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Together for Jenner!



Wow! What a fantastic turnout at Dr Jenner's House, Museum and Garden for the 'Together for Jenner' Photo Call on 20th October. The event was the brainchild of museum manager Owen Gower to raise awareness of the museum's impending closure if £20,000 is not raised by March 2019. The day began with a short speech of thanks by Timothy Wallington, Chair of the Jenner Trust followed by comments from the High Sheriff of Gloucester. Then the crowd of over 240 supporters from Berkeley and further afield gathered around Blossom the Gloucester Cow and Dr Jenner (Phil Metcalf), and waved and cheered their support for the much loved museum.

Entrance to the museum was free for the day, and activities included 'vaccinations' by Dr Jenner in the Temple of Vaccinia, the launch of a new VR game 'The Chantry' set in the museum, an exhibition of photographs taken from one of the last outbreaks of smallpox in the UK, and tea and cakes provided by the lovely ladies of St Mary's Church.

The main aim of the event was to raise

awareness of the plight of the internationally important museum. The 18th-century Chantry is the former home of Berkeley's most famous son, Dr Edward Jenner, whose pioneering work led to the discovery of vaccination and the eventual eradication of smallpox.

Dr Jenner's House is entirely reliant on visitors and donations, and in recent years the maintenance of the Grade I listed building has placed a huge strain on finances. In addition to the 'Together for Jenner' short term fundraising the Trustees are currently pursuing a number of options, including the Heritage Lottery Fund, to secure the long-term future of the site and reduce the reliance on charitable giving.

The Museum staff, volunteers and Trustees have been overwhelmed with the support that Berkeley residents have shown since the plight of the museum was made public- £2000 was raised during the event on the 20th October, along with lots of messages of support and ideas. We would like to keep the momentum going to ensure the long term sustainability of the

museum and Berkeley residents can do this in many ways:

-Volunteer! We have a lovely team of volunteers, but we would welcome more! If you can spare some time, love chatting to people both old and young we need more help with Front of House and with School Visits

-Fundraising- we have had lots of great ideas to help raise funds, but we desperately need the help to organise and run them.

-Become a member of 'The Chantry Club' which gives you free entry to the museum and discounted tickets to the Cider House Talks.

-Tell your friends and family! Spread the word about our plight and encourage visits when we are open.

- Anyone who would like to donate can do so via: jennermuseum.com/together or by sending a cheque to the museum, payable to The Jenner Trust.

There are full details available on <https://jennermuseum.com/support-us/>, email info@edwardjenner.co.uk or ring 01453 810631

NOVEMBER IN THE GARDEN

The first frost came last month and all the tender plants should have been put inside as they need to be protected from winter frost so that they can grow again in subsequent years. Those which cannot be lifted and taken indoors can be covered with mulch or if the pots are too large to bring in they can be insulated by wrapping bubble polythene or hessian sacking around the pots. Also tie up the leaves of plants like Cordyline to protect the growing tips from excess winter wet which will rot them. You can also wrap them in horticultural fleece. Ensure containers are lifted off the ground slightly on feet to improve drainage. Patios and paths which have become slippery can be cleaned now of moss and algae. There are lots of products on the market to help with this or use a good power washer. Make sure taps and pipes are covered outside so that they do not freeze up and make life more difficult. Check that tree ties and stakes are solid as there are sure to be high winds during the winter. If the weather is bad and work comes to a halt outside there are lots of jobs to be done inside. The greenhouse can be tidied and cleaned. Tools can be cleaned and oiled. Lawn mowers can be overhauled and stored in a dry place ready for spring time. Plant pots and seed trays can be washed and stored for winter.

If the weather is good you can continue to tidy and clear the garden, perennials should be cut back and the earth between forked over and a mulch applied such as rotted manure, garden compost shredded bark or leaf mould. This will give a neat cohesiveness to the winter garden. Mulch also reduces the growth of weeds such as bittercress and shepherd's purse that may pop up in mild spells over the winter and it will protect some of the plants from the cold. It also adds nutrients to the soil so in the

spring the plants will have a good start to grow strong and healthy. Clear up and compost fallen leaves from borders. If they have any disease such as black spot they must be burnt. It is a good idea to cut a few stems of holly with berries for making Christmas wreathes and garlands before our feathered friends eat all the berries. Just stand the stems in a bucket of water in a sheltered spot where the birds can't find and decorate with them later.

