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STREET TEA PARTY Monday 4th June in the Market Place

We've been talking about it for the last few months but the time has now arrived for Berkeley to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a street tea party in Market Place.

The celebrations will start at 3pm on the green outside the Mariners where all those who wish to take part in dressing up in fancy dress will parade down to the Market Place. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated hat, child's fancy dress and wheels (e.g. Scooter, pram, bike). There will also be a prize for the best decorated table so get inventive and think of a novel way to do this. Another prize will be awarded for the best decorated window. This competition is open to traders and residents alike

and the windows already on display are impressive. If you have decorated your window please register your name and address at the marquee on the day to be in with a chance of scooping that coveted prize! We would like to thank The Berkeley Arms, Veils of Berkeley, Berkeley Flowers and Green Lane Garage for sponsoring the prizes.

A party tea for the children will be provided but we want everyone to join in so please bring food to share, a chair to sit on and a table if you have one. The swimming pool fundraising team will be selling teas and coffees as well as ice-cream and if you want something stronger the Berkeley Arms will be open!

There will be music to help create a party atmosphere, the WI are making cakes and there will be a special jubilee cake that will be cut and shared. Add in a few games and face-painting and we are in for a good afternoon. Fingers crossed for good weather, that's the only thing we can't book.

In order for us to hold the street party Market Place will be closed from midday until 8pm with the usual diversions in place via the ring road and down Marybrook Street. Residents will be able to access most of Canonbury Street as the road will be closed near Alley Kebaba but there will be no throughway. We ask that all cars be removed from Market Place by midday to enable us to set everything up.

Please join us and make it a day to remember.



THE QUEEN'S
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After the Street Party comes the beacon!

We are delighted to invite you to the lighting of a beacon in the Berkeley Deer Park as part of the Jubilee celebrations. If you would like to see the beacon being lit please make your way to the top of the deer park (through the field and over the stile then up the hill) for 10pm. While the street party committee assure us that they have filled in a form to request nice weather it may well be chilly by that time of the evening so grab a coat, bring a torch and a flask but most of all bring yourselves and friends. There will be a Hog Roast from 10pm but no drinks so remember that flask!

With other beacons planned for Stinchcombe, North Nibley and the other side of the river we should have great views of more than just our own beacon.

Anyone who would like to go to the lighting of the beacon but isn't able to walk to the site can contact the Berkeley Estate Office on 01453 810303 for alternative arrangements.

We hope to see you all there.



Berkeley Town Council Report



Annual Town Council Meeting

Berkeley Town Council annual meeting was held on Monday 21st May 2012 in the Town Hall. This is the time of year that the Chairman and Deputy Chairman are elected.

Councillor Philip Stevenson was duly elected Chairman and will take the title of Mayor. Councillor Quentin Somerset was duly elected Deputy Chairman

Casual Vacancy

We are pleased to welcome our newest member, Mr Barton Brisland, who was co-opted on Monday 21st May 2012.

Park View Play Area

Berkeley Town Council is working with young people in Berkeley on a project to install play equipment that will be suitable for use with skateboards and scooters. The young people in the town have wanted this type of equipment for many years. The council has allocated £3000 for this project and it is expected that the young people will do some fundraising as well as using the grant to attract matched funding from outside bodies. The council is currently waiting for the young people to show us which types of equipment they would like installed.

SOSYP – South of Stroud Youth Partnership

Berkeley Town Council is a member of this group whose aims are to provide youth activity in the four parishes of Berkeley, Cam, Dursley and Wotton-Under-Edge. Berkeley Town Council is committed to providing a grant of £ 6000 per annum for 2012 and 2013. SOSYP has worked hard to fill the gap created by Gloucestershire County Council when the funding for youth activities was cut

Services to the Community

Berkeley Town Council continues to provide the following services to the community by providing them with a base free of charge. This enables the various groups to provide their service free of charge to the residents of Berkeley

Barbara Weldon People For You; Citizens Advice Bureau; Neighbourhood Warden; Police; Berkeley Flyer and the Community Bank

Dog Control Order

Stroud District Council is implementing a scheme to appoint wardens with the power to issue fixed penalty notices on owners who allow their dogs to foul the footpaths. Parish and Town councils are being encouraged to join the scheme. Berkeley Town Council will monitor the instances of dog fouling in the parish and if people continue to fail to clean up after their dogs penalty notices will be issued.

