

keynshamvoice

April 2026

Issue 167

www.keynshamvoice.co.uk



Organist's
Sunday
farewell:
Page 37

FREE EVERY MONTH IN KEYNSHAM & SALTFORD

200 new pupil places as primary school grows

MORE than 200 new school places have been created at St Keyna Primary School in Keynsham.

A £5.3 million expansion has doubled the school's size, allowing it to have two separate classes for each year group and accommodate 420 children.

The new building, which opened this term, has been constructed to Passivhaus energy-efficient standards with the aim of reducing carbon emissions and energy consumption costs in the long term.

The new teaching spaces have been designed to provide more consistent internal temperatures and better acoustics, helping children concentrate on their learning in a comfortable environment.

The £5.3m investment by Bath & North East Somerset Council also includes a dipping pond, new outdoor play equipment, a new football pitch and a second pedestrian entrance on Kelston Road.

The project was funded by a grant from the government's Department for Education and contributions

■ Turn to Page 3



Molly Rigg is congratulated by Keynsham Town Council chair Andy Wait after winning a trophy at Keynsham Spring Show: Show round-up and more photos on Pages 24 & 25

INSIDE

Car park shuts

A Keynsham town centre car park has closed after the landowner told B&NES Council to vacate the site.

PAGE 2

Festival go-ahead

Keynsham Music Festival will be going ahead this summer, organisers have confirmed.

PAGE 3

Cancer campaign

Supporters of two cancer research campaigns will be going the extra mile this month.

PAGE 9

Woods flourish

A community woodland in Keynsham has been given a new lease of life thanks to the combined efforts of volunteers and a council tree team.

PAGE 10

K1 bus contract

The Big Lemon bus company has won the contract to continue Keynsham's K1 bus service until the end of July.

PAGE 13



Apple Joinery View our work at: www.applejoinery.co.uk

Quality Joinery Manufacturer

Email: sales@applejoinery.co.uk Tel: 0117 9860062 Units 1 & 2 Lays Farm Trading Estate, Keynsham, Bristol, BS31 2SE



keynshamvoice

Keynsham Voice contacts

Emma Cooper
Publisher

0117 908 2121/ 07715 770448
emma@keynshamvoice.co.uk

Advertising sales

0117 908 2121
emma@keynshamvoice.co.uk

News

0117 908 2121
news@keynshamvoice.co.uk

 Find us on Facebook

 Follow us on Twitter
@keynshamvoice

May deadline

Our May edition will go to print on Monday April 27. To ensure your news or letter is included, please contact us by Wednesday April 22. Advertisers are asked to contact us by the same date.



Your views

Letters for publication can be emailed to news@keynshamvoice.co.uk or posted to Letters, Keynsham Voice, 16 Ashmead Business Centre, Ashmead Road, Keynsham, BS31 1SX. The editor reserves the right to edit your letter.

Local information

Keynsham Town Council

15-17 Temple Street, Keynsham
0117 986 8683
www.keynsham-tc.gov.uk

Keynsham Citizens Advice Bureau

0844 848 7919

West of England Mayor

Helen Godwin
mayor@westofengland-ca.gov.uk
0117 428 6210 70 Redcliff Street,
Bristol BS1 6AL

Council Connect

01225 39 40 41

NHS

Urgent: 111/ Emergency: 999

Police

www.avonandsomersetpolice.uk
General inquiries: 101
Emergency: 999

Fire

www.avonfire.gov.uk
Inquiries: 0117 926 2061
Emergency: 999

Anti-social behaviour team

asb@bathnes.gov.uk
01225 842462

Well Aware

Health and social care information
www.wellaware.org.uk
(Freephone) 0808 808 5252

Complaints

Despite our best efforts, we sometimes get things wrong. We always try to resolve issues informally at first but we also have a formal complaints procedure. If you have a complaint about anything in Keynshamvoice, contact the publisher using the details below. We aspire to follow the Code of Conduct of the NUJ (National Union of Journalists), which holds journalists to a high standard of behaviour.

Further details of the complaints process can be found on the Voice website, or can be obtained by contacting the Publisher.

A member of the



PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Keynshamvoice is independent. We cannot take responsibility for content or accuracy of adverts, and it is advertisers' responsibility to conform to all relevant legislation. We cannot vouch for any services offered. Opinions are not necessarily those of the editor. Keynshamvoice is distributed each month to residents. If for some reason you do not get a copy, please collect one from local pick-up points. Feedback is always welcomed, contact Emma Cooper on 0117 908 2121 or emma@keynshamvoice.co.uk. This month 10,800 copies will be distributed in Keynsham, Salford and the local area.

NEWS

Council shuts short-stay car park in town centre

A KEYNSSHAM town centre car park was due to close on March 31.

The Ashton Way East car park offered 30 spaces with a maximum stay of up to four hours.

But Bath & North East Somerset Council, which has been

running the car park, is now shutting the facility, reportedly because of the increased cost of renting the land.

It said: "From 1 April the council is not operating the 30-space Ashton Way East short-stay car park in Keynsham, which is owned by a private landlord.

"We're reminding drivers that more than 680 spaces remain available across the seven council-run car parks in the town, including 30 minutes' free parking in the green bays at Ashton Way car park opposite.

"Signage will go up on the car park nearer the time and you can find more details about council-run car parks on our website."

Alan Hale, Independent ward councillor for Keynsham South, announced the car park's closure on Facebook on March 13.

He said: "The council leases the small third-party-owned car park at Ashton Way East (behind Costa on the slope), which provides fewer than 30 short-stay spaces and contributes only marginally to the town centre's overall parking capacity, which



Photo: B&NES Council

is less than 5%. The landowner is seeking to substantially increase the annual rent, with indications that competing interest from a private parking operator may drive this higher.

"The council is unable to support the proposed significant price rise, as it would make the site commercially unviable and a net financial liability to the council.

"As a result, the landowner has requested that the council vacate the site by the end of 31 March."

He added: "If a private parking company takes over the management of the site, then enforcement is likely to be very strict, as it will be in the commercial interest of the company, and of course, wheel clamps might also come into play with release fees."

Charges at Ashton Way East applied Monday to Saturday, with free parking on Sunday. The main Ashton Way car park on the other side of the road has more than 200 spaces.

Need legal advice?

WARDS
SOLICITORS

We offer expert services for you,
your family and your business

Get in touch: 0117 986 3504

16 High Street, Keynsham, Bristol BS31 1DJ

wards.uk.com

Offices in: Bradley Stoke | Central Bristol | Clevedon | Henleaze | Keynsham | Nailsea
Portishead | Staple Hill | Thornbury | Weston-super-Mare | Worle | Yate

Solving your legal problems ...locally

NEWS



St Keyna Primary School children with Councillor Paul May and Sue MacGrain, chair of the school governors

Primary school's expansion

■ From Page 1

from property developers. The scheme will make places for children from new housing developments as the town's population grows.

Councillor Paul May, B&NES Council cabinet member for children's services, said: "It's wonderful to see children enjoying their new learning spaces at St Keyna Primary.

"The opening of the expanded building is a positive moment for families in Keynsham, enabling more children to learn close to home in a building designed around their needs.

"By investing in a highly energy-efficient school, we're showing our commitment not only to better long-term outcomes for children, but also to taking meaningful action on the climate emergency by reducing carbon emissions."

St Keyna Primary School is due to hold an official opening ceremony later this spring.

Sue McGrain, chair of governors, said: "We're delighted with our new building. It's a lovely environment for the children to learn in, as it has been finished beautifully with a lot of thought given to aesthetic qualities.

"Because it has been built to Passivhaus standards, we're looking forward to low energy bills which will allow us to spend more of our income



directly on the children. We're also very excited about the developments to the grounds, which will provide even more opportunities for the children to play, relax and learn in the outdoor environment."

Designed by Quattro Design Architects of Gloucester, the nine-month build was completed by Bath-based construction company H Mealing & Sons. Also part of the design team were Method Consulting, Curtins and Zero Energy.

Town music festival set to go ahead

KEYNSHAM Music Festival will be going ahead this summer, organisers have confirmed.