Now is the time to prune your apple and pear trees. Crossing and rubbing branches should be cut out completely to prevent damage and keep the centre of the trees as open as possible to allow air to circulate reducing the risk of disease affecting the trees. Leader branches can be cut back by about a third. After pruning mulch the trees with a layer of organic matter to retain moisture. Many root crops such as parsnips, swedes, maincrop carrots and salsify are usually hardy enough to stay in the ground all winter where they will keep in better condition than in store. However if the weather becomes really cold and the soil freezes it can be difficult to lift the crops from the ground when needed. It is a good idea to lift a small supply and store them in a box of soil or sand near the house so that they can be easily accessible in very cold weather and harvested in freezing conditions. Unlikely as it may seem it is also time to sow some vegetables outdoors for next spring. As long as you sow the right varieties both broad beans and peas will overwinter as seedlings. Choose a reasonable sheltered site for sowing on a free draining soil. On a heavy soil there may be a risk of seed rotting in which case it is better to sow them in pots or trays in an unheated greenhouse and plant in early spring. Suitable varieties for autumn sowing are Aquadulce Claudia, De Morica, and Reina Blanca for broad beans and Meteor, Dounce Provence and Oregon Sugar Pod for peas.

The seed catalogues are out now and it is a great idea on a cold wet day to sit with a cup of tea and plan all the seeds you will need for the gardening year to come, so I will leave you until next month sitting in the warmth and planning. Ann Legg

WINGS DAY THANK YOU

Many thanks to all visitors and townspeople who contributed to the Royal Air Forces Association Wings Day appeal.



This year's town collection amounted to £189.07



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Peal to Commemorate 100th Anniversary of the End of World War I

On the morning of Saturday 10th November 2018 commencing around 9.30am an attempt will be made to ring a half muffled peal of Grandsire Caters at Berkeley to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War and in remembrance of the bellringers from the Gloucester and Bristol Dioceses who died in that conflict. The band will be representative of most of the Branches of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers (G&B). If the peal is successful it should take just over three hours. The treble and second bells are a war memorial to G&B ringers who died in WW1. One of the major aims of the recent project to rehang the bells was to have all ten bells ringing again in time for this significant anniversary. The bells will also be rung prior to the Remembrance Service on the 11th November



On Saturday 10th November at 7.00pm St Mary's church will be hosting a concert by the ever popular Cotswold Male Voice Choir. "A Night to Remember 1918-2018 Centenary Concert" will be an evening of celebration to commemorate the end of WWI with plenty of audience participation, in the style of Last Night of the Proms. Bring your flags to wave and your singing voices! Tickets cost £8 (£5 for Under 16's) and can be purchased in advance from Debbie Page 01453 511168 or from Coventry Building Society/Bennett Jones in Market Place. Refreshments will be available during the interval.

NEW YORK REMEMBERS WW1 CENTENARY

Chris and Ann Smith who moved from Trevisa Crescent to New York have organised an event to recognise the centenary of world war one in support of The NYS Veterans home. There is no poppy collection in the USA so poppies for their gathering were sent from Berkeley. In return, a contribution is being sent to add to the Berkeley area collection.

Operation Christmas Child

To everyone who is supporting this years Shoe Box Appeal, THANK YOU!

The gift-filled boxes need to be ready no later than Saturday 10th November.

If you would like your boxes collected please ring me, Grace King 81138 otherwise they can be taken to the UNION CHURCH COFFEE SPOT, Thursday 8th

November between 10 & 11am or THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH COFFEE MORNING, Saturday 10th November between 10 & 11:30am.

The shoe boxes will then be collected and taken to the Samaritans Purse sorting and distribution centre in Quedgeley.

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity in supporting Operation Christmas Child.

