



## THE JENNER MUSICAL PICNIC

The Musical Picnic on June 17th was a huge success. The music written by Liz Lane (pictured right), an internationally recognised composer who lives locally, was fabulous. The choir made up of local singers sang beautifully, the band played with great feeling and as for the children's singing, action and mimes - words are not enough to praise them.

The event began with singing from Vale Community Choir led from the keyboard by Eddie Gerrard and this was followed by Ian Holmes (conductor) and Martin Le Poidevin (baritone) teaching the main choruses to the audience. After a short break whilst people enjoyed their picnics, Marg Glover supported by Bill Glover and Jess Greenwood Parker began their narration of Jenner's life.

The song 'Berkeley Fair', which was based on one of Jenner's poems set to music by Liz Lane, was performed by Martin Le Poidevin accompanied by local instrumentalists flautist Kathy McNicholas, violinist Lu Yang, with guest ensemble James Scream, Robert Morgan, Emily Dodsworth, Liz Lane, Dan Thomas and Gregor Spence.



Children from Sharpness School then performed a delightful mime for us on the 'dreaded disease called smallpox' before singing and performing actions to 'A Cuckoo's Egg'. Next Berkeley School children performed clever movements for the 'Air Balloon Song'. James Scream (cornet) and Dan Thomas (euphonium), playing from The Temple of Vaccinia,



provided for a reflective

moment whilst children from Berkeley School unveiled a portrait of Jenner painted for the bicentenary by Carrie Steel. Finally, a memorable mime performed by children from Stone with Woodford School preceded 'Free from Harm' as we all sang to celebrate Jenner's seminal work on vaccination. A few reflective words were read by children to round off the event.

Live sound, video and recording was by students from UWE Bristol and we will make this recording available in due course as a legacy product (see our website [www.jennerproject.com](http://www.jennerproject.com).)

We would like to thank Brian Tipper and GCC for the financial support that made this wonderful event possible.



I know many of us are not even thinking of Christmas at the moment, but we are starting to put in place ideas for our next Christmas at Berkeley event.

We are looking for volunteers to come and help with either setting up on the day and being involved on the evening, or both!

The event will take place on Friday 1st December.

If you feel you could help and are interested, please could you email us on:

[christmasatberkeley@gmail.com](mailto:christmasatberkeley@gmail.com)

The deadline for volunteer offers will be by 26th July.



## THE GARDEN IN JULY

After last month's dry period the young plants had trouble establishing themselves but, as usual, nature has come up to expectations and they have all started to grow with a vengeance! Flowers are at their peak in most gardens and the never ending jobs of weeding, watering, staking and harvesting of crops will keep us all busy. In my garden the Roses have been spectacular with many blooms this year. One early morning I looked out of the window and there was a squirrel sitting on the rose arch eating the roses one after another – needless to say – he didn't stay there long!

When we have hot weather with little rain, watering the garden is likely to take up a considerable amount of time. Try to water in the early morning or late evening. Make a priority of vegetables, fruit and newly planted items first. Always give the ground a good soak so as the water will get right down to the roots and not just on the foliage. Container grown plants will need watering most days when it is hot. Now is the start of the holiday season and it really comes at the wrong time for most gardeners as everything is growing fast and needs regular attention – so a little preparation before you leave will prevent the garden turning into a jungle while you are away!. Planted containers, and hanging baskets can be moved to a shady spot and given a good soaking just before you go. If you have a good neighbour to water is even better! Mow the lawn just before you go. Make sure you have done the weeding and picked fruiting crops such as Courgettes, Peas, Beans and Tomatoes or you could ask a good

friend to come in and harvest for you. In the greenhouse put a shade wash on the glass. I usually put as many plants as I can in trays with water that should last about a week. I also cover all the plants with fleece – this lets the air in but keeps the hot sun off them. Leave vents and the door open. You can then go on holiday with a happy smile on your face.

