



CHRISTMAS IN BERKELEY

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW.

It's been a long time since we last saw a white Christmas and just as long since we had a decent snowfall in Berkeley. Kids love the white stuff and have been brought up on memories of snowflakes and carefree play. Well, we can't promise a blizzard, but the annual Berkeley Community Trust Christmas Fayre on **Sunday 17 December** provides the seasonal opportunity for our little elves to frolic in the snow. Our snow maker will be on duty from 3.30 in the afternoon till the Fayre reaches its climax at 4.30 with the arrival of our VIP guest. Santa arrives in a flurry of excitement supported by his helpers from the local SARA lifeboat crew who'd love to see you there.

The Fayre promises the usual feast of Christmas music, last minute gift shopping, food glorious food and festive cheer of the warmest kind. As well as the famous Berkeley Arms special Christmas sausage rolls we'll have Pepper Jack's roast turkey joint, a special seasonal steak burger with red onion and stilton cheese, and of course cranberry sauce with a reworking of pigs in blankets.

For the not so young there's also lots to see and do and the opportunity to just relax and take some time out in the hectic week before Christmas Day. Sitting on Santa's knee however is reserved for our younger guests. Have a selfie with Santa to mark the occasion.

So fun, frolics, sweets for all the kids, gift shopping for the big kids and SNOW. What more do you want.

Remember Sunday 17 December 3.30 at the Berkeley Arms Hotel. See you there!

DECORATING THE TREE

For the last two years we, as a community, have decorated the town's Christmas tree and made it look fantastic and something to really be proud of. The tree will be arriving soon so gather your family and friends and make a special trip to hang a trinket or bauble on the tree. Lots of people made or customised their own decorations last year with their children which made it even more special. We saw lots of lovely family photos on the Facebook page. Please make sure you secure it well so they don't blow off and please don't use a family heirloom. Let's see if we can fill every branch with multicoloured baubles and make it even better than last year.

CHILDRENS PARTY

The Buffs are hosting their annual Kids Christmas party at The Malthouse on the **17th December**. All local children (Primary school age and younger) are invited to enjoy a fun afternoon of dancing and magic with our professional entertainers whilst awaiting the arrival of Father Christmas. Each child will receive a gift and can have their photo taken in the magical grotto. The party starts at 2pm and ends at 4pm and most importantly is free to attend

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When you get your flyer at the beginning of December we will be on our last rehearsals before we start the countdown to our pantomime. "Dick Whittington" at the moment, its checking the costumes, the scenery gang are busy painting, captain rock eel is checking the bedraggled ferret is seaworthy and sherry trifle the custard pie is nice and soft!! We have just had our race night, with many thanks to all who came, a good night had by all.

So we hope you have your ticket, and look forward to seeing you there. As always thank you for all your support.

Did you know that we have at least five residents from this town running the London Marathon in 2018 ? These amazing people all have their own reasons for taking on this challenge and I think they need to be shouting about it. Each of them will need to raise at least £2000 for their chosen charity's to have the honour of running for them.

Claire Spiers will be donning the orange shirt for **Meningitis Now** for the second time (she ran in 2016 and said "Never Again") Most of you avid Flyer readers will know why Claire does so much for Meningitis Now but just in case you've forgotten, Claire's youngest daughter Lottie contracted the disease when she was a baby and very nearly lost her life. Claire's fundraising is going well already after hosting a Silent Disco in October which raised nearly £1500 so she is well on her way to achieving her goal.

Andy Harvey is running the marathon for the first time for **The British Heart Foundation** in memory of his wife's cousin. Jemma died suddenly of a cardiac arrest on her way out for a night out with friends. She was only 28 years old. Andy started running last year and has so far completed two half marathons in her memory. He has set himself a target of £3000 and if you know Andy, you know that he'll smash that. He's hoping to make a huge difference to the research, cures and development for the British Heart

Foundation.

Helen Cerullo likes a bit of running and decided now is the time to really challenge herself. She was lucky enough to get a place to represent the **Ectopic Pregnancy Trust (EPT)** Helen has suffered two ectopic pregnancies and the EPT helpline supported her during these times with the feelings that come with losing a baby. This is a life threatening condition that is the leading cause of death in early pregnancy. The charity relies on donations to support women and their families through this difficult period of their lives. You will hear more of Helens story in the New Year but a date for your diary is 3rd of February. Helen will be hosting Berkeley's First 'Gin Festo kick off her fundraising. Tickets will cost £10 and will be available soon so keep your eyes peeled for that.