We want to go to a silent disco!!! Our mums recently organised one and we weren't allowed to go as we are 'too young'. So, we have decided we would organise one too. We know it's a BIG challenge but we are sure we can make a success of it, we can't be the ONLY kids that are fed up of missing out on all the fun our parents are having, can we? We have researched LOTS of charities and have decided that we would aim to raise £1000 for the children's charity NSPCC. We have already booked the venue and ordered the headsets so now it's time to tell everyone about our event! So, if you are a child or know any children in school years 5-9 that would like to come to our event, get in touch. (Tickets limited to 250) SILENT DISCO (school years 5-9) Friday 25th January 2019 at Hamfields Leisure. 7-10:30pm. £5 a ticket. Parents welcome to stay in the bar area and have a go on the raffle.

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Update from our District Councillors

Gordon Craig, Penny Wride, Haydn Jones

Stroud District Council's key areas of responsibility are all listed on the web site but notably do not include Education, Highways, Libraries, the provision of Tips and Bus Services which are all County Council matters. As you will be aware however, the three of us tend to do what we can to help in all community matters in our patch which stretches all along the west side of the M5, from Cambridge to Stone. We thought it timely to highlight some key Berkeley things.

High Street

Following many complaints from residents and lengthy cross service discussions, Gloucester Highways department had reached agreement to create a traffic order limiting the high street to vehicles under 3.5 tonnes. In effect, anything bigger than a large van would not be permitted to use the high street. This should have come into effect by the end of August but has been delayed by an objection highlighting a need for access to fields. The delay in implementation is due to the time this takes to go through due processes. For information we have made our County Councillor aware of the recent collision between a tractor and the Coffee Shop and he is discussing this with officers.

Thornbury Tip

It is with regret that Gloucestershire County Council and South Gloucester Council have been unable to reach agreement for Berkeley residents to use the Thornbury tip so our nearest tip remains Horsley. We believe South Gloucestershire Council may be

anticipating pressures on their service from new developments around Charfield and Thornbury in their own County.

Bus Service to Gloucester

As you will be aware the 62 bus now stops at Dursley necessitating a considerable wait for a connecting bus. We have spoken with County Council officers, our county councillor Brian Tipper and even met with leader Mark Hawthorne and have been left with considerable hope that service will be reinstated in due course. We also have a backstop in mind and have spoken with local parish and town councils to see if it might be possible to arrange for a small local bus to pick up from Berkeley Vale Park, Berkeley, Sharpness and Purton, to provide a proper connection at Dursley. The County Council have agreed that they could arrange for bus passes to work on such a service but costs would need to be underwritten locally. Currently we are awaiting "in principle" responses from Parishes and the Town Council to see if they are interested in supporting the progression of discussions if required. The message is "Watch this space!"

Local Plan Emerging Strategy

The emerging strategy for the forthcoming 5 year update to the local plan includes 2400 dwellings between Berkeley and Sharpness in what would be the creation of a new "Garden Village". If passed it is anticipated work would commence in 2026 and progress at an average of 150 homes a year until 2036 building to 250 for the rest of the plan period which ends in 2040. It should be pointed out however that the promoters of the site are far more bullish and hope to build double the amount stated. We will be demanding that planners come clean on the possible total numbers rather than just what suits them to include in this emerging plan, so that local people

are properly informed. Clearly considerable infrastructure changes would be needed to support plans of this scale. Employment land has been included but that of course does not mean employers will necessarily come.

However the plan develops, and even assuming the necessary additional infrastructure is created ahead of need, changes to local life would clearly be dramatic. Some of you may welcome this growth whilst others will no doubt have worries. As always, we represent you and will act on your thoughts and opinions. Please drop us an e-mail to any of the following addresses and as usual, we will take up your majority view.

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On Friday 19th of October we hosted a Silent Disco to raise funds for Meningitis Now and Down's Syndrome Association. The night was a great success and £1837 was raised at the end of the night. We were thrilled with this and would like to thank everyone that came along to enjoy the night.

- Lisa Palmer and Claire Spiers.
p.s. Our daughters Violet and Macey were so jealous that they couldn't come they have started to organise their own (just for kids) Look out for details



Severn Vale Flower Club

Our Open Meeting will be held in the Armstrong Hall Thornbury on Monday evening 5th November. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.30pm. There will be refreshments, raffle and charity sales tables.