I have had some lovely Bearded Iris this Spring and now that they have finished flowering I will divide them as they have become congested. Trim the flowers and foliage down to about 6" and lift them. Select the strongest pieces and replant them in a well drained sunny position. I have put some into pots to give away to family and friends. If you have grown Garlic it should be ready to harvest when the foliage starts to turn yellow. Leave the foliage on and dry out on newspaper in the sun. If you grow apples now is a good time to thin out the fruits so that the remaining fruits are of a good size and taste. Care for your pond – if you have one. Keep it topped up with water and clear away blanket weed and algae but leave them by the side to allow insects to escape back into the water overnight. To encourage more flowers in beds borders and containers dead head the plants often – unless you want to save seed for next year. Plant Leeks and Spring Cabbage now. Harvest herbs on a hot dry day and dry them to use later in the year. They can be frozen, chopped up and put in ice cubes with a little water and frozen. You can then add one or two cubes to soups, sauces and casseroles. Cut back rock garden plants after flowering as they usually look bedraggled now so give them a short back and sides! Trim

back species such as Aubrietia, Alyssum, Iberis and Cerastium. This will encourage fresh growth and will certainly improve flowering next year. You can now take semi ripe cuttings of many shrubs as they are less delicate than the softwood cuttings and do not need special treatment keep them shaded for a week or two. They should root by the Autumn. If you are not flying off to some far flung corner of the globe then take time to relax and enjoy the fruits of your labours in the garden. An early morning or evening is the most enjoyable for a stroll around the garden and find time to sit and have a coffee and put your feet up! Maybe invite the family over for a barbecue – what better way to end the day. Until next month – happy gardening!

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## Sarah's Field Update

It was a cool spring, so some plants were late in their growth. This was followed by a very dry May then storms and downpours on 11/12 June, then back to heat. We now have to contend with these weather extremes for life. In the dry weather, young trees that were planted in the previous winter need watering. It is also useful to mulch them with hay, weeds and woodchips to retain moisture and build up soil organic matter.

Meanwhile, underwater, life stirred in February. Many froglets managed to develop and hop away from the shallow scrape before it dried up. Frogs seem to choose shallow water to lay their spawn in. They are safer from predators such as dragonfly larvae and fish, even though in some years it dries up before they can escape. Many newts were seen in the big pond. They too can survive if it dries out, as they spend the summer out of the water, under logs, stones, and piles of vegetation.

Slow worms (a type of lizard without legs) have been breeding and whole families of them are to be found under some felt mats.

Wildflowers are being added, and it takes time to establish them, often with a false start. If it is too dry or cold the seeds may not germinate, or will grow a bit, only to shrivel up in the heat! Do not lose heart, we say, keep trying! Meadow flowers are being added to Sarah's Field: buttercup, meadow sweet, cuckoo pint.

Verges and other green areas are great if they have wildflowers and long grass, as this gives a place for so much life. Mowing at the edges and the mowing of paths is a good way to manage grassland to enable access and visibility, whilst leaving 'islands' of longer growth. Some

butterfly caterpillars feed on grasses, such as skippers, marbled white, meadow brown and gatekeeper. Grass seed-heads are beautiful, and are eaten by some birds. You can improve grassland by not adding chemicals or pesticides. The stems of grasses provide a haven for many insects, larvae and eggs. Cutting in later summer/autumn will maintain the grassland, and 'knock back' more dominant species. But some of it can be left un-cut, each year, as a winter hiding place. Then, all there is to do, is 'zoom in' and find some of these treasures of life: tiny flower beetles, robber flies, and capsid bugs, bright blue dragonflies, and more. Enjoy.



Sarah's Field was commenced as a community project by Berkeley Town Council, in 2018: comprising a meadow, orchard and wetland. In the next article we will give a bit more of the history.

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# Berkeley Community Swimming Pool

As I write this in mid June the pool is a balmy 29.5 degrees Celsius. Warm!

Yes the pool is open for weekday school swimming and weekend afternoons community swimming.

Not only do we have the wonderful new pool liner, we have brand new pool covers. A very generous grant from the Masons paid for these new covers which will keep the pool protected and will insulate the pool water temperature and reduce pool chemical usage.