The news – which will be welcomed by the thousands of people who enjoy the popular community event – follows a fundraising appeal.

Festival chair Mike May said that the £5,000 raised through the Crowdfunder campaign, plus £1,000 in Gift Aid, had helped to ensure the 2026 event would go ahead.

He told the Voice: "We had also developed a couple of fundraising events which provided much-needed additional funds. In the background, I had also applied for some charity foundation funding, which added to the total. This gave us the confidence to go ahead with organising this year's festival."

The week-long festival is a blend of music, comedy and other cultural events, its highlight being a big family weekend in Keynsham Memorial Park. Organisers aim to cater for all musical tastes, ranging from rock, rap, folk, country and dance to classical, opera and choral.

Dates and details for the 2026 festival have yet to be announced. Meanwhile, organisers will be depending on public donations at this summer's event to enable the festival to go ahead again in 2027, which would be its 30th anniversary.



SUTTONS
STAIRLIFTS

- SALES
- RENTALS
- INSTALLATION
- SERVICING
- REPAIR



01749 346 900
www.suttonsstairlifts.co.uk






0117 2510198
www.ash-build.com
info@ash-build.com



- Extensions & new builds
- Renovations
- Garden rooms & projects
- Decking & patios
- Fencing & pergolas
- Kitchens
- Bespoke projects

■ ADVERTISING FEATURE

What I've been doing on your behalf

Alan Hale, Independent councillor for Keynsham South, newsletter for October 2025 to April 2026

MY apologies if you do not live in Keynsham South ward, but I reach all of my constituents without wasting paper thanks to the *Voice*.

Much time has been spent regarding options for new housing in and around Keynsham. The future draft plan has yet to be finalised and published. Then there will be another round of consultation, I believe. Thankfully, all six district councillors are working together cross party to achieve a sensible outcome.

I can reassure those who are waiting on a housing list that we are very much aware of the need for social housing and have that at the front of our mind. However, we also have to bear in mind the town's capacity re additional traffic so we seek to achieve houses in the right locations, to keep the town moving.

- I formed part of a panel of Keynsham district councillors at two public meeting about the new plan for housing.
- Attended a meeting of Independent councillors to hear a briefing from the deputy senior planning officer and to pose questions to him about the implications of the new plan for housing.
- Advice given to resident facing private eviction re achieving social housing.
- Continued to support residents seeking establishment of allotments at the Bloor estate as per the planning approval. Registered the failure of Bloor and Trinity estates as a formal planning complaint.
- Visited resident concerned with speed on the Park estate. Informed police and requested speed measuring on that road.
- Visited Sterling Way sheltered accommodation re complaints of walkway surface breaking up caused by refuse trucks driving on it. Informed council waste services, and the practice has stopped. Requested urgent repairs by Curo. Eventually told that action is being taken.
- Joined other councillors at the Saturday market to engage with public to request them to take part in the consultation re the new Local Plan.



I am available 24/7/365 (minus a bit of time to sleep) via email at alan_hale@bathnes.gov.uk or on 07776493221. I am always willing to call on you if you so wish.

'Service Before Politics'

- Supported and advised a constituent regarding a parking notice dispute and, in so doing, supported two others neighbours.
- Resolved an issue with recycling truck regularly turning and crossing a garden in a cul-de-sac at the Meadows. Waste services contacted, drivers will be advised to reverse into the cul-de-sac.
- On behalf of a constituent, I wrote to a number of officers seeking answers re the non-adoption of three new developments and whether the council has powers to require developers to complete their developments.
- Had a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner and, amongst other things, expressed concerns at the lack of Road Motor Patrol cover within Avon and Somerset when road deaths are high, and more locally, the breaches of the weight restriction by HGVs on Charlton Road.
- Assisted a resident of sheltered accommodation concerning slip hazards on site. Contacted Curo asking them to resolve the concerns, which they did.
- Wrote my submission to the Local Plan consultation and sent it to the planning team.
- Dealt with complaint of graffiti in Albert Road.
- Contacted the council following a request for a waste bin on Parkhouse Lane to discourage dog walkers from leaving their dog waste in bags on the road or on hedges. Declined due to lack of funds.
- Attended the Remembrance Parade, laid a wreath on behalf of B&NES Council.
- At her request, I met a constituent to explain what the Local Plan proposals were and how she might help select the preferred options.
- Attended a meeting with the solicitor acting for those injured by the cycle lane in the High Street. I was there to sign my statement in support of the action being taken on behalf of the injured against the council.
- Liaised with the police on behalf of a constituent experiencing anti-social behaviour.
- Responded to a request for double yellow lines in a cul-de-sac. Residents consulted and officer emailed to hopefully progress matter. Similarly with a request for some white kerbside lining on another road.
- Prepared an objection to a speculative development on Charlton Road and shared the concerns on Facebook pages.
- In the absence of a fully functioning MP following the arrest of Dan Norris, I wrote to the Speaker at the House of Commons, the Electoral Commission, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable seeking an understanding as to what progress was being made and whether Mr Norris could be removed. The answer was no! There was a reassurance from the police that the investigation was being progressed with all due diligence. Time will tell. (This was prior to his second arrest).
- Assisted a Bath resident who contacted me re social housing before handing her over to her two Bath ward councillors.
- Attended a meeting with highway officers re the future traffic-calming measures/pedestrian safety for Charlton Road. Supported extension of the 20 limit up to Lockingwell Road but argued to retain 30mph limit and extend out to the Queen Charlton cross roads.
- Represented council at a presentation at Dorothy House Hospice.
- Liaised with and made enquiries for a family re achieving appropriate placement for child with Special Educational Needs.
- Wrote to the West of England Mayor re concerns that the bypass was still under consideration as a 24/7 bus lane. She replied that it was no longer being considered as a 24/7 bus lane and other options were being explored. I wrote again to ask her to confirm that it will also not be a part-time bus lane for the rush hours.
- In February, as an example, I sent some 68 emails and dealt with some 280 received emails.
- I also shared information of interest and importance via five Facebook pages.

The list above is not exhaustive of my work.



The Remembrance Parade, at which Councillor Alan Hale laid a wreath

Councillor Alan Hale has been acting on behalf of pedestrians injured since the controversial cycle lane was introduced in Keynsham High Street



NEWS

New timetables reshape bus services

CHANGES to bus services in Keynsham and Saltford come into effect from Sunday April 5.

First Bus says its new timetables for the West of England are designed to improve punctuality and reliability.

Key changes locally include service 17 extending to Burnett Business Park, service 42 doubling in frequency, and service 43 replacing the 349. Here are some of the details:

Service 17 Southmead Hospital–Kingswood–Keynsham: Journeys will be extended beyond Keynsham town centre to and from Burnett Business Park via the Wellsway. No journeys on the 17 will now serve Bilbie Green (see service 43).

Service 42 Bristol city centre–Cherry Gardens–Keynsham: Journeys will run up to every 30 minutes during the daytime between Bristol city Centre and Cherry Gardens, instead of every 60 minutes. Every other journey at most times will be extended beyond Cherry Gardens via Willsbridge to Keynsham town centre and Burnett Business Park, providing new direct links.

Service 43 Keynsham–Bristol city centre–North Common: On Monday to Saturdays from 6am-9pm, the 43 route will be extended to and from Keynsham and Burnett Business

Park, replacing service 349. In Keynsham, buses from Bristol will run to Keynsham Post Office, then via Rock Road, Ashton Way, Charlton Road, Bilbie Green, Longmeadow Road, Cedar Drive, Coronation Avenue, Park Road, Albert Road, Temple Street, Bath Hill and Chandag Estate, then to Burnett Business Park.

Buses from Burnett Business Park towards Bristol will operate via Wellsway, Chandag Estate, Bath Hill, Temple Street, Albert Road, Park Road, Coronation Avenue, Cedar Drive, Longmeadow Road, Bilbie Green and Charlton Road to Keynsham Church, then onto Bristol.