"A Classic Christmas" is the title of a floral demonstration to be given by Michael Bowyer M.B.E. Michael comes from Salisbury and is a well-known demonstrator, speaker, judge and teacher, and has been involved with many flower festivals.

For tickets and more information, the nos. to ring are 01453 811089 or 01454 885213.

Berkeley Educational Swimming Trust (BEST)

October Draw

Winner	Michael Smith	Ball No. 78	£20.00
Runner Up	Brian Butcher	Ball No. 16	£15.00

The draw took place on 3rd October by Fran at The Berkeley Co-op

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Gill Badsey, Lottery Manager for BEST

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 * Sarah's Field.
 * Saturday October 6th: Thank you to all those who came along braving the wet and cold weather.
 * We put up gazebos for shelter; one over the area where the Berkeley and Sharpness Guides and Rangers enjoyed helping to create the hibernacula. These are refuges for creatures such as toads and newts and are a kind of winter quarters to protect from the cold.
 * The other gazebo was over the apple pressing area where apples were enthusiastically chopped, pulped and juiced producing sweet, fresh delicious amber juice.
 * It was lovely to watch the faces of young people as they tasted the
 * apple juice just made in a field. Great experience which will be remembered for a long time.
 * Later in the day, a family arrived bringing apples for juicing. It was interesting to see how different varieties of apple will produce a very different juice as this was cloudy, fresh, sweet and tasty.
 * All in all, it was a very enjoyable time despite the weather.
 * As can be seen, the boundaries to the field are being improved with new
 * gates put in place.
 * As time goes by, the ponds area will be developed with a pond-dipping platform made of recycled plastic.
 * A wild flower area is to be planted near the entrance and many spring bulbs will start to appear. More native trees will be planted in January and a hedge grown along the fence with small native shrubs thus providing berries for birds.
 * We have small areas with soft fruit such as rhubarb, blackcurrant and raspberries which have produced some fruit already. There is potential for more as time goes by.
 * Plans:
 * A local crafts person is making some tree labels using recycled materials for the fruit trees.
 * This is a lovely project being run co-operatively by Berkeley Town Council and Stroud Valleys Project.
 * It is hoped that it will be able to continue after the planned first year as it provides an area for all to enjoy. Just take a walk around the field and sit for a while and contemplate.
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A View From the Hunters Lodge - Berkeley Town FC Update – Oct/Nov

What a difference a month makes.....After a steady start to the season, the first team extended their unbeaten run to five games when they beat Brockworth 2-1, with Dan McNally firing in a 40 yard strike with seconds to go to secure victory. Since then though, three successive defeats have seen them drop from second in the League, to seventh. Disappointing performances against Upton St. Leonards (4-2) and Welland (6-1) gave manager Terrence Stevenson plenty to think about but despite a marked improvement against high flying Chalford, they still went down 4-2 away from home. The league is still looking very open as it stands with only 13 points separating 1st to 14th, so a good run of results could see a dramatic surge back up the table.

The Reserves have also had mixed fortunes, they picked up their first win of the season with a 2-0 victory at Rodborough thanks to brace from in form

striker, Pete Dykes. With performances starting to look better, victory against Kings Stanley looked possible when Dykes and Pete Lavis put the Reserves 2-0 ahead. However a 2nd half capitulation allowed 'Stanley to sneak a 3-2 win. Despite showing signs of frustration, Manager Lavis called on the players for more. Like the First's though, performances have improved but results have not with further defeats to Painswick (4-2) and Chalford 3rds (2-1). This leaves them sat 1 place from the bottom of the table and the team knows that victories are crucial if they are not to be cut adrift from the rest of the teams above them.

Off the field, the Club would like to thank Persimmon homes for their generous donation of £1000 as part of their Community Champion Scheme. The funds have been earmarked for some outdoor furniture for the Clubhouse patio area to enable spectators and families to utilise. The Clubhouse continues to be busy and having listened to some feedback, we plan to have a singer/ live music evening every 8 weeks. Keep an eye in our Facebook page, Up the Hunters, for updates.

Finally, a reminder that our 120th Anniversary Ball is on Saturday 17th November at The Barn, Cattle Country. If any former players, supporters or followers wish to attend, cost is £45 per head. Please contact Andy or Sarah Tayler. Please be quick as final numbers will be needed very soon.