Every swimming session has trained lifeguard(s). Parents are responsible for their children. The lifeguards are present to keep everyone safe.

Heads up - in the event of thunder and lightning the life guards will clear the pool immediately.

There is no booking. First come first served. Be warned on hot sunny days it gets very busy. If you don't get in for the first session gate people will book you into the next session pool capacity allowing.

The community swimming opening hours are:

Term time up to Saturday July 22nd (closed Sunday July 23rd), Saturdays and Sundays,

Family swim 2pm- 4pm, (x2 one hour sessions)  
Adult swim. 4pm - 5pm.

Holiday opening hours: Tuesday July 25th - Sunday 4th September. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday.

Family Swim 2pm - 4pm (x2 one hour sessions),

Adult swim Saturday and Sunday 4pm to 5pm.

Prices. Adults (16 and over) £4.00

Children 3-15 £3.00

Under 3s free with paying adult; who must be in the water with them.

Please remember cash only.

Happy swimming.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

We are continuing to work with the County Council to develop ideas to improve our town centre. We don't have any details to share with you at the moment, but hope to have a proposal later in the year to share, and to help us secure funding from the government, the county, grant schemes – and anywhere else we can think of.

Last time we shared our intentions around the town centre, last year, it was clear that parking was a key concern for many in the town. We have been talking to Stroud District Council about using some of their land to provide more parking spaces: they seem keen on the idea but need to investigate further, and of course we need to discuss any plans with people who live nearby before any changes are made.

Finally, it is a difficult subject but can I remind everyone that dogs are not allowed on Canon Park field. Canon Park is an area where lots of young children play, and football teams both young and old hold their matches, so we need to keep the area free of dog foul for everyone's safety. I'm a dog owner myself, so I understand how tempting it might be to take dogs on that field, but there are plenty of other areas around the town to walk dogs – please keep Canon Park clean for children to play in.

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## BVCAN

Nature Festival in the Park

Stroud's Nature

Festival in the Park is a FREE event on Sunday 2 July: 11 – 4pm.

As well as 30 organisations taking part, Festival Highlights include interactive talks throughout the day about Creating Wildflower Meadows by Biodiversity Ranger Mat Allen. The talks are free and will explore what can be done to reverse the decline of wildflower meadow habitat and create wildflower-rich spaces.

Spaniel in the Works Theatre Company is presenting Carl Linnaeus (1707-1778). Carl will explain his system for naming all plants and animals. Children may be familiar with this famous scientist as his work comes up in KS2 and KS3 science at school. Movement in Nature performance will take place in the Sensory Garden and Orangery – workshops 11 – 2.30pm and performance 3pm.

Bring your own picnic and find space amongst the trees. Stratford Park is one of the best in the country for a great family day out or a quiet time with a friend or two.

Park amenities include an historic arboretum, a museum which regularly hosts exhibitions by artists, several play areas, skatepark, open-air lido, leisure centre, walks and wildflower areas and a miniature railway.

Stroud Buzz Club for families is worth a mention. Exploring the world of insects, it is held one Sunday every month, in the Walled Garden, behind the Museum in the Park, Stroud. The next session is Sunday, 23rd July.

Contact : peterdawnlead@aol.com or 07768881950.

Take part in an unusual evening event, Glow Worm Walk and survey on Monday 3 July. Meet at Woodchester Park car park at 9pm. FREE

Visit <https://stroudvalleysproject.org/> events to find out more about the Nature Festival, Buzz Club and numerous other events and opportunities.

Young adults - exploring your options after GCSEs?

Sustainable Futures is a new full-time Level 3 programme for 16-18 year-olds focusing on creativity, sustainability and wellbeing, to bring people closer as a community and to the environment. Core skills include:

- designing, creating and maintaining permaculture spaces.
- crafting with sustainable materials including weaving, dying with natural inks, pottery with local clay, whittling and wood turning.
- construction with natural green materials.
- community, environmental and ecology focused projects.