Berkeley Festival

At the last meeting of Berkeley Town Council the majority of the traders in the Market Place area asked the council to object to the road closure on Saturday July 14th 2012. The traders made a compelling case with their concerns as to the loss of trade they have experienced during the previous festivals. The council agreed to object to the temporary road closure and the matter is now in the hands of Stroud District Council.

The council fully supports the annual event and have offered the use of the facilities at Canon Park Recreational Facility for the Berkeley Festival. At the time of printing this report the council is waiting to hear back from the Berkeley Festival Committee and Stroud District Council

Dates for your diary

Planning and Finance Committee meetings are on Tuesday 12th June 2012 starting at 7.00 p.m. The full Council meeting will be held on Monday 18th June 2012 starting at 7.30 p.m.

All council meetings are open for the public to attend and very often they are able to participate so why not come along. The first 30 minutes of the meeting is set aside to allow members of the public to ask questions and discuss matters of concern with the council.

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1st Berkeley Scouts News

To celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Scouting in Berkeley and 30 years since the opening of the Scout hut, the group commissioned local Mosaic Artists Angela Williams and Lynda Knott from TomatoJack to create an outdoor mosaic for the hut. As well as providing the initial drawings and ideas, the Scouts and Scout Leaders all had a hand in making the mosaic.



The Beaver Scouts have also been making mosaics with Lynda (also the Beaver Leader) and Angela, this time a full sized mosaicked drum kit which will be installed in the Sculpture Trail in Twinberrow Woods, Dursley. The Beavers used recycled tiles donated by local businesses and parents to create a design based on their initials. This project was kindly sponsored by The Equine Eye Clinic, Wotton-under Edge.



Berkeley Rainbows

At Rainbows this term we have been learning about dogs in sanctuaries and we decided that we would like to help these poor dogs so we have been raising money for the local dog centre. All the girls in Berkeley Rainbows have been making a great effort to help these dogs. We have donated a large box full of doggy treats and held a raffle to buy a new bed for one of the dogs at the centre. We have all had fun while doing this part of our badge and we are very proud of all the girls for making such an effort, well done girls.

This term we have lots of things planned ready for the Olympics and the Queen's Jubilee. We are hosting our own Olympic games and we are having a Queen's party, plus all the local Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Guiders are meeting up to have a tea party in honour of the Queen's Jubilee.

Carole and Zara Timbrell

Pictures left ; The Rainbow Easter Egg Hunt and practising May Pole dancing for a display to the parents.



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN

A note from your local Neighbourhood Warden Andy Murray reference some of the services offered by Stroud District Council that some may not know about as they are new to the area or have forgotten as they have never used the service.

Stroud District Council unlike other councils in the area offers a free bulky items collection service to all residents of the district.

We provide residents with a free collection service of household items. Typically these would include pieces of furniture and free standing objects, such as those you would take when moving house. Through this free service we will not collect household fixtures & fittings or DIY / building waste. When you request a collection we will need to know what items you would like collected, as the crews will leave any items not on the list, and the location where they can be found on the property.

To book a collection either ring (01453) 754424 or go to the SDC website and book a collection via are on line service. Once any request has been sent via the on line service we will process it and then contact you by your preferred option to confirm the day when the items will be removed.

As mentioned above, items relating to household fixtures and fittings or DIY / building waste will not be collected through the free bulky waste service. However, they can be removed for a charge. However only one item can be collected at a time and a charge of £22.00 will apply. To arrange a collection of these

types of items please contact (01453 754424).

Another Service offered by Stroud District Council is the **Care line Unit**.

For many people the telephone is their only means of talking with friends and neighbours. But in a crisis the Stroud District Council Care line could provide help when you need it most, day or night. The service benefits older person's, those with a disability and people feeling vulnerable who need reassurance.

What is a Care line?