Buses in Bristol City Centre will pick up towards Keynsham from Cabot Circus South (bus stop S14), Bond Street (stop S6), Rupert Street (B4), The Centre Broad Quay (C3), Redcliffe Way (R5), Temple Gate (T3) and Temple Meads Station (T1), and will not serve the bus station, Wine Street or Victoria Street.

Service 349 Bristol–Keynsham: Route 349 will be replaced by the extension of service 43 to and from Keynsham.

Service 39/X39 Bath–Bristol: These services will have a revised timetable on all days.

Service 42 Bristol city centre–Cherry Gardens–Keynsham: Route 42 will be increased to operate up to every 30 minutes during the daytime between the city centre and Cherry Gardens, instead of every 60 minutes. In addition, every other journey at most times will be extended beyond Cherry Gardens via Willsbridge to Keynsham town centre and Burnett Business Park, providing new direct links.

Service 522 Bristol–Keynsham–Midsomer Norton–Bath: The 522 will have a revised timetable as part of associated funding changes. The service will still operate hourly between Bristol and Bath, but the short journeys between Bristol and Keynsham will no longer operate. All 522 services will operate via Red Post in Peasedown St John, with Sulis Hospital and Orchard Way covered instead by new route 175.

At Keynsham, the 522 will no longer serve Chandag Estate, with buses staying on the Wellsway. The Chandag area will now be served by the 43 instead.

Service A4 Bath–Keynsham–South Bristol–Bristol Airport: The A4 AirDecker service will have a revised timetable across the day, to improve punctuality.

Full details of the new timetables can be found on the First Bus website.

NORVILLE

OPTICIANS & HEARING CARE

TIFFANY & CO.
TOM FORD


- ✓ Enhanced Eye Examinations
- ✓ Latest Screening Technology (OCT/OPTOMAP)
- ✓ Emergency Eyecare
- ✓ Specialist Dry Eye Clinics
- ✓ Visual Stress and Colour Filter Assessments
- ✓ Contact Lenses
- ✓ Latest Digitally Surfaced Lenses
- ✓ Prescription Sunglasses / Sports Eyewear
- ✓ Frames to Suit Every Budget
- ✓ Fully Comprehensive Aftercare Service

69 High Street, Keynsham, Bristol BS31 1DS

TEL: 0117 986 5066

EMAIL: keynsham@norville-opticians.co.uk

www.norville-opticians.co.uk

ReMind^{UK}

Getting ahead of dementia



Are you, or a loved one, affected by a memory condition?

ReMind UK provides a programme of support in Keynsham and across B&NES



Next date: Wednesday 13th May

A relaxed, welcoming spring gathering in Keynsham – a chance to make new connections, have fun and boost wellbeing while enjoying seasonal crafts

Find out more:



Sign up to our newsletter
 Email info@reminduk.org
 Call 01225 476420
 Visit our website 



www.reminduk.org

Registered as a charity in England and Wales (No. 1042559)

NEWS

Going for gold at mini Winter Olympics

RESIDENTS of a Keynsham care home enjoyed the excitement of the Winter Olympics with the help of students from Lift Broadlands.

They shared smiles, laughter, and friendly competition during a tabletop event at Meryton Place, on the Bath Road.

Inspired by Team GB's record-breaking performance at this year's Games, including three gold medals, the students ran a variety of indoor activities, from curling to ski jumping.

They were all adapted to ensure every resident could take part, including those using wheelchairs and those living with dementia.

The students led each activity and the home staged a winners' podium, with medals awarded at the end of the day.

Resident Rosemary Utidjian, 90, said: "I can't believe it. I really didn't expect to be up there on the podium.

"I just wanted to take part and enjoy myself, but once you get started, you want to win. It makes you feel proud, like you've achieved something special."

Anne Jones, 91, clinched the top score of the day, with Joyce Hill in second place. Third place was shared by Martin Christie, 82, and Rosemary.

Resident Mike Twohig praised the scale of the event, saying: "The amount of work that's gone into this event is wonderful. It is better than an exercise class!"

The residents enjoyed immersive winter-also themed sensory experiences, including handling old-style ski poles made from bamboo and leather and taking part in a snowball-themed activity. Meryton Place wellbeing and lifestyle coach Cheryl



Broadlands students teaming up with residents at Meryton Place for Winter Olympic Games including ice hockey and curling



Woodward said the sensory elements added authenticity to the Games.

She added: "The children from Broadlands were absolutely wonderful. They were so engaging with our residents and incredibly kind and supportive

throughout the afternoon.

"We're very grateful to the students and look forward to welcoming them back for more events later this year."

Laura Stone, principal at Lift Broadlands, said: "It was wonderful to see our students

bringing so much energy and joy to Meryton Place. They had a fantastic time and the residents clearly loved being part of the fun. Experiences like this help them grow in confidence and empathy while making a real difference in the community."

Charity that helps young people launches Triathlon-4-All

A CHARITY that helps nurture self-belief in young people at schools including Lift Broadlands in Keynsham will hold a fundraising triathlon on Saturday May 16.

Bath-based charity I Can & I Am says its latest Triathlon-4-All people of all abilities and ages to enjoy the outdoors and experience the positivity of taking on a challenge. Among those taking part will be I Can & I Am's founder James Shone, who is registered blind.

The Triathlon-4-All, based at Dundas Aqueduct near Bath, consists of cycling,

kayaking, and running (or walking). Children can take part provided they are accompanied by an adult and are competent cyclists and confident swimmers.

The challenge begins with a cycle along Bath's Two Tunnels path and onward toward Bristol on the Bristol-Bath railway path.

After a picnic lunch at Dundas Aqueduct, participants will set out in four-person kayaks along the canal toward the Avoncliffe Aqueduct. Novices will be paired with more experienced paddlers.

The day concludes with a run or walk

along the canal back toward Bath. The distances covered in each part of the triathlon can be adjusted to suit each participant.

The event will run from 8.30am to 5pm, finishing with a chance to celebrate at the Wheelwright Arms pub. The entry fee is £45 for adults (18-plus) and £30 for children under 18.

Participants are encouraged, where possible, to raise additional funds in support of I Can & I Am's work. To register your interest, complete the form that can be found at <https://icanandiam.com>

NEWS

Assurances sought over bypass plans

A COUNCILLOR is seeking confirmation that there will be no bus lane of any kind on the Keynsham bypass.

Alan Hale contacted Metro Mayor Helen Godwin last December amid local concerns that a 24-hour bypass bus lane scheme might still be on the cards.

Speculation was fuelled in December 2025 when a resident saw contractors working in Keynsham Memorial Park who told him they were conducting a ground survey in preparation by a bypass bus lane.

Cllr Hale (Independent, Keynsham South, Bath & North East Somerset Council) contacted Ms Godwin for an explanation, while the *Voice* approached WECA for a response.

As reported in our January edition, a WECA spokesperson told us that previous proposals for bypass would not go ahead.

At the time, Cllr Hale had not heard back from Ms Godwin, but



last month he received a reply.

Ms Godwin told him: "Following careful consideration, the proposed 24-hour bus lanes on the Keynsham bypass are not going ahead. Officers have been tasked with developing alternative options for local people to consider and have their say on in 2026. These proposals have yet to be finalised.

"On-site survey work is taking place to help understand potential new ways to increase public transport options for the area, in line with the position

I've consistently set out.

"This design work is still ongoing, in partnership with local councils, so was not included in the recent consultation about other parts of the transport corridor between Bath and Bristol.

"Everyone who calls the West home knows that traffic is often a problem along the A4, particularly at rush hour. These revised proposals are a result of listening to local people, including in Keynsham and Salford last year, and aim to cut

congestion and pollution."

Cllr Hale told the *Voice*: "The mayor's email was good news. However, I have written back to her because I want clarity and confirmation that the bypass will definitely be left alone, full stop.

"I am just a little concerned that there is a degree of ambiguity in the wording 'the proposed 24-hour bus lanes on the Keynsham bypass are not going ahead.'

"Is there the danger that there will be a part-time bus lanes for the rush hours, is the question I have. Hopefully, Mayor Godwin will be able to disabuse me and make that absolute statement that nothing will be done to the bypass."