Caroline Fifield and **Karen Rome** are both running for **CLIC Sargent** who are a fantastic charity supporting children, young people and their families in the brave fight against cancers.

Caroline lost her mother Lyn Wright to Leukaemia and whilst undergoing her treatment the family saw first hand the impact it had on young children and their families. Caroline was inspired to run the marathon after seeing Claire finishing in 2016 and dared to say out loud that she wanted to take on the challenge (she will learn that you can't

say anything out loud around here) Caroline hasn't decided what fundraising events to do yet but rest assured we'll let you know in the New Year how you can support her.

Karen's cousin Ben died from leukaemia just before his 7th Birthday and 2018 will mark the 25th Anniversary of his death so seemed a fitting time to honour him. CLIC Sargent were a source of immense support for Ben and his parents and Karen is keen to raise awareness and much needed funds for them. Karen has started her fundraising with a quiz night at The Sally last month and is organising a Fun Run in February with the children at the school where she teaches.

All five of these inspiring people are out pounding the streets training hard most days so if you see them, give them an encouraging wave and consider sponsoring them and supporting their fundraising events.



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We held our residents panel meeting on the 9th November and local residents have chosen the following priorities for your local officers to work on in Berkeley~

- 1) To carry out speeding checks in the area.
- 2) To advise drivers of vehicles with defective lights and to advise any cyclists riding at night without lights.
- 3) Continue to encourage local residents to report incidents of scrap metal dealers visiting the area and taking metal items.

We are also currently looking for a few extra volunteers to be

Neighbourhood Watch personnel for the Berkeley area. This mainly involves being a lead person in your road to distribute information on messages received via the police and to act as a lead by contacting police regarding anything which requires police attention. If you might be keen please send an email to PCSO Mike Trebble.

Covering the period 1st November through to the 19th November 2017 we are pleased to report that Berkeley again remains almost crime free. Suspicious vehicles with persons of an Eastern European appearance collecting and stealing items of scrap metal value continue to visit Berkeley and surrounding areas. These persons are linked to an organised crime gang from the West Midlands and turn up on driveways or gardens and help themselves to various items. One such visit was at the start of the month at Berkeley Heath where items

similar thefts linked to these persons. There were also 3 car breaks all on the 16th November, one in Sharpness where a high end brand of sunglasses were stolen and two breaks on Park View Road in Berkeley where a car stereo and cash were stolen from two separate vehicles whilst parked overnight.

Overall, however, the area continues to experience a very low crime rate compared to other neighbouring districts.

Internet safety day for 2018 falls on Tuesday 6th February and we are visiting year 5 & 6 at Berkeley Primary to deliver a safety awareness lesson.

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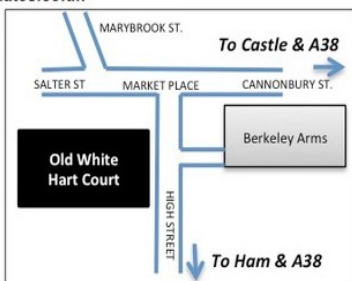
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keep up-to-date with the latest information
to help them manage the health of their
bees. A useful resource is to join a local
beekeeping association and take
advantage of the training in how to
effectively monitor and control the spread
of serious honey bee pests and diseases.

Being a beekeeper is a very interesting and
worthwhile occupation especially when the
bees reward you with a crop of honey at
the end of the season!

Local beekeepers who are members of the
South Gloucestershire Beekeepers
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DECEMBER IN THE GARDEN

Crisp frosty mornings, welcome log fires, warm mince pies and spiced mulled wine brings to mind December days.

Time to plan ahead now that most leaves have fallen and perennials have died back, take time to review your borders. See where there are gaps or if a plant is in the wrong place and decide what changes you want to make. Browse through the catalogues and choose new plants and crops to grow.

There are some lovely evergreen shrubs which will give Winter interest to your garden. They will also give year round structure and colour to any bed or border.

Here are a few ideas for you. *Eleagnus 'Gilt Edge'* has bold variegated foliage. *Osmanthus heterophyllus* is known as the false holly due to the shape of its leaves and it has white flowers in Autumn. *Fatsia japonica* is an exotic looking plant with large shiny leaves. *Aucuba japonica* (spotted laurel) the female has red berries in Autumn and *Leucothoe fantesiana* 'Rainbow' has attractive arching branches. These shrubs can all be used for Christmas decorations around the home. All you need to remember is to give them a good drink after cutting them and before you arrange them. They will last a lot longer if you do this because of the warmth of the house.