The Care line is a way of getting help through your telephone system quickly and efficiently at all times. A small personal radio transmitter is worn as a Pendant around the neck, on a wrist-strap or clipped to clothing. This is linked to a special unit - the Care line - which plugs in to a modern telephone point with an adjacent electrical socket.

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Berkeley Community Arts Space

Berkeley is set to get it's very own community arts space. Run by the successful Impatient Vagrant Community Theatre Company this space is designed to be open to all in the community with a range of classes and courses from drama to music to visual art. Set to open in September; the venue will run regular courses as well as being available to hire by local community groups at very reasonable rates. We will also try to run workshops or courses requested where possible.

We are currently looking for volunteers for a wide range of roles including being part of the steering group that will assist in the development of the venue. More information can be found on our website, www.impatientvagrant.com

If you have any ideas or thoughts about the arts space and what you would like to see there please email us berkeleycommunityartsspace@hotmail.co.uk or write to us at 24A Canonbury Street, Berkeley, GL13 9BG.

Look out for a renaming competition as well as an opening gala day!

Planning permission has been applied for change of use of land to form part of domestic curtilage & the erection of a fence at the rear of 22 Canon Park GL13 9DF.

Please contact myself or Stroud District Council if you have info on the land owner.

Regards John Little, 07976257236 or 01453 511306



Future Events at Slimbridge

The pitter patter of tiny bird feet is building at WWT Slimbridge we get ready for downy duckling week this half term. (Sat 2nd—Sun 10th June)

Once a year we let visitors behind the scenes into our busy duckery where thousands of young birds are hatched and reared each year. On special tours you can see what is happening inside an egg, learn about how a egg is incubated and a bird hatches and meet cute ducklings. All this is included in the normal admission cost, book on one of the tours on your arrival.



Elsewhere in the Centre there will be a duckling crèche and an egg incubator so you can see how a duckling progresses in its hatching over the time of your visit.

We will also have an exhibition: Centenary of Captain Scott's Antarctica Expedition offering the chance for visitors to step back in time and become an explorer in our creative trail. You travel to base camp where you have to make your supplies which includes a flag, an emergency beacon and obtain your food rations, before setting off on your mission.

If you reach the end you will be able to put your flag into the ground and take a photo as you would in the South pole - but be wary, there will be many hazards along the way before you can reach your destination.

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BERKELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



AND THERE'S MORE!

There is never a dull moment at Berkeley Primary School. The children and staff have been kept on their toes with activities and events which have recognised, nurtured and encouraged the potential in each individual.

We are proud to announce that Bertie Smith from Key Stage 2 left the audience with no doubt that he had talent, at the Berkeley Primary School's Got Talent competition last month. Bertie captivated the audience with his own composition called 'Inundation' which was inspired by simply experimenting with chords on his piano at home. This was an awesome achievement as Bertie has only been learning to play the piano for the last six months. Our Key Stage 1 winner was majorette Morgan Taylor. This confident, baton twirling 7 year old amazed us all with her dexterity and skill. Morgan gives credit to her mum who was once a majorette herself.

We acknowledge and value the role parents and carers of our children play in their development, both out and in school. For some time now we have been encouraging our children to invite a parent, carer or even an older brother or sister to lunch. This has been a great opportunity for the children to

share their experience of lunch and then later play with family and friends. Parents have had an opportunity to get to know a bit better what life is like for the children 'at the other side of the school fence', to reflect on their childhood and deepen their empathy and understanding of their child's school experience.

Fundraising has always been something the school has been engaged with. We are always looking for new and innovative ways of generating that little bit extra to make a difference to the children's experience while at the school. During Easter we raised over £800 in what was called The Great Berkeley Bake Off! We have now identified the winner of the Easter biscuits – Helen Jones. We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this fun and profitable event such a success.

The Holiday Club staff have been successful in providing a fun and stimulating place of play for our 4 to 11 year olds. The Holiday Club is available to all 4-11 year olds whether they attend Berkeley Primary School or not. You can now book your place by contacting the school on 01453 810254.