Cllr Hale had not yet received a response by the time this edition went to press.

He said he believed a bus lane on the bypass "would cause significant traffic hold-ups every day, with the potential of the town itself being used as a rat run to avoid the congestion."

PART TIME WORK IN SALT FORD

To assist disabled lady with care and domestic duties alongside other carer support.

- Tuesday afternoon (approx 3.00pm) - 2.5 hrs.
- Friday afternoon (approx 3.00pm) - 2.5 hrs.

Some negotiation on hours possible.

5.6 weeks paid holiday a year (to include Bank holidays - per Statutory Leave Entitlement).

Experience helpful but not essential/training given. Female only due to personal care nature of work.

Non smoker

£13.40 - £14.50 / hour

Please contact if interested in any of these hours of work.

Tel: 01225 872179
or 07778 302839



SOLAR PANEL CLEANING

DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL

Protect your investment.
Maximise energy output.
Increase the lifespan of your solar panels.



Middleton Window and Solar Panel Cleaning
Experienced and Fully Insured

Call Tom Middleton for a FREE QUOTE
07786 861981



Which feels
more like
home?



**bluebird
care[®]**

With trusted, professional support and a focus on dignity and choice, we help you continue living life your way, in the place you love most, your home.

Call us today to book a free, no-obligation consultation.

0117 463 0189

Bristol@bluebirdcare.co.uk

NEWS

We're going the distance to fight cancer

SUPPORTERS of two cancer research campaigns will be going the extra mile this month.

Over the last three years, the local community has raised well over £140,000 for Cancer Research UK (CRUK) and Bowelbabe, inspired by Daniel Money and Abbie Collings.

Abbie, of Willsbridge, is currently receiving treatment for stage 4 bowel cancer.

Daniel, from Keynsham, died of stage 4 metastatic bowel cancer last year.

To raise funds for these good causes, two coffee morning will be held at Keynsham Cricket Club - on Friday April 17 for Bowelbabe (10am-12.30pm) and on Friday April 24 for CRUK (10am-12noon).

Then on Sunday April 26, supporters will be running in the London Marathon.

Daniel's brother Joe Money and Daniel's friend from Wellsway School, Tom Jenkins, are running for Daniel's CRUK fundraising page.

All three of them played hockey together at Wellsway and at Keynsham Hockey Club. Tom, like Daniel, went on to study at Birmingham University, where they played against each other many times.

Joe was inspired to sign up for the London Marathon by the strength and resilience shown by Daniel in the last years of his life. Tom is running to celebrate Daniel's sporting legacy while raising money for his chosen charity.

Meanwhile, Abbie Collings' husband Paul Collings will run in the marathon with his brother Mark and friend Rich Wheeler as part of Team Bowelbabe.

Rich, who will be running in full firefighter's kit, will get some preparation at a charity car wash on Saturday April 4 at Hicks Gate fire station, where he will run on a treadmill in full kit for six hours whilst volunteers and firefighters wash cars.

Paul, who will be running his second London Marathon, said of his wife: "Through Abbie's positivity and determination, her cancer is being kept under control. This is a direct result of Cancer Research's breakthroughs over recent years.

"Abbie has faced every setback with incredible strength and positivity. She's a true and such a positive inspiration to everyone who knows her."

Daniel started his Cancer Research UK fundraising page in February 2023 after he was diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic bowel cancer in November 2022.

Having attended Chandag and Wellsway schools in Keynsham, he studied medicine at Birmingham University and qualified as a doctor in July 2021.

Daniel lived with cancer for nearly three years, but treatment options ran out for him in May 2025. He died in Birmingham Hospice on September 11 last year, aged 27.

Fundraising for CRUK is continuing in Daniel's name and there have so far been more than 50 events, the most recent being a race night at Keynsham Rugby Club on



Mark, Abbie and Paul Collings, with Nicky, Mark and Paul's sister - Paul and Mark will run in the London Marathon



Joe Money, left, and Tom Jenkins, will also take part



The race night held in aid of CRUK at Keynsham Rugby Club. Inset below right, Daniel Money, who has inspired a remarkable fundraising campaign



March 13, organised by Teresa Phillips.

Local businesses and individuals sponsored races and horses, as well as donating donated raffle prizes. The 100 tickets for the evening sold out within five days and the event raised £2,720.

The organisers would like to thank Bath Soft Cheese Shop and Café, Davies & Way, Heavenly Hedgerows, Homebakes, Keynsham Cricket Club, Newton Farm



Shop, Pizza Adorare, Savour Farm Shop and Kitchen, Smallprints Bath, Saltford artist Fi Smith, Somerdale Pavilion, Wild About Flowers, among others.

To sponsor Joe, Tom, Paul, Mark and Rich in the London Marathon, please use the following links:

Joe Money - <https://tinyurl.com/fhn4uyyx>
Tom Jenkins - <https://tinyurl.com/2vv4yjpc>
Paul Collings - <https://tinyurl.com/yh7j75an>

The QR code printed here will also take you to Paul's page.

NEWS

Bright future takes root in woodland

A COMMUNITY woodland in Keynsham has been given a new lease of life thanks to the combined efforts of volunteers and a council tree team.

Abbotts Wood was planted as part of the Forest of Avon and Forestry Commission grant scheme in the early 1990s.

It has had a chequered history with changes of ownership and concerns for its welfare, as three housing developments were built around it and drainage was driven through it.

It survived until the onset of ash dieback that emerged nationally in 2012 reached Abbots Wood in the 2020s.

Bath & North East Somerset Council identified the infected trees and felled them in 2024 to protect the public.

Local district councillor Alan Hale, who has been involved in the woods' welfare for many years, said: "The wood was a community initiative which saw a lovely area developed for walkers, dog walkers and children right on their doorstep.

"The new estates were built, and with them came a new community and a new group of people willing to care for the woods."

An action day on March 10 saw the council's arboricultural manager, Denise Hart, and her team turn up supported by some



Volunteers Don and Pat Weston with Cllr Alan Hale at Abbots Wood

20 volunteers, which resulted in 500 saplings being planted.

The planting revived memories for volunteer Kate Hollister, who came along with her children Ellie and Oscar.

Kate was wearing a badge awarded to her as a child when she planted a tree in the then newly expanding wood.

Cllr Hale said: "It was lovely to see real community volunteering in action. One of the volunteers had even arranged a volunteer day off work to come along and get muddy, and there were smiles all round."

Sue Treasure, community representative on the Friends of

Abbots Wood group, said: "As someone who is a neighbour to the woods, it was very sad shortly after we moved in to see the felling taking place, and a once well-stocked wood became very threadbare.

"The action day has resolved that situation, and it will be lovely to watch the saplings grow from the fun and enjoyment that the volunteers had."

Lots of preparation work was needed to ensure the action day's success. Sarah Wilcox, one of the main volunteer leaders, organised a litter pick the week before to clear the area of rubbish and abandoned items,



Kate Hollister, wearing the badge she received as a child for planting trees in the wood, with her children Ellie and Oscar

such as ladders and decorating equipment.

Sarah said: "When we do a litter pick, it never surprises me the odd things we find."

During the afternoon, Sarah talked to the council team about further improvements to the woodland, including potential forest school sessions during the summer holiday, bulb-planting next spring, extra waste facilities, benches, and bat and bird boxes.

Cllr Hale said: "Without industrious volunteers such as Sarah and others involved, community events such as the action day would never happen or certainly not be so successful."

Big thank-you to volunteers for community spirit

THE ACHIEVEMENTS of some of Salford's many volunteers have been celebrated at a 'Big Thank You' event.

It was held by Salford Community Association (SCA) and Salford Parish Council (SPC) following the annual parish meeting on Friday March 13.

The event at Salford Hall brought together volunteers to recognise the contribution they make to community life. Guests included representatives from many local organisations and groups who give their time to support activities, services and events across Salford.

Speakers highlighted the importance of volunteering in sustaining the vibrant community spirit that the village enjoys.