Check out any bulbs you have planted in containers for Christmas display and have placed outside, make sure they have a good root system before bringing them indoors.

If you have stored any apples or pears do take a look at them and discard any that have started to rot. As a small child I remember unwrapping Russet apples that my father had stored for Christmas. They were very sweet and had a delicious taste.

If you have a greenhouse heater do have it checked to see that it is working properly.

Any large or tall rose bushes you may have now is a good time to cut them down by half to prevent wind rock. The stiff branches can act like sails and can loosen the plant as the wind catches it. Eventually a hole will form at the base of the plant where water can collect and this will cause the roots to rot. Please note that the cuts you make now do not need to be precise as you will probably be pruning them again in the Spring.

Also keep a check on newly planted trees and shrubs to see if they have been loosened by winds or lifted by frost. When this happens it causes a gap to form around the roots which will make them dry out as they are not in contact with the soil. Gently firm them in with your feet.

You can prune fruit trees such as Apples and Pears but Plums should be left until Spring as this is the time that silver leaf spores may enter new wood through fresh wounds in late Autumn and Winter so it is best to leave them until March to prune them.

Pruning in the dormant season stimulates strong vigorous growth in Spring. Start by pruning out dead, dying and diseased branches, then remove crossing branches. Thin congested growth from the centre of the tree to give an open goblet shape. Cut back young side shoots by about half of current season's growth to encourage fruit bearing spurs to develop at their base.

This is the last gardening article for 2017 and I hope you have all had a successful time and that you have grown lots of vegetables and fruit, also that you have enjoyed your time in the garden as I have. Here's to a Merry Christmas and I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Ann Legg

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Due to the phenomenal success of this years event and the amount of times we've been asked "How are you ever going to top that ?" we've decided that we have to do it all again next year. The only way we can make it better is to make it bigger so for 2018 we will be organising an "Alternative Triathlon" It's alternative because no one will do all three events.

We are looking for 100 cyclists and 100 runners. The cyclists will ride 100 miles and the runners a half marathon. Both events will start and end here in Berkeley Square. The swimming element will be organised and run by Berkeley Primary School and will take place in the week prior to the main event on **SATURDAY 14th JULY**. We are still deciding how far the children (and staff) will swim so we'll let them make that announcement when those decisions have been made.

We will be asking each participant to pay an entry fee of £50 by the 10th of January

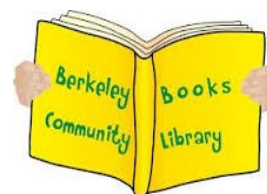
2018 and then commit to raising £150 sponsorship. The entry fee will be your commitment to take part and will pay for your team shirt and finishers medal (whatever is left will go to the charities)

We are announcing this now so that you can get a head start on your training and perhaps ask Father Christmas for a new bike or pair of trainers.

So if you've always fancied a big challenge like this and would like to help us raise loads of money for our three charities (Meningitis Now, the CJD Support Network and the Sue Ryder Hospice at Leckhampton) now is your chance. Get in touch and become a member of the BSQ2BSQ team. Places are limited (and filling up fast) to 100 cyclists and 100 runners so don't delay.

You can send us a message on our Facebook page or via our website bsquare2bsquare.org.uk

Many thanks for all your support and encouragement this year and long may it continue #BSQ2BSQ .



Berkeley Area Calendar

The 2018 calendar is now on sale for just £6.50

and makes a great Christmas present, it folds to A4 size - perfect for posting!

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The stunning pictures of scenes around the Berkeley Vale, used for each month, were the winning entries from the Library Photographic competition.

An artists impression of the plans for the new Berkeley Library is on the cover.