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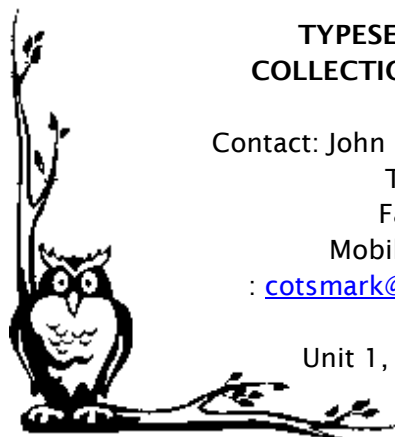
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POLICE UPDATE

Compared to our last update crime and crime related incidents have dropped in the Berkeley area. Towards the end of April Police executed a warrant on a property in Lower Berrycroft where there were suspicions of drug activities taking place. The result of the warrant was that a person was arrested.

During mid May 37 metal man hole covers were stolen from Station Road leading down to the Wanswell railway bridge. Police are currently working on investigations and a White Ford Transit may be linked to the thefts. If you have any information do let PCSO Mike Trebble or PC Becky King know on 101 or leave a note in the Police letter box outside the Town Hall.

Over the weekend of the 12th and 13th May a large window was smashed belonging to the coffee/bistro shop on the corner of the High Street and Canonbury Street. The cost of the damage caused is in region of £3000. Following the window being smashed items such as stainless steel tea pots were then stolen although some were later found. Police are working on enquiries although we believe that we now know the culprit who caused the damage to the window & will be taking this forward in the coming weeks.

Also during the same period street furniture from Sharpness to Berkeley such as road signs along with the Scout Hut by Parkview play area have been criminally damaged with graffiti the slogan SIB having been sprayed on the affected items. Police are working on enquiries but request further information as to who may be causing this damage. If you have any information, please call 101 and quote incident 143 13/5/12.

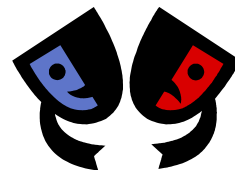
And finally, after a period of 14 months - PC Terrie McVeigh has moved to Stroud. Terrie was based at Dursley for 9 years & for the period which she was covering Berkeley as the dedicated officer with Mike Trebble, she has really loved working in the town. Terrie's replacement is already in post & her name is Becky King. No doubt you will see Becky around the area with Mike Trebble.

PCSO Mike Trebble, PC Becky King, & for the last time, PC Terrie McVeigh.

Berkeley Players

Hello everyone

Following our riotous production 'Mr Macaroni and the Exploding Pizza Pie' at the end of May at the Town Hall, I must



regrettably inform you that we have had a number of claims for compensation regarding injuries sustained during the performance.

The claimants shall remain nameless, but I can give you brief details of the claims:-

This is typical of what we have seen,

'When he said the punch-line I split my sides laughing. The doctor has said that I may never be the same again, and I keep losing the TV remote in the hole'.

Another one pushing their luck,

'It was at this point that my wife literally laughed her head off. This was rather unfortunate as she had just bought a new hat for a wedding next weekend.'

And finally to add insult to injury (see what I did there),

'I suffered a very nasty paper cut opening the box of chocolates I won in the raffle'.

The shows on the 24th, 25th and 26th were a great success, and many thanks go out to everyone involved. A performance that lasts a couple of hours takes months of preparation and behind the scenes work. But we love it really!

Our adult members are now reading plays in preparation for a production hopefully coming to you in August.

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Local Ovensclean specialist Nigel Welch explains, "A clean oven actually distributes heat more effectively than a dirty oven. It also needs less energy to heat up and maintain a constant temperature. What's more, with a really clean oven you don't need to keep opening the oven door to check cooking progress either (every time you do this, heat escapes and the oven temperature drops) - so your Pavlova will be cooked more evenly!"

Good cooking starts with a clean oven and for most of us, cleaning the oven is right at the top of the list of household chores we most dislike. Not surprising really, it can be a time-consuming, often messy job that eats into our precious weekends. On the other hand, there are lots of good reasons for keeping your oven in tip top sparkling clean condition; not least, your food will taste better and your kitchen will be full of the delicious aromas of fresh cooking!