Volunteers present at the event were thanked for their roles in maintaining local spaces, organising events, supporting community groups, running local facilities and helping to preserve Salford's heritage.

Councillor Jon Godfrey, chair of Salford Parish Council, welcomed attendees and



Pictured left to right at the Big Thank You are Cllr Jon Godfrey (SPC chair), Richard Evans (chairman of SCA) and Stavros Christofides (chairman of Salford Brass Mill)

thanked volunteers for their dedication to the community. Richard Evans, chairman of the Salford Community Association, also reflected on the wide range of organisations

and initiatives supported by volunteers both at SCA and around the village, and the vital role they play in keeping community life active and inclusive.

As part of the evening, guests heard a presentation from Stavros Christofides, chairman of the Salford Brass Mill Project, about the work of volunteers helping to conserve and promote the historic mill site and the volunteering opportunities available.

SPC and SCA welcomed the opportunity to recognise the many volunteers who help to sustain village life and thanked everyone who attended the event.

As it was not possible to invite or recognise everyone individually, SCA and SPC also extend their gratitude to all those who volunteer their time and energy to support Salford, helping to make the village a welcoming, vibrant and active community.

More details can be found in the news section of Salford Parish Council's website titled 'Salford APM 2026 & Celebrating volunteers at the Big Thank You!'

ON THE BEAT

Tackling the danger of toxic masculinity

ACROSS the country, one topic being greatly discussed is the growing influence of toxic masculinity among young people aged 11-17, especially following the release of the recent documentary *Inside the Manosphere*.

Toxic masculinity refers to behaviours and attitudes that promote dominance, aggression, control, and the devaluing of women and girls.

These attitudes can start forming early - often long before a young person understands their power or potential impact on others.

When left unchallenged, these beliefs can contribute to harassment, harmful peer relationships, and ultimately, Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG).

For many boys and young men, expectations around "being tough" or showing no emotion come from peers, online influencers, gaming communities, and social media.

Increasingly, police and partners are encountering young males who:

- Dismiss women's boundaries
- Use derogatory language towards and about girls
- View controlling behaviour as



Sgt Rob Turner
Keynsham Police

normal in relationships

- Believe emotional vulnerability is a weakness
- Seek validation through risk-taking or aggression

These behaviours may be excused as 'banter' but they can escalate. When young people internalise the idea that dominance makes them powerful, some may begin normalising harassment, coercion, or even violence.

Toxic masculinity is not the sole cause of VAWG, but it is a significant contributing factor. When boys grow up believing women are inferior, consent is negotiable, emotions should be suppressed, and aggression is acceptable, this creates conditions where harmful behaviours can thrive.

Neighbourhood policing plays a crucial preventative role, grounding

VAWG strategy within local communities. We can now:

Deliver inputs and workshops:

Officers and PCSOs can run sessions on respectful relationships, consent, online safety, and peer pressure. These conversations are designed to be relatable, interactive, and encourage boys to speak openly without judgement.

Engaging parents and carers:

Many adults feel unprepared to discuss misogyny, harmful online influencers, or social pressures with their children. Police-led community meetings and online webinars help parents stay informed and confident in challenging harmful attitudes.

Early intervention and diversion:

Where concerning behaviour is identified, officers work alongside schools and youth services to offer education, restorative approaches, or mentoring before issues escalate.

Preventing VAWG starts at home.

Parents and carers are some of the most influential role models a young person will ever have. Here's how adults can help:

- Talk early and talk often: Normalise conversations about respect, consent, and emotions.
- Challenge sexist jokes or

language: Young people mirror what they see.

- Model healthy relationships: Show emotional openness, boundaries, and mutual respect.
- Stay informed about influencers: Ask who your child follows online and discuss their messages - without shaming.
- Encourage emotional expression: When people can talk about their feelings, they are less likely to turn to harmful coping strategies.
- Promote empathy: Help young people understand the impact of their words and actions.

This is NOT about blaming boys - it's about supporting them to grow into respectful, emotionally intelligent, and confident young adults.

We are committed to working with families, schools, and communities to create environments where harmful behaviours are challenged early and safety for everyone is prioritised.

By working together - officers, parents, carers, and communities - we can protect young people, reduce VAWG, and build a safer future for everyone.

Until next time.

Prior Park College

THE NEXT 7 YEARS
are going to be
EXTRAORDINARY!

Open Door Morning
Friday, 8 May 2026

ROOM TO BE ME —

priorparkcollege.com

■ SALT FORD SCOUTS

A night of adventure

EXPLORER, guide and network groups from across Avon took part in the Rickard Shield.

A total of 54 teams set off into the darkness on March 14 for a 12-mile competitive hike. Many participants dressed up, which created an even greater sense of community.

For our group, the hike began at 20:10, following a detailed safety briefing. With a route card and a map, we had to navigate our way around Chelwood through the night. It was a test of teamwork and resilience that drew on all our scouting skills.

Along the route, we encountered various mental and observational tasks designed to keep us on our toes and thinking. From identifying the location of hidden objects to counting how many wires we passed under, every stretch of the hike demanded focus and teamwork.

At the six checkpoints along the way, we were given creative and unusual challenges. One of our favourite tasks required us to create

a chess piece using a slow-capture photo and a glow stick which created some colourful pictures.

At a different checkpoint, we were given a piece of uncooked spaghetti and told to keep it safe. At the next checkpoint, they measured it and we were given a point per centimetre of spaghetti.

At the halfway point, we were rewarded with a well-earned rest. Warm drinks and snacks provided a boost in morale, while another challenge awaited - decoding sentences to uncover the name of hidden board games. Even though it was the middle of the night, we sat and chatted with the other groups, seeing old friends and making some new ones.

By 3:36 am we had found our way back to camp, where hot food and drinks were offered to us by the amazing catering team.

In the morning, there was a trophy ceremony, where we had a chance to catch up with other groups and see what they thought about the night. Everybody agreed that it was a very enjoyable night



and that we can't wait for next year.

Written by a member of group 2

● For more information about

Saltford Scouts, please contact Tina Curtis, group lead volunteer, at tina.curtis@wansdykescouts.org.uk

■ NEWS

Students will be 'change for the future'

STUDENTS from Lift Broadlands in Keynsham are taking their first steps as young social activists through the First Give programme, a national initiative that encourages students to explore social issues and support local charities.

Year 10 classes are working together to address key social challenges and have chosen three charities to support: Mikey's World, St Peter's Hospice, and Developing Health & Independence (DHI).

The school recently welcomed representatives from the three organisations, giving pupils the chance to ask questions, learn about their work, and understand the impact they have on the community.

Mikey's World was founded by Hayley Ryall in memory of her son Mikey, who lost his life in a knife attack in Bath in June 2023 at the age of 16. It focuses on helping young people understand the impact of knife crime and encouraging them to explore positive alternatives.

DHI helps people across the



Hayley Ryall, founder of Mikey's World, talking to students at Lift Broadlands

region live healthy, independent lives, supporting housing, mental health, employment, and substance recovery.

St Peter's Hospice provides free adult hospice care for patients and families in Bristol, South Gloucestershire, and North Somerset.

These sessions have inspired Lift Broadlands students as they begin planning their First Give

projects, exploring how they can raise awareness and make a difference locally.

Laura Stone, principal at Lift Broadlands, said: "Lift Broadlands is a small school with a big heart. It's been a joy to see our students throw themselves into First Give. This project gives them the chance to develop important skills, work together, and understand the

positive impact they can have on their community."

Hayley Ryall, founder of Mikey's World, said: "The students were engaged and wanted to learn about our catastrophic-bleed kits and virtual reality programmes.

"It means a lot to us that young people are behind what we do as they will be the change for the future."

Marianne Rawlins, income generation and communications manager, DHI, said:

"Homelessness is a complex issue, and we were pleased to have the opportunity to share insights with the students about its scale, its causes and the ways communities can respond."

Hayley Ali, community fundraising manager, St Peter's Hospice, said: "The students have dedicated a great deal of time and energy to learning about the work of the hospice, as well as designing a plan to raise both awareness and funds to support patients and their families during the most difficult of times."