Starting in September 2023, this two-year programme is roughly equivalent to A-Levels can lead to careers in the arts, conservation, sustainability, ecology, permaculture and more.

Find more information contact: tom.henderson@sgscol.ac.uk

Best wishes

The BVCAN team

## All Change at Dr Jenner's House!

The summer season has opened at Dr Jenner's House with a new Director, Helen Hood, leading the way in trying to save this beautiful and important building.

The garden is looking glorious thanks to the hard-work of our wonderful volunteers. Visitors have enjoyed picnicking, eating ice-creams, reading, relaxing or playing in the sunshine in this tranquil space.

The house itself is now unfortunately in a very sad state of repair, with urgent conservation work required to secure it for future generations. We very much hope the local community will help support this work by attending



some of our summer activities (including activities for kids and a period costume picnic), booking a private event (such as a

wedding reception or group visit), visiting the house or helping us by volunteering. We currently have vacancies in the house and garden teams. We also urgently need help from maintenance volunteers who have professional decorating building skills.

If you are interested in any of the above or have ideas of how you would like to help or collaborate, please do get in touch.

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## Award For Local Men's Shed

Local group Cotswold Community Men's Shed were presented with a prestigious award at the U K Men's Shed Association 10-year celebrations, hosted by Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson DBE DL

On 23rd May UKMSA held their 10-year anniversary event in the Palace of Westminster. Our local men's Shed was shortlisted for the Shed of The Year section for Partnerships. They were in competition with three other Sheds from around the UK which had also been shortlisted from a total of nearly 600 UK sheds. Our local group won through and were presented with the award by the Chairman of UKMSA and sponsors Titefix.

The partnerships formed by Cotswold Community Men's Shed include many local entities. They have worked with Justine Hopkins and Councillor Paul Turner in decorating the town hall with lanterns at Christmas.

They are working with the new Aurora Severnside school on a one-to-one basis teaching basic skills. Recently they formed a working relationship with The Jenner Museum with curator Helen Hood and meetings are imminent with the local library and they are in contact with the marketing team at Berkeley castle.



They are always looking for new members so if you want to find out more call Brett on 07969761511 or Chris on 07817871096 or call in Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings they are at Unit B31 on the Berkeley Science Park.

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Dursley Male Voice Choir are holding a Social Sing and Meet the Choir event in the Berkeley Arms Hotel on the 12th July between 7.30 and 9.30pm.



This is an informal event where the choir will be singing a few pieces in a relaxed social setting, no doubt having a couple of drinks along the way. We are keen to meet people who are interested in the choir, either as audience or, better still, potential singers.

So please come along to listen and have a chat.

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Firstly, tell the company or travel agent you booked with as soon as possible. This way you're more likely to be able to get it sorted quicker. If you don't say anything until you get home, you might get less or no compensation at all.

If the holiday you went on turned out to be lower in value than the one you originally booked you can make a claim for 'loss of value'. For example you paid for a deluxe room but only got a standard one, if it wasn't sorted out at the time you can claim back the difference in value.

You can also claim compensation for any extra money you have to spend while away, for example the hotel was a bus

ride away from the beach rather than across the road as advertised. This is called claiming for 'out-of-pocket expenses'. If this does happen make sure you keep all your receipts for things like bus journeys.

If big parts of the trip you booked didn't happen or services weren't provided, for example a planned two-day excursion was cancelled and no alternative was organised, you can make a claim for 'loss of enjoyment'. You can also make this claim if something happens that causes you distress or disappointment, such as the pool was closed for the whole trip.

It's worth noting that there's no there's no strict guidance on how much you can claim for loss of enjoyment but any claim you make must be reasonable. You can't get compensation if you simply didn't enjoy the holiday or if the problem was out of the holiday company's control - like bad weather.

Check the information you received when you made the booking to see what you're supposed to get. If you don't get the service you've been promised, you may be entitled to compensation for breach of contract. You might also be able to claim from your travel insurance – check if your policy covers this.

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The business part of the meeting was swiftly completed.