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Wedding Guild Attracts New Members

The Cotswolds Wedding Guild has continued to thrive and grow by attracting new members following its early success. The Cotswold Wedding Guild was established to promote excellence in wedding suppliers in and around Berkeley and the Cotswolds and has been running for nearly a year and a half, going from strength to strength. The group is the brainchild of Pippa Springer, co-founder of the Veils of Berkeley bridal wear shop:

"It was important to us to harness the local potential within the various wedding suppliers in Berkeley and the surrounding area, to create the perfect one-stop-shop for couples planning their wedding in the Cotswolds." said Pippa. "By developing the guild and inviting the very best in wedding suppliers to join the network of successful and established businesses, we aim to create a group on whom brides and grooms can rely and trust to meet all of their nuptial needs."

The Guild comprises of businesses who work together offering a professional service and who pride themselves on producing quality products and an outstanding customer service. A further



five businesses have recently joined the Guild, including Napier Catering; Berkeley Music; Hyphun Entertainment; Total Beauty and Curtis & Co Cakes, bringing the total number of businesses in the Cotswold Wedding Guild to eleven.

All of the guild members, old and new, can be found on their website alongside additional information about their services and any current offers, so visit www.cotswoldweddingguild.co.uk to find more today.

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BERKELEY WI

The May meeting was well attended and members were welcomed by President, Vicki Young. Following the business of the meeting, the speaker, Eric, gave an interesting insight into his volunteer work at Maggie's, Cheltenham, which is one of a number of centres countrywide available to anyone affected by cancer.

It offers a calm uplifting space where the professional staff are able to offer emotional and psychological support, as well as practical information on benefits and nutrition. There are also courses to help cope with stress and anxiety and the support given can carry on after the hospital treatments have finished. Eric explained that he became involved with the day centre when a member of his own family became ill with cancer and he found the centre very supportive. Now he is able to give something back and

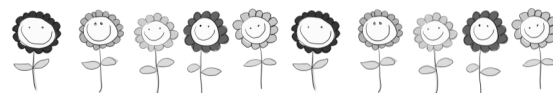
meets and greets visitors there. He was thanked for an enlightening talk.

The competition results were: Flower of the Month - first Chris Day; and 'A Posy for a Pal' was won by Vicki Young.

The next meeting is on Thursday, 14th June at an earlier time of 6.30pm at 40 Salter Street, when members will have a 'Bring and Share Supper' so please bring a plate of food to share - and at 7.30pm the speaker will be Clare from 'Walks with Hawks' who will bring some of her Birds of Prey.

It will be an evening with a difference and new members are very welcome.

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GARDEN OPEN DAY SATURDAY 30 JUNE 12.30 - 5PM

We are helping to raise funds for SARA lifeboat based at Sharpness.

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There will be tea & home-made cakes available and a plant stall.

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A letter to the people of Berkeley, Hinton and Hamfallow :

I have been pleased to have been able to serve you as District Councillor for the last 6 years. I am sad to have to leave a number of current issues in the process of being resolved. One of these is the bus service. Although bus services are the responsibility of the County Council and not the District Council, I have been pushing the County Council on your behalf to put right the shortcomings in their initial proposals. There were four routes raised with me, the services to Bristol, to Gloucester, to Purton and to extend the new Dursley – Thornbury link down to the Berkeley Vale caravan park. I took these up with the County Council and have had a positive response for all four. Services will now be provided to enable commuters to get to Bristol and to shorten the travel times to Gloucester. In addition, a limited Purton service will be re-instigated, and the Dursley-Thornbury service will be extended down to the Berkeley Vale caravan park. The current schedule will continue to offer an improved service to Dursley and Thornbury and to connect to Cam & Dursley station.

In my capacity as Cabinet Member for Climate Change, I was delighted to be instrumental in instigating a greatly improved recycling scheme for domestic waste to include cardboard and plastics, which will be introduced this

summer. I was concerned about the introduction of wheelie bins for recycling, so I insisted that an alternative reusable bag system be available where wheelie bins are not practicable. I was also very honoured to receive an award as National Sustainability Champion of the Year, which reflected all the work done by Stroud District Council to reduce its impact on the environment.

During my time with the District Council, I have been involved in many local committees and activities, such as chairing the Berkeley Festival committee. I intend to continue working to make the area a better place to live. I enjoyed my time as District Councillor helping the community and thank you for the opportunity to have served you.