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Berkeley Educational Swimming Trust (BEST)**November Draw**

Winner Angela Cole #72 £20.00
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The draw took place on 3rd November by Andrew Legg at Berkeley Books
 On behalf of BEST may I thank Aldridge's for supporting us

Berkeley Educational Swimming Trust (BEST)

Winter is now upon us and the swimming season has finished for another year. The pool has been cleaned, maintained and the new Winter cover has been fitted. Work does not stop however as the sand filters that keep the water clean need to be replaced. This is an expensive process that has been made possible by a generous grant from Gloucestershire County Council via their Children's Activity Fund. The Fund is a new grant scheme from Gloucestershire County Council, encouraging more sport and physical activity across the County. The grant scheme is open to community groups from sports clubs, to scout groups, parish councils and schools. Mr Brian Tipper is the county councillor who made the application on our behalf so our thanks go to him. The work will cost several thousand pounds and the grant from GCC was £2504 which, added to our funds, enabled us to do the work. Grants like these are our lifeblood and ensure that our children have a local place to swim. There will be further work in the New Year when we investigate a new liner for the pool; and before we know it the next season will be upon us for which we need new Lifeguards.

Lifeguards are needed to be present when the pool is open and ensure that our safety standards are met. If you are interested in training, can swim and have some spare time we will cover the cost of your training and when qualified and at the pool, we will pay you a reasonable hourly rate.

The qualification is a national NVQ qualification and can be added to your CV. So, if you are interested and would like more information Eugene Camper on: eugenecamper@btinternet.com

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READY FOR A CHALLENGE?

Challenges are to be embraced and are catalysts for positive change and development.

In the previous edition of the Berkeley Flyer Olly Young, our Forest Green Rovers Football Team School Ambassador introduced himself to you and his role in promoting our local professional football team. As a result of Olly's work his Year 5 class mates had the privilege of spending the day at The New Lawn, finding out about the important role the club has to play in the local community and the people behind the scenes. Needless to say the children had a chance to take a few penalties and headers before the return journey home to Berkeley.

The children's enthusiasm and skill for football was evident from our Year 5 and 6 boys' participation in the 7 a-side Football Tournament which took place at Rednock Secondary School on the 8th November. We are delighted to inform you that our team were runners-up and were held from taking the trophy on a narrow points decision by Dursley Primary School.

A tournament requiring a somewhat different type of skill set, will be battled out in London on 6th December at the London Chess Classic when a number of our children will be participating in this prestigious event run by the Chess in Schools charity. As well as playing against children from other schools, they will have the opportunity to meet Grand Masters and international players. Our children have been inspired by chess specialist, Mr Girdlestone who has, with such clarity, taken the children step-by-step into this fascinating board game of strategy and skill. The player's ability to concentrate, forward plan and problem solve are excellent tools for our children to develop and are transferable and applicable to the field of mathematics.

Whether it is indoor or outdoor, physical, intellectual or otherwise our children at Explorers Breakfast and After School Club are ready for a challenge. This term the children have been exploring

the theme SPLISH SPLASH SPLOSH. Our theme has taken us on a journey into water related activities including origami fish, decorating water polo biscuits, making lavender bath salts, water bombs and sailing ice boats. The children have also enjoyed having expert guests, such as lifeguard, Debbie Drennen from the Pulse, Dursley who made us think about how to keep safe around water. While local kayak instructor, Simon Day, has whetted our appetites for different kinds of paddle sports too. We are so grateful to all those who make such an amazing contribution by enriching our children's experience. Thank you!

There are some wonderful and exciting initiatives taking place both in and out of the classroom at Berkeley Primary School. You can catch up on our newly revamped website which is now online and contains more information about your local school <http://www.berkeleyprimary.org.uk>.



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Berkeley Forum

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Dear Editor,

Through the Flyer, I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and organisations who will be working hard during December to lay everything on for a traditional Berkeley Christmas. Here are just a few examples, there are many more.

St Marys Church for the best nativity service in the land - with a real donkey
The Town Council for the Christmas tree in the square that we can all decorate.

The Berkeley Players for the Panto.

The Christmas Fayre Committee for the Christmas Fayre and market – with real snow.

The Primary School for the Christmas Parties.

The Pubs and shops for putting us in a merry mood with their decorations and music.

The Buffs for the Childrens Christmas party.

During December, there will be some of us who are lonely, frail, ill or just have a lot of problems. If you know anyone like this please look out for them because if you do, that's what will put the icing on your best Berkeley Christmas cake ever.

Merry Christmas

Gordon, Penny and Haydn

Dear Editor

Poppy Appeal

Hearty thanks from the British Legion to the generosity of the people who live in the Berkeley-Sharpness Area. We have raised nearly £5,200 this year.

We would also like to thank all the people (especially the house collectors) and organisations that helped and participated in raising this magnificent sum.

Ray Chaney

Honorary Berkeley and Sharpness District Appeal Organiser.