If anyone has any old team photos that we could use as part of the celebrations, please feel free to email a copy over to berkeleytownfc@gmail.com

Forthcoming Home Fixtures/ Events

Sat. 3rd November – Reserves v Bridgeway (2:00 pm)

Sat. 10th November – 1sts v Whaddon Utd (2:00 pm)

Sat. 17th November – Reserves v Abbeymead Res. (2:00 pm), Anniversary Ball – 7:00-7:00pm

Sat. 24th November – 1sts v Sharpness (2:00 pm) – THE BIG ONE!!!!

Sat. 1st December – 1sts v Tuffley Rovers Res (2:00 pm)

Forthcoming event:

At 7pm on Friday November 23rd at the Berkeley Arms Hotel, the Berkeley Players will be holding their annual race night.

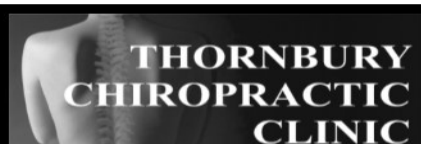


You'll get to watch lots of horse races on the big screen, have a little flutter and sometimes you even win some money! There's always lots of screaming and shouting and cheering.

You can even buy a horse (you get to name it whatever you like and if your horse wins its race, well, what can I say??). We would love to see you all there - it is always a great night and so much fun.

You can even sponsor a race and have your businesses name in the programmes (£10) Please get in touch with Lisa 07885881145 if you want to sponsor a race or buy a horse.

Meanwhile the Players are currently busy rehearsing for this year's Christmas pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk by Jilly McNeill. It will be taking place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 6th-8th December with evening performances at 7.30 pm and a matinee performance on Saturday at 2.30 pm. Tickets will be on sale from Berkeley Pharmacy from Tuesday 20th November. Once again we look forward to seeing you there!



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TYNDALE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The first meeting of the 2018/2019 season for Tyndale Photography Club was held at North Nibley Village Hall on 27th September. It was very well attended and we were pleased to welcome several new members. As is customary at the first meeting it was the 'U Judge' competition where members can, if they wish, enter up to three prints for all members present to vote on.

Brian Wetton (president) opened the evening by explaining the rules of the competition and then left everyone to browse the 41 images on display. The photographs were narrowed down to a final six images and eventually a winner was decided on by a show of hands. This year The Colab Trophy was awarded to Don Grundell for his photograph 'Dawn at Oldbury on Severn'. Other finalists were Brian Wetton, David Gamm and Dave Arkwell. A light buffet supper finished off a most enjoyable evening.



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Applications from students in Further/Higher Education are invited to apply for a small grant towards purchase of necessary books or equipment to help with their studies.

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Nowadays it is run by governors who are representatives of the local Berkeley parishes and town councils; it distributes small grants to individuals and organisations with an educational link to those parishes.

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1. Residence in one of the five

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2. Attendance at a state school within those parishes for at least 3 years and
3. (An individual) is embarked on a course of further or higher education.

Once eligibility is confirmed then grants are looked at on a merit to merit case.

Meetings are held just once a year in December and applications are normally decided upon then. Occasionally grants can be made at other times in the year to an individual considered to be in more urgent need.

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Berkeley Forum

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It was delightful to read the account in your September edition of the progress being made in developing Sarah's Field. Your correspondent Kathryn McNicholas and her fellow volunteers are to be congratulated for their efforts.

However, I need to put the record straight on some points. The donor was called Pamela Thorpe (not Angela Thorne) and Sarah was her grandmother (not mother). Pamela was not a Berkeley resident, having left in the 1950s to live in South Yorkshire.

When she donated the field (valued at the time a £20,000) to the people of Berkeley, she was required to pay some of the conveyancing costs herself. Only after repeated requests did she receive any thanks from Berkeley Town Council, and her express wish to be involved in any opening ceremony was denied her. She died disappointed.

I am sure she would have been very pleased to hear that the people of Berkeley are now benefiting from her generosity.