John Stanton

DURSLEY - BERKELEY - BRISTOL BUS TIMES

From 20th May the 224 service will run Monday - Friday leaving Berkeley at 7.17am and arriving at Broadmead, Bristol at 7.55am before going onto Filton for 8.30. The return bus in the evening leaves Filton College at 16.45 and then Broadmead at 17.20 and gets to Berkeley at 17.58pm.

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Hello everyone.

I thought that it might be helpful this month to catch up on "what is out there". In these times of cutbacks I am happy to tell you that Stroud District Council have some budget available to be able to fund free loft and cavity wall insulation. There is also some funding (typically 40%) towards solid wall insulation. The scheme is being managed by "Warm and Well" who will organise a free, no obligation survey for you and the work is being carried out by a company called Domestic and General. If you are a home owner or live in privately rented accommodation call 0800 500 3076 to find out if could qualify.

Did you know that there is a service run by the NHS called "Managing Memory 2gether"? They can be contacted to talk in confidence about concerns people may have about memory, whether it is for yourself, a family member or a friend. They also run group information sessions for people worried about memory loss. Further information can be obtained by phoning 0800 694 8800.

Just a word about eye care. As we grow older, our sight tends to change. But regular eye tests and suitable glasses will increase the chances of your sight remaining good. Between the age of 18 and 69 it is recommended that eyes are tested every two years and for those who are 70 and above it rises to every year. People may be entitled to a free eye test if they claim income related benefits or if they have glaucoma or

diabetes. Help may be available for the cost of glasses in certain circumstances. There is also a list of opticians who offer home visits for people who are housebound or in certain situations.

I am often asked where people can get new batteries for their hearing aids. They are available from the Health Centre in Berkeley or The Vale Hospital in Dursley.

To finish on a summery note I would like to tell you about two trips that might be of interest for those who are over sixty. On the 6th July there is a trip to Weston-Super-Mare leaving Hamfallow Court at 10am and returning by 4pm. The cost is £5. Phone 511071 if you would like to go. The other is to The Mall on 13th June and costs £4 and will pick up at Berkeley and Sharpness. Contact me on the number below if you are interested in going to The Mall. Both trips have a limited number of seats and are on a first come first served basis.

Please contact me if you have any queries

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21st July Fun Day not to be missed!

A Berkeley charity committee who actively fundraise for Meningitis UK would like to thank the local community for their past and continued support, and raise awareness of the Rounders Tournament and Fun Day. The committee, led by Lisa Higgins, Corinne Regan, Suzanne Virgo, Rose Hardwick and Steven Mansell organise many charity fundraising events throughout the year and always get tremendous support from those in and around Berkeley.

The vast fundraising activity was initiated by Rose following the untimely death of Suzanne's son Sam Virgo on Saturday, March 15th 2008, just hours after being diagnosed with a severe form of meningitis. So moved by the tragedy, the Berkeley community has since participated in, and supported, numerous events including an annual walk from Thornbury to Berkeley in memory of Sam and an annual Fun Day & Rounders tournament and even some brave sky-diving. More recent events included a disco, pub quiz, and nearly-new sale which each raised essential funds for Meningitis UK and will help to fund the forthcoming Fun Day in July. To date, an amazing £55,000 has been raised within the Berkeley community and the committee have this year had to pull in additional helpers to organise a bigger than ever July fun day which is hoped to raise substantial funds to help Meningitis UK continue it's important work to find a vaccine to eradicate meningitis.

Important dates for the diary are:

Friday 8th June - RACE NIGHT, 7pm-11pm, Berkeley Arms

If you like horse racing or betting then this is the night out for you - it is sure to be a great night out!

Saturday 21st July - FUN DAY & ROUNDERS TOURNAMENT, 10am til late, Berkeley Football Field.

Last year this event raised an amazing £3,387 and there are high hopes to smash this total this year so please come along and show your support! The day will include a rounders tournament, kids games, bouncy castles, a flywall, bungee run, rodeo pull, hog roast, barbeque, tug of war, live music, raffle, cake stall and much more. Some key points about 21st July event:



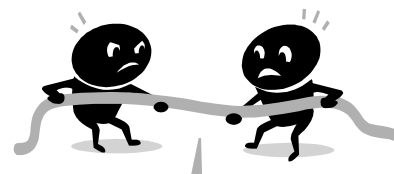
WANTED . . . Singers, Bands & Entertainers.