National news - Denman College has been sold. £4 million has been placed in a trust the income from which will be used to support WI activities. £2.75;million will be distributed to WIs to be spent on local educational opportunities.

Outings: Tortworth Lake 1st Sunday of the month.

Hill cream teas 1st Sunday in the month

Summer outing August 10th Applegates tour of Swansea, The Mumbles and The Gower peninsula with onboard guide.

Date of next meeting Thursday July 13th 2pm The Pavilion, Canon Park

The speaker was Robert Bryant - "Gardens here and there in England". His background is as a graphic designer who then became a garden designer.

We were treated to wonderful photographs of a diverse selection of twelve English gardens. Some famous big budget - Alnwick, Highgrove (no photography allowed). Some professional such as RHS Wisley and RHS Rosemoor, and National Trust -Stourhead and The Court in Wiltshire, Polesden Lacey near Dorking.

Some smaller and less well known such as Iford Manor near Bradford on Avon, Hampton Court Castle Herefordshire, Holehird Windermere, Greencombe Garden Porlock, Rousham House near Oxford

This was on many levels an inspiring talk. Inspiring us all to improve and innovate in our own gardens. Encouraging us all to seek out and support local open gardens scheme gardens for ideas and enjoyment and to seek out open gardens off the beaten track. It reminded us all how lucky we are to live in and have the opportunity to visit and enjoy the wonderful gardens of England.

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## BERKELEY PLAYERS

Berkeley Players were back again for their summer production over two consecutive evenings on 15th and 16th June. The audience were treated to a trio of one act plays.

The first play, 'The Haunting of Hardup Hall' by Steve Clark and David Lowey and directed by Marg Glover, was performed by the newest members of the cast. The play was narrated by the ghosts of Hardup Hall who told the story of 'Bashitt and Thumpen' who were trying to steal treasure from Lord and Lady Hardup. They were thwarted by Mystic Maureen and taken away by PC Lockemup! The audience enjoyed the humour of the rhyming lines and the mood was cleverly set by the background sound effects and lighting.

The second of the plays was the classic tale of Macbeth, rewritten by Geoff Bamber into one act with a modern twist and directed by Jess Greenwood Parker. This was again performed by the youth cast. Lord Macbeth or 'Mackie' as he was known to his wife, gave a brilliant performance which was interspersed with humour right up until the last moment when he reached his tragic end! The witches made quite an entrance especially when one of them got lost and had to rely on the satnav to point her broom in the right direction! They give Macbeth a fateful prediction who quite liked the idea of being the new king but not as much as Lady Macbeth! Under her direction, he dispatched the old king as well as some guards and Banquo while Prince Malcolm fled and joined forces with Lord Macduff to bring Macbeth down. This version of the play certainly brought it into the 21st century and was very enjoyable to watch.

The third play, 'All by Themselves' by Robert Scott was performed by the

adult cast and was directed again by Jess Greenwood Parker. The tale was about Larry who had been shipwrecked on a desert island for eight years and had been driven to the edge of sanity. He had been joined by a selection of other shipwrecked characters over the years and had built 19 boats, one of them successful, on which he had insisted that several of his companions left. He later regretted his decision believing that he would have made it home. However, they were luckily discovered by Larry a few months later in a rockpool around the coast just before they decided who they were going to eat first! Two more characters, Webley and Smith, eventually discovered that they were all actually on a peninsular! After this revelation, Larry ended the play on an expletive which was cleverly timed to be cut by the lighting and a good laugh from the audience! Debs Hobbs gave an excellent performance as Larry with her soliloquies of woe and Bill Glover and Phil Metcalf, as Webley and Smith, made a great comedy duo with tales of their hole digging! Alice Kilby, Jane Greenwood, Gwen Chaney and Peter Cornelius made great shipwreck companions and there was plenty of humour to keep the audience entertained throughout the play!

It was clear to see how hard everyone had worked on stage and behind the scenes to create this thoroughly enjoyable production and I am already looking forward to the Christmas pantomime!!