Marian Simpson- (Pamela Thorpe's daughter)

Dear Editor,
I would like to thank the many hundred people who signed the petition to ask for a review of our local bus services following the loss of our Gloucester bus. I have been working with the local Transportation group and our MP, David Drew, to make sure that Berkeley and Sharpness do not get forgotten!

We have now learned that the Government gave 500 thousand pounds to Gloucestershire County Council to support public transport. We are proposing to make a Freedom of Information request to find out where this money has been spent and, in particular, if any of the money came our way.

I will let you know when we have more information but, be assured, I will keep fighting for Berkeley.

Liz Ashton

Marybrook Medical Centre

Patient Participation Group

Update

As you will be aware some big changes have taken place at the surgery following what has ultimately been the retirement of all the original partners. The Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group has sent out letters to all patients assuring their total commitment to the surgery and its future and the patient participation group has been meeting regularly with them.

We can advise that the Church Street Medical Practice in Tewkesbury which also runs two practices in Cheltenham took over Berkeley on the 1st October on an interim basis, pending the outcome of a procurement process which has been put in place.

The Church Street Practice has a great reputation and is highly regarded by the CCG. They have confirmed that they will be part of the procurement process and hope to be associated with Berkeley in the long term.

Already you will have seen changes, appointment times have come down and new doctors are in place, we believe you will see these

positive changes continue over the coming months and the PPG will be meeting with the senior partner Dr Sanjay Shyamapant and his local management team on a monthly basis.

Right now we are sure it would be helpful if you knew the names of current staff

Doctors

Dr Sanjay Shyamapant (Managing Partner)
Dr Wasyl Nimenko
Dr John Beard
Dr Laura Walsh

Nurses

Donna Veal (Advanced Nurse Practitioner)
Nikki Marshall (Practice Nurse)
Emma Downer (Practice Nurse)
Carol Fahy (Healthcare Assistant)

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Chrisie Nimenko

Administrator

Steph Pearce

Receptionists

Helen Brown
Karen Gaston
Karen Tudor
Megan Harrison
Jane Barnes

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS



As autumn winds begin to bite and the nights draw in, thoughts turn inevitably to planning for the Festive Season. Berkeley Community Trust have now established the annual Christmas Fayre firmly in the calendar and once again this year will be taking over the Berkeley Arms Hotel to make a special day for parents and children.

Sunday 16th December is the date and you need to get it in your diary now before you forget. The day will start at 3.30 in the Hotel with all the old favourites, mince pies, mulled wine and cider and all manner of tasty treats. This year we've invited all your favourite stallholders with Christmas Gifts and Presents for all the family. Something for everyone.

By 4.30 we're warming up (or is it cooling down) the snow machine for the arrival of our special guest, making his annual visit to Berkeley to meet all those well behaved children, hoping to receive presents from him on Christmas Day. Mums and Dads are also welcome to whisper in Santa's ear but the little ones have priority. The opportunity for a selfie with the man himself is available if you get there early enough.

A few places remain for new stalls with a Christmas theme. To enquire, email us at bcfayre@gmail.com

Get ready for the run up to the Big Day with this fun afternoon for all comers. Don't forget to get it in your diary now.



KEEP DIGGING

"Remember you don't know the limits of your own abilities. Successful or not, if you keep pushing beyond yourself, you will enrich your own life..."

A.L. Kennedy



Each child has been endowed with unique gifts and talents which are to be nurtured and enjoyed. However, gifts of music and melody; gifts of words and wisdom; gifts of sport and strength and other aptitudes are not always apparent to the child or others. Just like mining for precious diamonds or gold, there is likely for most people a journey of trial and tribulation to be endured before discovering the talent which has been planted deep within them. Our job as educationalist is not only to encourage the child to 'dig', but to provide the tools to allow the child to uncover and discover the

unique talent which s/he carries.

Our new House Point System has been a great vehicle, encouraging our children to 'dig' a little bit further and harder in their everyday work in the classroom and around the school. Each child and member of staff belongs to one of four Houses – Jenner, Fitzharding, Tyndale and Scott. Children can earn house points in a variety of ways. Demonstrating diligence, focus learning, initiative, knowledge, skill and hard work will be rewarded with house points. At the end of each term the House with the most points earns a special treat. We are delighted to announce that Fitzharding are the first of the 2018-19 winners who won the exciting challenge of a morning with a climbing wall team and an amazing mobile climbing wall. A sight to behold! The children are now even keener to show off how brilliant they are by earning as many house points as possible in the hope that they can participate in the Mini-Marine Challenge, which is scheduled to be their next treat.