Are you a talented individual or group and are able to contribute 30-60 minutes (or more) of your time to perform at the 21st July Fun Day? Perhaps a talented musician or singer, a newly formed band or school/college performing group? A great opportunity to showcase your talents and have an amazing time

at the Fund Day at the same time!

ROUNDERS and TUG OF WAR teams

Please register your teams by Friday 13th July to Corinne or Lisa to ensure we can effectively plan for the busy day ahead.



SUPER MANCHESTER UTD RAFFLE PRIZE!

What a corker! The committee have obtained a Manchester United shirt which has been signed by the one and only Wayne Rooney, Oh yes! Look out locally and on the day for the chance to purchase a limited number of raffle tickets which will be on sale for £5 each, with the lucky ticket holder winning this amazing item.

Please contact **Lisa Higgins on 07791 018386** or **Corinne Regan on 07841 344001** to register your team or your availability to provide entertainment or help on the day. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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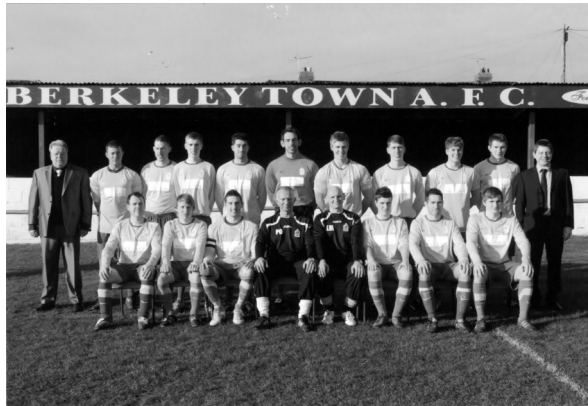
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BERKELEY F.C. NEWS

The season is now over and on behalf of all the followers of the club I would like to thank all of the players and managers of all three teams for all the hard work put in throughout the season.

The second and third teams enjoyed successful season in the Stroud League. Well done lads for the effort put in throughout the season. The first team, after a long and hard season, maintained their status in the County League. All of this achieved with a majority of local born players playing against teams with a vastly bigger catchment area to pick from. Berkeley has always tried to keep the team

mostly local. Phil Orsborn and Lee Mason must be thanks for their hard work throughout the season.



The season ended on a high note when Berkeley played in the final of the Stroud Cup versus Longlevens, played on a wet and windy night at Slimbridge. Berkeley won 3-0. Terrific result lads, well done.

Thanks must go to everyone associated with the club for the hard work put in to help the club maintain 3 teams. And finally

the club thanks the sponsors for their financial help and hopefully they will continue helping out in the future.

Have a well earned rest and roll on next season.

Tony Edwards, Life Member
on behalf of all at Berkeley Football Club

Swimming Pool Lottery

April Draw

Winner Lucy Runham Ball No.106 £30,
Runner Up Isabell Young Ball No. 95 £20

May Draw

Winner Rosie Diggins Ball No. 83 £30,
Runner Up Caroline Bye Ball No. 98 £20

On behalf of BEST (Berkeley Educational Swimming Trust) I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who purchased lottery tickets. We sold an amazing 108 tickets which is slightly more than last year so once again are able to give a Winner's prize of £30 and a Runner up prize of £20. The draw was made at the School during morning assembly and



the numbers were drawn out by pupils from the school. In recognition of the support that shops and businesses made in displaying posters and giving out application forms I am going to invite them to participate in future draws. The funds raised from ticket sales will go towards improvements to the school pool in order to make it even better. There are many people behind the scenes which help to keep the pool running and I would also like to thank them as well. The next draw will take place in June and there will be a double draw again for July and August due to school holidays.

May I wish everyone who purchased lottery tickets the best of luck for future draw.

Sincerely, Gill Badsey, Lottery Manager (BEST)

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Town Hall Toddlers
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