladdin

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This traditional pantomime of the famous Oriental rags to riches tale has jokes galore, provides ample opportunity for audience participation, slapstick and a vibrant mix of singing and dancing - a perfect pick up for mid-February, suitable for all ages.

Performances start at 7.30pm nightly and there will also be matinees at 2.30pm on the Friday and Saturday. Tickets are bookable online at www.tmtg.org.uk. £12 Adults, £10 Concessions 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 are also available at Lisa Costa Residential Sales and Lettings at 53 High Street, Thornbury from the beginning of January.

For more information about 'Aladdin' and our group generally, take a look at www.tmtg.org.uk or contact us by e-mail at membership@tmtg.org.uk. You can also follow us on Facebook.

VALE OF BERKELEY RAILWAY

We would like to invite you to attend a public meeting on Saturday 16 January 2016 at Berkeley Town Hall starting at 2pm so we can present our current and future plans for the above organisation.

We recently moved into The Engine Shed in Dock Road, Sharpness which is currently being refurbished for engine refurbishment. But we have other plans for the railway in Sharpness which we hope you will find of interest.

<http://valeofberkeleyrailway.co.uk/>

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Saturday 6th February 2016

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Ignore the information that I gave you in the December edition of The Flyer concerning the date of our next coffee morning. I think that the excitement of Christmas arrived too early! We shall be open for coffee on the 9th.

Hopefully, our happy band of cake makers will be here to provide tasty treats and I can guarantee that the tea and coffee will be as hot and plentiful as ever. We look forward to seeing old friends and 'first timers'. Do pop in if you're passing.

A Happy New Year to everyone. For more information or transport requests please phone Dawn on 810494.

Berkeley: A Town On An Island

Berkeley Community Library are pleased to host another Illustrated Talk by Local Author and Historian, David Tandy:

Monday, March 7th 2016

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Monday

Town Council Meeting

3rd Monday of the month 7.30 pm

Stay & Play Kids - Sharpness Village Hall

9.45am till 12 noon contact Sue Boxall on
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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 7.00 pm

Berkeley Community Library

Tuesdays 10.30am - 4.30pm
Telephone 810520

Line Dancing/Ballroom Dance Class

Hamfields Leisure
7.00pm to 9.00pm
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8 to 10½ years old
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Wednesday

Craft Club - Berkeley Library

Last Wednesday of the month. 10.30am-1.30pm.
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Dog Training - Sharpness Village Hall

Wednesdays from 7pm contact Mike Vine 01453
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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

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
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Berkeley Brownies

Fridays The Scout Hut
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Berkeley Community Library

Saturdays 9.30am - 12.30pm

Coffee Morning

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Sunday

Roman Catholic Mass

Sundays 8.30am 10.30am & 5.30pm
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Berkeley Union Church

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Worship; 6 pm Evensong

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Firstly, I am going to say a bit about staying safe and well through the winter. Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service are offering fire safety, health and crime prevention advice in your home. The message is keep Safe and Well during the winter months, and this is especially important as we get older. Fire crews now carry out FREE home safety checks to fit FREE smoke alarms and discuss all aspects of home safety including your own health and wellbeing. Arrange a Safe and Well visit by calling the freephone number 0800 180 41 40 or visit www.glosfire.gov.uk

The NHS Gloucestershire has recently launched its winter ASAP public information campaign. The campaign targets adults and parents of young children with advice on what to do if they are ill or injured and are unsure where to turn. The promotional material encourages them to check out the App, Search the website, Ask NHS 111 or pop into their local Pharmacy.

For those who may choose to check out the website, the ASAP website and app allows users to search by service or search by condition – providing a step-by-step guide through symptoms, self-care and signposting to the appropriate NHS services. Local people are encouraged to add the website www.asapglos.nhs.uk to their favourites and download the app free from the app store ASAP Glos NHS.

Do you want to learn new computer skills in the New Year?

Adults in Berkeley and the surrounding area who struggle to use computer devices can benefit from joining a computer club which will shortly be launched at Berkeley Community Library. Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) want to help adults, of any age, gain the basic digital skills which many of us take for granted. The charity is launching computer clubs in village halls and community libraries all over Gloucestershire, and believe that this is their strongest bid yet to tackling digital exclusion.

GRCC believe that group learning, in a computer club, is essential in tackling digital exclusion. Often it is a lack of confidence and worries about online security that stop adults from using computer

devices. In a group setting, where everyone is learning the basics, adults can ask questions and gain reassurance together without fear of embarrassment. GRCC hope that they can recruit volunteers to give guidance and help to these adults at each step of their learning. If you want to join a computer club, or if you have a few hours to spare and would like to volunteer to help tackle digital exclusion please contact Matthew Keighley on 01452 528491.

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