On Friday afternoons the children are able to spend time with other children across the school during what is known as Enrichment.

This provides opportunities to engage in activities which are mostly unfamiliar or out of the ordinary for primary school children, such as Film Making, Den Building, Mindfulness, Yoga and Cookery. In addition, there is a wealth of activities available to the children throughout lunchtime and after school too. The menu includes, Soft Archery, Drama, Recorder Club and much more. Never a dull moment!

We are very aware of the historical heritage we have here in Berkeley, and the worldwide impact of the work of Edward Jenner. It is of concern to us about the potential loss of such a valuable venue where children can 'touch' history in a tangible way. A textbook is unable to deliver the impact of exploring the home of a 'world-changer' such as Jenner and the artefacts it contains. For this reason, the Year 6 pupils will be visiting the museum to study the World War II artefacts displayed there, following their topic, 'The Blitzed Brits'. On a festive note, the school choir will be singing Christmas carols at the museum on 13th December at 7pm.

If you would like to know more about what is happening at the school, please visit our school website www.berkeleyprimary.org.uk

BERKELEY FESTIVALS COMMUNITY GRANT 2018

You may remember that at the beginning of this year, the Berkeley Festivals Committee advised that rather than run the Summer Festival and Christmas Fayre as community events, where stall holders could raise funds but where the event itself aimed to break even, we would instead aim to make a small profit which would then be made available in the form of annual grants, to encourage and support local community groups and organisations. We would now like to invite applications for this year and note details below.

Applications are open until midnight on Friday 30th November and should be made by e-mail to berkeley.festivals@gmail.com

The criteria are as follows a) The organisation must be locally based and bring benefit to the local community. b) The organisation must state what the grant will be used for and if awarded, subsequently be able to confirm its use.

Applications will be considered on Friday 7th December and applicants will be advised of awards during the following week.

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What's On This Month...

Thursday's Art Group will be displaying their work throughout November in the Berkeley Community Library

The Berkeley Skylarks Choir **Tuesday 27th November 2018 at 7.30 pm** **Choral and Xmas Carol Singalong**



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Jazz at Rockhampton Village Hall with Park Row Five

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The members of this popular quintet consist of Gareth Williams on Sax/Flute, Rob Bartlett on Trumpet, Stuart Potter on Keyboards, Ray Loadman on Bass and James Heming on Drums.

They will be performing a wide variety of well-known jazz standards from St. Louis Blues to Gershwin, all of them cool easy listening and entertaining jazz.

Doors and bar open 7.00pm.

Tickets £10 on the door



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10.00 - 11.30am

Despite the awful weather on the morning of our October coffee morning many coffee lovers braved the rain to come and help us eat our delicious cakes and cookies. Thank you all so much.

It's almost December which means it's time for Operation Christmas Child boxes once again. We are a collection point for your filled boxes so please bring them to the church on the 10th. If you've never tasted our cakes and coffee before this will be a good time to give them a try. We don't make a charge for our refreshments nor is there a limit on refills.

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What's On Diary

For a regular entry in the What's On Diary please email
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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

Wednesday

Craft Club - Berkeley Library

Last Wednesday of the month. 10.30am - 1.30pm.

£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

9-9.55am, Scout Hut, term time, 07795215319

P3 Community Based Drop In

Town Hall, 10am - 12pm

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Berkeley Steps

Town hall, 7.30pm - 8.30pm, Town Hall

Thursday

Extend Exercise Classes for 60+ Scout Hut

From 10.30am Contact Barbara 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

Circuit Training/Keep Fit

Hamfields Leisure 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Contact Sam Greenland 07443 501500

NatWest Mobile Bank

In the Police parking bay (outside Sema4 Graphics)