NEWS

Contract awarded to keep K1 running

THE Big Lemon bus company has won the contract to continue Keynsham's K1 bus service until the end of July.

It is understood that Keynsham Town Council was due to continue to run the service until March 31, the end of the financial year.

The K1, introduced in September 2024 and operated by The Big Lemon, was funded through Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) allocations and designed to improve connectivity within the town.

There has been concern about the long-term future of the K1 as the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) reviews funding for supported routes under its WESTlocal programme.

Meanwhile, the Labour group of Keynsham town councillors has started an online petition to secure the future of the K1 service.

It states: "The K1 bus service is a vital lifeline for



The Gale family are among passengers who have spoken in support of the K1 service - left to right, Ethan, Lucy, Amber and Nathan

the community of Keynsham, connecting parts of our town such as Somerdale, Bilbie, Wellsway School and the high street. This essential public transport service plays a key role in the daily lives of people who depend on it for shopping,

education, and access to local amenities such as St Augustine's Medical Centre.

"By offering a reliable and efficient transport solution, the K1 bus service significantly alleviates congestion on our roads and enables people who

do not have cars, or do not wish to use them to move around Keynsham.

"The West of England Combined Authority (WECA) is reviewing bus services across the area including the K1. We urge the West of England Combined Authority to support Keynsham by securing the continuation of the K1 bus service. Maintaining this service supports their environmental policies (K1 is an electric vehicle) and community support for the Keynsham area."

Last month, the *Voice* reported comments in support of the K1, including from Rob Pearsall, principal of Wellsway School, who said: "The K1 bus is not simply a convenience for our pupils, it is a vital part of their school day."

The Gale family also spoke of how they relied on the service for getting to and from school and college and for family shopping.

The K1 petition can be accessed at change.org by searching for 'K1 bus'.



ALIBIKES
CYCLE REPAIR AND SERVICING



Local independent business

Mobile Bicycle Repairs & Servicing

Registered BOSCH e-Bike Service Centre
Fully Insured & Qualified Mechanic

Call, text or WhatsApp: **07909 601603**

Email: mail@alibikes.co.uk



www.alibikes.co.uk

Smart Computers

Bristol's leading independent computer retailer

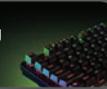
Bespoke gaming builds



New and refurbished PCs



Amazing gaming peripherals



Upgrades and repairs



Laptops new and refurbished



Business IT support

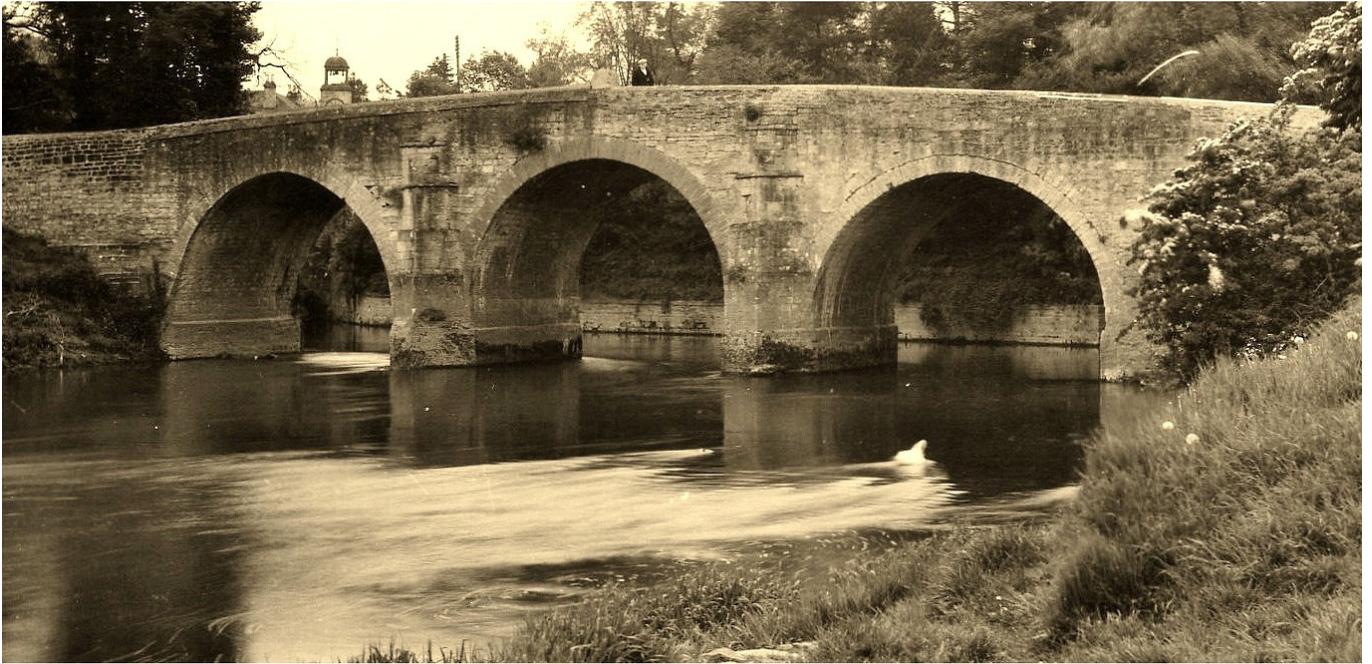


Smart
COMPUTERS

0117 986 1000
info@smartcomputersbristol.com
smartcomputersbristol.com

KEYNSHAM MEMORIES

with Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society



This is a good photograph of the County Bridge over the River Avon at Keynsham. The bridge dated from medieval times and for hundreds of years was the only one between

Bath and Bristol. At its midpoint, visible near the pedestrian, was the County Stone, which marked the boundary between Somerset and Gloucestershire. In the great flood of 1968

the bridge was damaged beyond repair. The County Stone was rescued from the river bed and is today sited in the Memorial Park, to commemorate the victims of the disaster.

"Such lovely people and such a fantastic place. Highly recommend made me so relaxed. Just great people".

Muse Member

muse DENTAL
All About You

7 High Street Keynsham Bristol
BS31 1DP
0117 9862992



KEYNSHAM AND SALTFORD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Abbey stone carving proved to be the star of the show



Left: The keystone showing Samson and the Lion

Above: Keystone with foliage and petal design, as displayed at MakeSpace in Keynsham 2023

IT is more than 40 years since a stone carving from Keynsham Abbey formed the star exhibit at a show in London.

English Romanesque Art 1066-1200 was staged at the Hayward Gallery at London's South Bank in spring 1984, funded by the Arts Council.

Whilst this was not an event to hit the newspaper headlines, it was given prominence in the world of art history.

The carving, on a keystone joining ceiling ribs, depicted Samson and the Lion. Reviews of the display describe the intricate details of the stone as showing "a boyish Samson grinning as he breaks the lion's jaw".

When it was carved, it would have been seen as a parallel of the struggle between Christ and Satan. And originally, no doubt, it would have been brightly painted to enhance its appeal.

As a result of the publicity from the exhibition, the stone, along with two other carved keystones from the abbey, were later shown in Rome and New York.

What do we know about the keystone? It was discovered in about 1963 when excavations for the construction of the bypass cut a swathe through the foundations of Keynsham Abbey, which were extensive, although next to nothing remained above ground level.

We cannot be certain which of the abbey buildings it came from, but it is most likely that this and the other beautiful keystones came from the ceiling of the refectory. This was where the community of canons ate and was an important space in the life of the abbey.

Such rooms were often large and well-lit with a vaulted ceiling. High-quality carvings and artwork were intended to aid contemplation, transforming the act of eating into a spiritual experience. Elaborately carvings such as ours would fit well with this.

Keynsham Abbey was finished to the highest standards when it was built between 1166 and 1170. The best craftsmen from France and the West Country were employed and aspects of the architecture were of the latest design.

Although only fragments of stone were found, there were enough of these, along with the lines of the wall foundations, for experts to construct a plan of the layout of the original abbey.