### Berkeley Flyer Forum

Please let us know if there's something you'd like included in the Flyer. Whether it's a thank you to someone who helped you with a problem, a photo or memory of Olde Berkeley or details of a fundraiser you are doing,

Email us at [editor@theberkeleyflyer.co.uk](mailto:editor@theberkeleyflyer.co.uk) or pop your message into the Pharmacy by 15th of the month.

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"Calendar Girls" is being performed by amateur group Collaborative Productions at Rangeworthy Village Hall from 21 to 23 September, a charity event raising funds for BUST and Blood Cancer UK.

BUST, started in 1990, supports Bristol's only breast care centre based at Southmead Hospital. 1,000 new cancer patients a year, of which one in seven women and a small number of men, are diagnosed with breast cancer. BUST has raised over £1.5 Million and continue to raise funds to provide the unit with state-of-the-art equipment to aid and speed up diagnosis and treatment, from ultrasound scanners in every consulting room to the latest additions for mammography and MRI technologies.

Blood Cancer UK funds world-class research into all blood cancers including leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma. 360 researchers are being funded across the UK in search of the next breakthrough. Their research has already helped transform treatments and taken them to the point where the day blood cancer will be beaten is now in sight. Since 1960 when the charity was founded in the name of The Leukaemia Research Fund they have invested over £500 Million in blood cancer research. The



charity rebranded to Blood Cancer UK in 2020.

"Calendar Girls" is based on an inspiring true story of a group of friends from a Yorkshire WI who do something extraordinary and spark a global phenomenon when they persuade one another to pose for a charity calendar with a difference! The WI ladies joined forces to raise funds for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research when one of their husbands died of a form of blood cancer, wherein lies our link to Blood Cancer UK, and similarly the local breast cancer charity BUST.

Suitable for those 16 or over, there are three evening performances at 7.30pm and a Saturday matinee at 2.30 pm.

Tickets will be on sale with effect from 1 July costing £12 and £10 (concessions), also group bookings of 10+ get one free ticket. Visit [www.ticketsource.co.uk/collaborative-productions](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/collaborative-productions) or ring TicketSource phone line 0333 666 3366 (for additional £2 fee plus regular 7% booking fee). Walk-in cash bookings also available at the Rose and Crown in Rangeworthy.

If you would like to support these two charities by seeing this wonderful play, make sure you secure your ticket early as it is undoubtedly going to be popular.

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# What's On Diary

## Monday

### Town Council Meeting

3rd Monday of the month 7.00pm

### Stay and Play Kids - Sharpness Village Hall

9.45am - 12 noon contact Sue Boxall on 07526101287

### Krunch Youth Club - Canon Park Pavilion

Juniors for school Years 6-9, 6pm - 7.30pm  
Seniors for school Years 9-12, 7.45pm - 9pm  
From 17th April - Contact Natalie@krunch.org.uk

### Berkeley Rainbows

The Scout Hut 4.15 - 5.30pm

### Scouts - Scout HQ., Park View

Scouts 10½ to 14 years old 7.00pm - 8.30pm

### FitFix Exercise - Stinchcombe Village Hall

6.30pm Combat with Sam 07793 755240  
Suitable for all abilities

### Last Orders Picture House

Salutation Inn at Ham  
Alternate Mondays at 7.30  
Book via [www.sallyatham.com](http://www.sallyatham.com).

### Sharpness Guides Sharpness Scout and Guide Hut

10 - 14 years old, 6.30 - 8.00pm  
<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

## Tuesday

### Berkeley Community Library

Tuesdays 10.00am - 6.00pm  
Telephone 810520

### Line Dancing/Ballroom Dance Class

Hamfields Leisure 7.00pm - 9.00pm  
Contact Daphne 01453 826034

### Vale Community Choir

Town Hall, 7.30 - 9pm Term Time only.  
All welcome

### Cub Scouts - Scout HQ. Park View

8 to 10½ years old  
6.00pm - 7.30pm

### Thornbury Macular and Low Vision Support

1st Tuesday of month, 10.30am to 12.30pm  
Methodist Church Hall, Castle Court, Thornbury

### Berkeley Flicks - Berkeley Library 7.30pm

3rd or 4th Tuesday of each month  
Contact: [berkeleyflicks@gmail.com](mailto:berkeleyflicks@gmail.com)

### Yoga (Hybrid Yoga)

Town Hall  
6.00—7.00pm

### Berkeley Books

The GL11 Jb Hub will be located in Berkeley Books on alternate Tuesdays from andth March.