Update on Marybrook Medical Practice

Quite naturally there have been a lot of questions regarding the forthcoming retirements and career moves by a number of the partners. To keep you in the loop, we asked the partners your top 3 questions.

Q. Is the surgery in any danger whatsoever of closing ?

A. Absolutely not.

Q. According to the news, there is difficulty recruiting new GPs in some parts, how will that affect our situation?

A. Berkeley is seen as a good place to practice, consequently no issues are envisaged. Recruitment has begun and is already producing positive results.

Q. When will we get more information ?

A. We'll be able to give you further updates on recruitment progress early in the New Year.

Gordon Craig

Chairman

Marybrook Medical Centre Patients Participation Group

Dear Editor

Tithe Barn Photograph

As part of a local history project, I am trying to find a photograph of the Tithe Barn at Lower Wick.

The barn was located at the junction of Haycroft Lane and Wick Road, and was demolished around 1875 to make way for the construction of the Wick School (now a private residence).

If by chance someone has a photograph of the barn, I would be most grateful if you would contact me on the following email address:

jmcrae@davidjones.com.au

Kind regards

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What's On This Month...

Christingle jingle mince pie mingle

Berkeley's Skylarks choir will be singing carols and popular songs at the Lammaside Inn, Old Brookend, Berkeley, at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th December. All welcome to come and enjoy, with a mince-pie on the house. Also welcome to sing along if you like! The evening is being organised by the Lammaside Inn to raise money for local food banks.

Best wishes

Nicola Hillary (secretary of Skylarks Community Choir)
07976 771309

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

From January we will be needing volunteers to deliver The Berkeley Flyer in the areas of:

FIELD VIEW 16 copies - **CANON PARK** 34 copies -
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If you think you might be able to help in any of these 3 areas please ring
Grace King 811138 or email; editor@theberkeleyflyer.co.uk

COFFEE MORNING EVANGELICAL CHURCH SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER 10.00 - 11.30

It was great to see the pile of Christmas Shoe Boxes mounting during October's coffee morning. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to the Appeal, not only by covering and filling boxes or donating items but also to those who generously made contributions towards the buying of gifts and transportation costs. Thank you. You can be sure that there will be many happy children this Christmastime when they open their boxes. We shall be holding our Christmas coffee morning this month. As well as a selection of our delicious home made cakes and cookies there will also be mini mince pies to enjoy with your tea and coffee.

Please join us if you are able, you will receive a warm welcome.

For further details or help with transport please phone Dawn 810494 or Grace 811138

The Friends of Berkeley Castle are holding their Christmas event – Mulled Wine and Music – on Sunday 10th December from 6pm-8pm in the glorious setting of the Great Hall of the Castle.

The Great Hall will be decorated with a traditional Christmas Tree for this social gathering of Friends and their friends.

Come along and join the party and enjoy Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Music by the group Shepherd's Crook.

Price include a glass of Mulled Wine and light refreshments

£12 for Friends of the Castle, £15 non-members

For tickets telephone 01453 810303 or email friends@berkeley-castle.com

(please note that the Friends' office is not manned every day, especially once the castle closes at the end of October)

Hamfields Leisure

Saturday 23 December 7:00pm till late
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Wednesday 6 December, 7pm
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An Evening of Jazz for Christmas
Friday 15 December, 8pm
£12

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Dr Jenner's House
Museum and Garden

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

3rd Monday of the month 7.30pm

Stay & Play Kids - Sharpness Village Hall

9.45am - 12 noon contact Sue Boxall on
07526101287

Youth Club - Sharpness Village Hall

6.30pm - 8.30pm contact Darren Brown on 07799067237

Beavers/Scouts

Scout HQ., Park View

Scouts 10½ to 14 years old 7.00pm - 8.30pm

FitFix Exercise - Stinchcombe Village Hall

6.30pm - 7.30pm

Tuesday

Community Bank - Town Hall,

Tuesdays 9.15am - 11am

Poetry Circle: 1st Tuesday of the month
2-3pm at Berkeley Library. Informal group for
reading, writing and enjoying poetry. Bring your
favourites along

Town Planning & Finance Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the month 7.30pm

Berkeley Community Library

Tuesdays 10.30am - 4.30pm

Telephone 810520

Line Dancing/Ballroom Dance Class

Hamfields Leisure 7.00pm - 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 - 7.30pm

FitFix Exercise - Cam Memorial Hall

9.45am - 10.45am

Crochet Group - Berkeley Library

11.00am. £1 per session.