After the dissolution of the monasteries in 1539, the outer roofs were stripped of lead and the walls were soon plundered, with the stone re-used in other buildings. However, these keystones, and several other carved pieces that still exist, survived not because they were special

but because they were not regarded as having any value.

Why take a fancy carving with projections on it, when you could have a nice rectangular block of stone and build it into your new wall without effort? So, a few of the best pieces of stone were left to be re-discovered centuries later.

This carving is not unique, however. There is a similar one preserved at Hailes Abbey in Gloucestershire. Historic England experts describe this as being of Samson and the Lion, and in 1984 there was no doubt that the Keynsham carving was of the same subject.

For some reason there is now a school of thought that our carving may depict King David slaying a lion, but apparently the way in which the jaws of the lion are being pulled open usually refers to Samson.

What is not in doubt is that the carving is of the highest quality and for this reason it was selected to be the logo of Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society and more recently of the Keynsham Abbey Working Group, who today look after the remains at the far end of the Memorial Park. It was last displayed in Keynsham in 2023 and really deserves to have a permanent home in the town.

Richard Dyson

OFFER OF THE MONTH

5 DOORS FITTED IN YOUR HOME FOR ONLY £579

Any 5 white primed 'suffolk' or 'colonial' doors complete with a choice of 7 different handles, hinges and latch. Fitted to your home.

DOOR EXPRESS
08000 973333 • 07767 376770

A PHONE CALL WILL SECURE YOUR ORDER FITTING DATE
Offer applies to door sizes 78" x30" & 78" x27"

Colonial Suffolk

www.doorexpressouthwest.co.uk

Steve Bellamy Carpets

LOW OVERHEADS = LOWER PRICES

- Home selection carpet and vinyl's
- Huge selection of carpets and vinyl chosen in the comfort of your own home
- Free quotations without obligation to purchase
- No pressure selling
- Professional service established for over 30 years
- All inclusive prices, no hidden extras, the price quoted is the price you pay

Tel: 07860 441776

We will better any like for like all inclusive quote

KEYNSHAM SCOUTS

Hills alive with adventure



THE Keynsham Scouts section stormed the Mendip hills for their legendary annual weekend.

From plunging into wild caves and scaling steep cliffs, to paddling in docks, racing over rugged trails on mountain bikes, mastering the art of navigation, backwoods cooking and hitting bullseyes at archery, this was a thrill-packed adventure they'll never forget.

With nearly one hundred Scouts and leaders at the Charterhouse outdoor center, our catering team fuelled every adventurer with mouthwatering roast dinners and hearty breakfasts, powering everyone through their daring escapades.

From delving deep beneath the Mendip hills to conquering the highest trig point, nothing could stop our Scouts. Mud, cold, water, and wind were mere obstacles to overcome in pursuit of adventure.

Our leaders earned their activity permits and new instructors gained valuable experience. By the end of the weekend, everyone was exhausted but ecstatic.





Celebrating 40 years of Care
Trust us to help you
 Stay independent at home with a live-in carer



More affordable than a Care Home
 We believe in only the very best care
 Providing live-in care since 1986

Call for a brochure today or a free assessment
Freephone 0800 111 4885 / 0117 9860710
 Email: featherbed@featherbedhomecare.co.uk
www.featherbedhomecare.co.uk



Loft Boarding & Insulation



www.useyourloftspace.co.uk

USE YOUR LOFT SPACE
 is the reliable,
 affordable and trusted
 local company for all
 your loft boarding,
 and loft insulation
 requirements



0117 2980810

INFO@USEYOURLOFTSPACE.CO.UK



NEWS

School celebrates a decade of success

IKB Academy in Keynsham has celebrated its tenth anniversary.

In the decade since the specialist science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) school opened, it has seen former students go on to achieve success in a range of careers.

Many say they would never have progressed through higher education, degree apprenticeships and similar routes to their current roles without the school, which offers a focused STEM curriculum for students aged 14 to 18.

IKB opened in September 2015 in buildings belonging to Wellsway School, moving in March the following year to its purpose-built base, which includes dedicated labs and workshops.

Both Futura Learning Partnership schools are on the Wellsway campus, meaning IKB students have access to sporting and other facilities of the larger secondary while also benefiting from being in a small specialist



school supported by staff with strong STEM expertise.

IKB has established close partnerships with local and national employers, who provide real-world links for project work, mentoring and work experience.

Head of school Peter

Headeach said: "One of the strengths of IKB is providing wider opportunities such as meaningful work experience and mock interviews, where students' personalities can truly shine.

"We often welcome back

alumni who are keen to share their careers to date. They are brilliant role models for our young people.

"When we opened the school in 2015, we started with 20 boys and just one girl. Today, we celebrate that over one quarter of our students are girls, proudly flying the flag for science, technology, engineering, maths, and construction. We can't wait to see what the next decade will bring."

Executive head Rob Pearsall said: "This anniversary is a chance to celebrate the fantastic students and staff of IKB, who show such dedication, ambition, and spirit.

"The school has a great track record of supporting each individual student to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to become the very best version of themselves."

Students can join IKB at the start of Year 10 or Year 12. For further information, visit ikbacademy.org.uk

Our winter of crafting is over - see you in October!



Above, Joan Crew knitting, Jean Tadman quilting, and Val Belsten knitting

Right, Jo King quilting and Christine McDermott cross stitching

Left, time for lunch



A SERIES of monthly craft workshops in Compton Dando throughout the winter have proved to be another success, with each one averaging over 20 participants.

The workshops were set up more than 10 years ago by Harriette Dottridge as a non-profit-making club and as somewhere

for people to meet and enjoy sharing various crafts.

The last four sessions have now come to an end, raising £324 for Compton Dando Community Association (CDCA), the highest amount yet. They also attracted record numbers of crafters, from Keynsham, Newton

St Loe, Saltford, and the Chew Valley.

Mrs Dottridge said: "We will be starting up again next October, but if anyone wants to find out more about the next season's workshops then please contact me on 07791 832592 or email me at hdottridge@hotmail.com."

■ BACK TO NATURE

Cherry blossom is a stirring sign of spring



Left: Tokyo or Yoshino cherry (*Prunus yedoensis*)

Right: Old Prunus near the Keynsham's memorial gate (*Prunus Beni-yutaka*)

Photos:
Liz Wintle



SMILES are re-appearing on everyone's faces as spring arrives at last.

The Japanese cherries, *Prunus x yedoensis*, or Tokyo cherry, are marching up the hill above the poplars leading from the river to the abbey ruins and are a wonderful sight at the moment, smothered in white blossom.

They are also known as the Yoshino cherry and were introduced to Europe from Japan in 1902. The tree will grow to about five metres in 20 years, so these five youngsters have a good future ahead of them.

Then, behind the ruins are three young Japanese cherries called *Prunus shirotae* "Mount Fuji", with beautiful large white flowers.

This is the same cherry as the magnificent old one in front of the Keynsham Memorial Park cafe; you can see from the state of the trunk that this one has had a full life. It has developed almost horizontal branches on maturity so we can have a good idea what the new ones will look like in a few years.

On Friday 10 April, join us as zoologist and wildlife filmmaker Emma Fennell-Hodson presents *Wild Mull – Scotland's Untamed Isle*.

The Isle of Mull, in the Inner Hebrides, is rugged, remote and rich in wildlife, including Eurasian otters and white-tailed sea eagles. Emma will share her experiences filming on the island, offer tips for spotting elusive species, and discuss conservation organisations working to protect Mull's remarkable biodiversity.

Keynsham Baptist Church Hall, BS31 1DS. Entrance £3.50 for Avon Wildlife Trust members, £4.50 for non-members. Includes refreshments served at 7.15pm - the talk begins at 7:30pm. All welcome, no booking required.

On Sunday April 19 join Dave's Dawn Chorus Walk at The Shallows car park, Saltford, starting at 4.30am. Please wear warm, waterproof clothing and bring binoculars. Optional donation to Avon Wildlife Trust. For more information, contact Dave on 07899 716068.

For more information on the Keynsham group and details on our talks, visit www.keynshamawt.org.uk, email info@keynshamawt.org.uk or phone Kathy on 07850 508702.