## Wednesday

### Dog Training - Sharpness Village Hall

from 7pm contact Mike Vine 01453 822134

### Citizens Advice Bureau

Now Closed. Ring for advice on 0800 800 0510

### Berkeley Gardening Club

3rd Wednesday of the month  
Library 7.30pm

### Crochet Group - Berkeley Library

Every Wednesday from 11am until 1pm£2 per session. Refreshments: 20p. Everyone is welcome. Just bring a crochet hook and some wool.

### FitFix Exercise - Berkeley Town Hall

6.30pm HiiT with Sam 07793 755240  
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### Alcoholics Anonymous Berkeley Steps

Town hall, 7.30pm - 8.30pm, Town Hall

### Berkeley Guides Scout HQ, Park View

10 - 14 years old, 6.30 - 8.00pm  
<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

### Yoga (Hybrid Yoga)

Town Hall

## Thursday

### Extend Exercise Classes for 60+ Scout Hut

From 10.30am Contact Barbara 01453 766421

### Berkeley Congregational Church

Thursday Coffee Mornings have now resumed starting at 10am. Everyone is most welcome. Please come along. A warm welcome awaits you.

### Berkeley Toddlers (0-5yrs)

9.30—11.30am, Town Hall  
£5 per family/ childminder and kids

### Art Group

Berkeley Library . £4.00 per session  
10.00am—1pm. Bring own materials

### NatWest Mobile Bank

Salter Street  
Every other Thursday  
10.15am - 12.30 pm

### Beavers Scouts for 6 to 8 years old

Scout HQ, Park View, 4.45pm - 5.45pm

### Berkeley Brownies

The Scout Hut 6.15pm - 7.30pm

### New Berkeley Harriers Running Club

6.30pm at Canon Park Pavilion  
See our Facebook Page

### Berkeley Players Meet in the Town Hall

From 7pm—8.30 Young People  
From 8.30 Adults

### Bingo

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm Eyesdown at Sharpness Village Hall, Oldminster Road, Sharpness GL13 9NA  
Contact Christy on 07970565099 for further details

### Berkeley Local History Group

1st Thursday of the month, 7pm at Berkeley Books Community Library, School Lane, Berkeley. For further information: [localhistorygroupberkeley2022@gmail.com](mailto:localhistorygroupberkeley2022@gmail.com)

## Friday

### Berkeley Community Library

10.00am - 4.00pm

## Saturday

### Berkeley Community Library

10.00am - 12.00pm

## Sunday

### Roman Catholic Mass

Sundays 8.30am, 10.30am  
St Dominic RC Church, Kingshill, Dursley

### Berkeley Union Church

(also known as the Congregational Church)  
Church Services start at 10am

### St Mary's Church

Please check church website for details of services and open times for private prayer.

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## Vale of Berkeley Railway

Today's picture is of our Planet shunter running under her own power for the first time in many years. She was rescued from a site where she had been sitting in undergrowth for several years and has undergone an extensive repair and restoration programme of work. As can be seen from the photo the cab restoration has only been partially completed. The roof still needs to be fabricated and fitted, but the engine, radiator, pipework, and braking systems are complete. In this picture she is not only running under her own power but is carrying out the sort of shunting duties that she was designed for by moving our "Fireless" locomotive to another location. There is a video of this in action on our Facebook site.

At Oldminster Sidings progress is increasing with changes visible every week. The Saturday team has proved a great success and will continue to meet on the first Saturday of each month. The fencing which had been erected by Network Rail had effectively cut the site in two. This fencing has been removed and stored, and the last posts have been removed. We can now start re-erecting the fencing in order to secure the site. This is no small task, as there are about 400 yards of boundary that need to be secured.