Everyone is welcome.

Just bring a crochet hook and some wool.

Berkeley Walking Group

Meet 10.a.m. The Library Car Park. (Free) Coffee
optional afterwards in The Library.

Free Legal Sessions

1st Tuesday of month, Coventry Building Society

Baby Bounce

for babies up to 18 months old, and their carers is
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Craft Club - Berkeley Library

Last Wednesday of the month. 10.30am - 1.30pm.
Bring along whatever project you are working on.
£2 all welcome

Dog Training - Sharpness Village Hall

from 7pm contact Mike Vine 01453 822134

Berkeley Under 5's

Town Hall Toddlers - 9.30am - 11.30am

Ali's Get Dancing Tots

9-9.45am, Scout Hut

Citizens Advice Bureau

Town Hall, 1pm - 3pm

Berkeley Youth Club

Canon Park Pavilion 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

FitFix Exercise - Stinchcombe Village Hall

7.30pm - 8.30pm

Thursday

Extend Exercise Classes for 60+ Scout Hut

From 10.30am

Contact Barbara Weldon 01453 766421

Bingo - Sharpness Village Hall

from 7.30pm contact Jimmy Thomas

01453 811339

Coffee Morning

Union Church Schoolroom

10.00 - 11.00am

Art Group

Berkeley Library . £3.00 per session

10.00am—1pm. Bring own materials

Berkeley Players Rehearsals

Town Hall, 7.00pm Youngsters / 8.30pm Adults

Circuit Training/Keep Fit

Hamfields Leisure 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Contact Sam Greenland 07443 501500

Beavers/Scouts

Scout HQ., Park View

Beaver Scouts, 6 to 8 years old 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Friday

Computer Club

1st Friday of the Month at the Library 11am

Bingo in the Mariners Arms

From 3pm

Berkeley Community Library

10.30am - 4.30pm

Berkeley Rainbows

The Scout Hut 4.15 - 5.30pm

Berkeley Brownies

The Scout Hut 6.00pm - 7.30pm

NatWest Mobile Bank

In the Police parking bay (outside Sema4
Graphics) 11am - 1pm

FitFix Exercise - Cam Memorial Hall

10am - 11am

Saturday

Berkeley Community Library

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

Berkeley Union Church

Salter Street, Berkeley. (Next to Town Hall)

Sunday Services 10.00am - 11.00am

Coffee, Tea and biscuits to follow

St Mary's Church

3rd December

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

11 a.m. 'Messy' Christingle

6 p.m. Advent Carol Service

10th December

9.30 a.m. Choral Communion

11 a.m. All-Age Worship

6 p.m. BCP Communion

17th December

9.30 a.m. Parish Communion

11 a.m. All-Age Worship

6 p.m. Carol Service

24th December: Christmas Eve

3 p.m. Crib Service

11 p.m. Holy Communion

Christmas Day

10.30 Communion

31st December

9.30 Benefice Communion, Stone Church

6 p.m. Joint Berkeley service, St Mary's

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Following on from last year's display of handmade poppies at The Promenade in Cheltenham the library's crochet group decided to create a similar display for Berkeley.

Various people were involved in the making of crochet and knitted poppies, namely members of the library's crochet and craft groups, members of the WI's craft group and members of the U3A's patchwork group.

In total just over 360 poppies were made. These were used to create the displays outside the Union Church, the Evangelical Church and the large wreath by the altar inside St. Mary's Church. Smaller wreaths were also made and donated to these 3 churches.

A huge thank you to everyone who made poppies and helped create the displays



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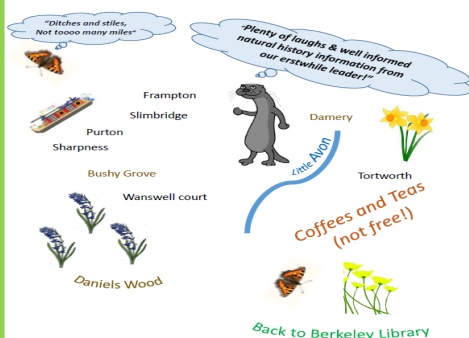
This is to allow for the renewal of the water main by contractors working on behalf of Severn Trent Water Ltd.

If you require any further information regarding these closures please contact the office on 08000 514514

Berkeley Walking Group. Meets Tuesdays

10am in the Library Car Park. Free

(Out and about for a few hours!)



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