10.15am - 12.30 pm

Beavers Scouts for 6 to 8 years

Scout HQ, Park View, 4.30pm -

5.30pm

Friday

Computer Club

1st Friday of the Month at the Library 11am

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

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

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

4th Nov

9.30 a.m. Benefice Communion at Stone Church

11.00 a.m. Messy Church

6.00 p.m. Service of Commemoration of the Departed

11th Nov

10.30 a.m. All Age Communion

3.00 p.m. Civic Remembrance Service

18th Nov

9.30 a.m. Choral Communion

11.00 a.m. Informal Worship

25th Nov

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Vale of Berkeley Railway

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wonderful photograph of 2 fine gentlemen who were among the station staff at Berkeley and we wondered if any of their descendants still live in the area. The photograph was taken on the platform at Berkeley in the early 1920s, and the names are recorded as Albert Baker and Elton Vivian King.

September 1st marked the end of the bird nesting season, so at Oldminster Sidings we have been able to make a start on clearing the 4 sidings of trees. Due to the poor quality of the ground these are mainly scrubby hawthorn and willow. Only trees which would interfere with the railway lines will be removed. The grass which was planted along the road is germinating and the whole site is looking better than it has for many a year. Bags of dumped rubbish have been collected and removed, and dozens of bottles have been collected and sent for recycling.

Work is continuing on the 2 containers, one at the Berkeley station site and one at Oldminster Sidings. These will provide us with shelter and storage facilities at the sites. The one at Berkeley station has been painted in a fetching shade of LMS maroon, while one of the creative volunteers at Oldminster has made a small stove out of an old gas cylinder. This will be greatly appreciated once the colder and wetter weather arrives. We are also in the process

of fitting a solar panel and low voltage lighting.

The new machinery at the engine shed, 3 lathes, a grinding machine, and a horizontal borer, are being cleaned, painted and refurbished. This equipment is most valuable because when we are restoring locomotives and wagons that are getting on for 100 years old it is impossible to find spares. Nearly everything has to be made by hand by a highly skilled team. Anyone who is interested in machining will find some very knowledgeable tutors at the shed.

Work has started on refurbishing the Jacker/Packers and slawers donated by our friends on the Forest of Dean railway. These are very useful pieces of kit for straightening, levelling and packing track work. They are basically sound, but need to be stripped, cleaned and checked, and have some of the hydraulic hoses replaced. They will then be available to both railways for Permanent Way work.

Two training courses to improve the knowledge and skill levels of the volunteers were held in October. A First Aid course was held as we will often be working in inaccessible locations. We also ran a Personal Track Safety course to Network Rail standards. This is a mandatory requirement for anyone working on a live railway.

Our September talk at the Berkeley Arms was entitled "Being a Railwayman in the 1970s". VoBR member Gordon Ferris recalled his 37 year railway career, starting in 1963 as a Junior Porter on Wigan North Western station, and ending in 2000 as Managing Consultant of his own railway contracting company.

The October talk will be of particular interest to fans of the London Midland and Scottish railway. One of their main classes of express locomotives was the "Patriot". In the haste to scrap all steam engines in the 1960s, every one of this class was cut up before any could be saved. A project has been running for the last few years to build a completely new "Patriot" locomotive, using the original LMS plans and drawings. This will be named "The Unknown Warrior" in memory of the dead of 2 world wars. On

October 18th at the Berkeley Arms we are lucky to have a talk by Kevin West, the chief engineer of this project.

The November talk will be about the Hereford, Ross and Gloucester Railway by Dr Martin Connoprice. Martin's presentation will start with the early history of this IK Brunel line before taking the audience on a journey from Gloucester to Ross and Hereford - an attractive route which was sadly terminated by Dr. Beeching in 1964. There will also be some observations on the 19th century broad gauge/ standard gauge debate. There will be a very brief glimpse of the line from Ross to Lydbrook, which provided the last freight traffic through Ross, and a few photos of locations along the line as they are today. This will be held in the Berkeley Arms on Thursday November 15th from 7:30.

If anyone would like to see what we are up to, we are at the engine shed in Sharpness Dock and at Oldminster Sidings on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and at Berkeley station on Wednesdays, and would be glad to show you around.

You can also become a 'Friend of Berkeley Station' by joining the Facebook group of that name, and helping us to start the process of giving Berkeley back its station. This also contains pictures of the various activities.

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