The Board has agreed that the top priority for the VoBR is to relocate from the Shed to Oldminster Sidings in two years. The Oldminster Steering Group will now focus on this objective.

At the meeting on the 20th May, the Trust Board approved the first stages of the Oldminster Site Establishment project. The agreed phases for this are:

- Bridge Road Offloading - Construction
- Fencing - Construction
- North Site access and laydown - Detailed Design
- Welfare facilities - Detailed Design
- Utility Supplies (water and waste) - Concept Design

The Oldminster Sidings project team has developed detailed proposals for the Bridge Road offloading facility and fencing, and work has started.

Site establishment is the first project in a programme of works to make Oldminster Sidings our operational base. The next

projects will be:

- Provision of the shed and unloading facility
- Rail refurbishment
- Physical move from the Engine Shed



We have two years remaining on our lease at the Engine House (the Shed). To avoid renewing we need to be set up and moved into Oldminster Sidings within the deadline. In order to achieve this, the VoBR urgently needs more volunteers for physical work or behind the scenes. And of course, more funds. This is a critical stage in your railway's future. If you can help by volunteering or donating, then please let us know.

Two very smart "portalooos" have arrived and been installed, but not yet commissioned. The ground works and footings for the 30-foot container and a 40-foot portacabin have also been completed and we await their arrival. These will be extremely useful as the one container at Oldminster is bursting at the seams with equipment. We had a positive meeting with CRT and we now have a agreed method for bringing items such as the Berkeley container and Portakabin to Oldminster Sidings, subject to satisfactory agreement of risk assessments and method statements.

In the machine shop, the refurbishment of the drain valves for a local resident who is restoring a steam locomotive has been completed. He has asked us to manufacture some additional parts to go with the refurbished drain valves for his Andrew Berkeley industrial locomotive and this work is underway. Vacuum pipes for his loco. are ready for painting. They also completed a major job for Oldminster Sidings. The existing point rods were all very badly corroded and a new longer rod has been made using components salvaged from the sidings. This involved joining sections of iron bar to make a new rod nearly 11 feet in length, cutting a thread on the last 2 feet

of the bar, and making 2 large hexagonal nuts to fit on the bar. These will provide the necessary adjustment for fine tuning the movement of the points.

It is easy to see why the refurbishment of old railway equipment is so time

consuming and expensive, but many volunteers enjoy the challenges, and the opportunity to hone their existing skills or to develop new ones. The machine shop has a number of urgent orders to fulfil. If anyone has machining skills, or would like to develop some, there are opportunities in our well-equipped machine shop. With

all the machinery we now have, we are able to offer engineering services such as turning (up to 40-inch diameter), gear cutting and surface grinding, so if anyone has a complex machining requirement, please get in touch with the machine shop in the engine shed at Sharpness Dock.

We also have a well-equipped woodworking shop, which includes some machines which came from ex-LMS carriage and wagon works. and will in time be looking to bring in outside work for that department too. We have several interesting projects, so if you have any skills in this area, or would like to acquire some, then join us. Future projects include the refurbishment of coaches, and our own "toad" brake van. This is in relatively good condition but does need some refurbishment.

We now have a number of projects which are ramping up and require manpower, so if you are interested in joining in the fun then come and see if there is anything that takes your fancy. If anyone would like to see what we are up to, we are at the engine shed in Sharpness Dock on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and at Oldminster Sidings on Wednesdays and Fridays. We have now started Saturday sessions on the first Saturday of each month at Oldminster Sidings for those who are still working during the week. We would be glad to show you around. If you do visit, please wait at the entrance, and ask for the duty manager who will be pleased to show you around and answer any questions.

Our new website is now online, so feel free to visit us at [www.vobr.org.uk](http://www.vobr.org.uk). This contains pictures of the various activities and projects.

We can also be contacted by email at [valeofberkeleyrailway@gmail.com](mailto:valeofberkeleyrailway@gmail.com)