Coming back down the hill, from the abbey, if you cross the bridge and follow the footpath, you will walk past a cherry plum or myrobalan in full flower. This is a *Prunus cerasifera*, so a native, not an imported tree.

It has been in cultivation here since the 16th century. It is covered in small single flowers in spring,

followed by small red cherry-plums in favourable autumns – something you don't tend to see on the Japanese garden cherries.

Carry on through Echo Bridge and re-cross the River Chew at the bandstand; if you look to your left towards the memorial gate, you will see two old Japanese cherries (unfortunately no longer labelled)

trying to compete with five new ones. These were only planted this winter but are already smothered with pink and white semi-double flowers. They are another Japanese cherry called *Prunus Beni-yutaka* and will reach eight metres in 20 years.

Japanese cherries have an interesting history in Europe. In the early 20th century a naval officer called Captain Collingwood Ingram went to Japan and brought back many Sato Zakura (garden cherries) and so became known by his English botanist friends as "Cherry" Ingram.

I don't think the Japanese wanted them to leave Japan as they had been in isolated cultivation there for 1,000 years. Somehow he got away with it ... just keeping the cuttings/young trees alive for the long sea voyage would have been amazing.

Please go round Keynsham park and see how many cherry trees you can spot - I'm sure that you can find some that I have missed.

Liz Wintle

Aemartin Ltd

Building • Plumbing & Heating • Carpentry

- Loft Conversions • Extensions
- Renovations
- Bathroom Installations

Local business • Dedicated friendly & professional team

T: 0117 986 3933 M: 07885 133005

E: acmartinltd@outlook.com

A: Unit 15, Wansdyke Workshops, Unity Rd, Keynsham, BS31 1NH

www.acmartin.co.uk




CLARKSON'S INDEPENDENT

FUNERAL DIRECTORS LTD

489B Bath Road, Saltford

01225 873535

"A truly personal and caring service"

contact@clarksonsfuneraldirectors.com

www.clarksonsfuneraldirectors.co.uk

Bath branch: 01225 426822

Frome branch: 01373 463888

KEYNSHAM WI £1,700 for air ambulance

KEYNSHAM WI had a successful year in 2025, raising £1,700 for the Great Western Air Ambulance.

The cheque was presented to the charity when a group of ladies visited its premises in March.

Our year so far has begun well, with our January meeting introducing members to our charity for this year, Dorothy House Hospice. A representative told us all about the charity, and our fund-raising began with a bring-and-buy sale.

At our February meeting, freelance opera singer Grace Loveless told us about her career and sang a few songs, including an amusing ditty about the WI.

Our sub groups continue, with busy book and craft groups. Socially, we enjoyed a tapas night at Bonzo lounge and continue with our popular monthly coffee mornings.



NEWS

'No prospect' of Tesco closure, says Aldi

THERE is "no prospect" of a proposed new Aldi store resulting in the closure of Tesco in Keynsham town centre, the discount supermarket chain has insisted.

In its latest report on behalf of Aldi, commercial property agent Avison Young says Tesco is trading well above benchmark levels and would continue to do so after a new Aldi store opened.

Aldi wants to build a store on a site between the A4 Bath Road and World's End Lane.

Its planning application will be decided by Bath & North East Somerset Council.

The Avison Young report is in response to one commissioned by the council from Nexus Planning, which warned of the effect a new Aldi store might have on Tesco and other town centre businesses.

Avison Young said: "We disagree with the consultant's suggestion that the trading impact of Aldi on Tesco, Keynsham, would result in a consequent 'material adverse impact' on the usage levels of the town centre by virtue of a loss of linked trips.

"The reality is that future Aldi shoppers will predominantly be Keynsham residents and the town

centre will inevitably remain the most convenient and accessible location to access goods and services not available at the foodstore.

"The centre is well connected to the planning application site via the local highway network and public transport, and benefits from ample public car parking."

The Aldi proposal has received many supportive comments from the public, but concerns have been raised about the impact on the A4 Bath Road.

Under the plans, although cars would be able to enter the car park from the A4, the only exit would be to the rear onto World's End Lane opposite the recycling centre.

World's End Lane is meant to be a right turn only onto Pixash Lane, meaning traffic should follow Ashmead Road to the Broadmead Roundabout by Waitrose, but the no-left-turn sign is often ignored by drivers seeking more direct access onto the Bath Road.

Since Aldi submitted its original planning application in May 2024, B&NES Council's expected decision date has been repeatedly pushed back, and a new one has yet to be announced.



SlimmingWorld

feel *real* good

Thursdays

**7:30am, 9am, 10:30am,
5:30 and 7pm**

**Keynsham Baptist Church,
High Street, Keynsham, Bristol**

Contact: Trina 07538 309708

free
membership
plus 2 weeks free
when you join
today!

*Offer available 29th March to 18th April 2026. Visit our website for terms and conditions.

KEYNSHAM IN BLOOM

We're chuffed with our station accolade



Steve cutting the grass in the Pocket Park

WHILE I was working in the High Street, a lady asked me how to become a Keynsham in Bloom volunteer.

I advised her to look in our *Voice* article for my email address. But on checking last month's issue, I realised I had forgotten to include it.

So if you would like to join our merry band, please contact me at catherinemarywoodman@gmail.com or pop into the town council offices in Temple Street.

March is a busy month for all gardeners but for two of our station volunteers, Lin and Debbie, it was even more so - they visited the Community Rail Awards in Derby and received a certificate of excellence in It's Your Station



Lin and Debbie with the certificate of excellence awarded to the Keynsham in Bloom train station team



Tyrone doing his bit at Holmoak shops



Rosemary and painted stones in the Pocket Park

category. It is very well deserved by all the volunteers who worked hard at Keynsham station, under project leader Mary Maule.

Our Pocket Park is looking lovely in this sunny weather, with

the grass being trimmed and spring bulbs in full flower. Painted stones have been delivered by the Rock Fairies, dotted around, and we are grateful for such a kind gesture. Please come and enjoy a place of peace and beauty.

The High Street containers have now received their polyanthus, and soon the troughs will have a coat of stain to protect the wood. When the daffodils have finished flowering, they will be divided and planted into other troughs for next year.

Our Bath Hill flowerbed is full of spring bulbs, and the three newly planted rose are breaking bud and will be flowering this summer. Weeding continues where necessary, as with all our projects.

Our new volunteer Tyrone is taking the lead at the Holmoak Road containers. Replacement alpines have been added with extra gravel for a very neat picture and will protect the delicate flowers.

The alpine containers at Queens Road shops are thriving under the care of Mike Graham, another Keynsham in Bloom volunteer. More herbs will added to the raised bed soon.

The Chandag Road containers are also thriving, as is the Memorial Crown in the park, once again looked after by our dedicated volunteers.

Stay well and safe. Keep enjoying your garden and this fine weather.

Mary Woodman

POETRY CORNER

Eastertide Joy

There are so many joys to brighten our way,
Open the curtains, be grateful each day.
Blue skies and sunshine after the dawn,
Daffodils waving on every new morn.

Birds chirping happily, saying 'hello',
Gathering twigs - they find it all go!
Nests in the trees all cosy and warm,
Awaiting the fledglings, soon to be born.

So much for us all to be thankful for,
Blessings that Easter brings open each door.
For Christ being crucified carried our sins,
A new life for all, with God's grace begins.

The glorious news when Church bells ring out,
Reminding us all there is no need to doubt.
Our Saviour's in Heaven, our debt has been paid,
We know that for certain, our sins He has laid.

Sylvia Kirby

KEYNSHAM AND SALTFORD PROBUS CLUB



MARTIN Miller, now retired from his work at Bristol Museum and Art Gallery, arranged a guided tour of the establishment for members of Keynsham and Salford Probus Club.

Learning about the museum's history and principal exhibits was fascinating - from Banksy

to Alfred the Gorilla. Members were especially keen to gape at the great ape, as can be seen from this photo. The visit was part of an ongoing series of trips to local places of interest, and we will shortly be 'hotfooting it' to the Shoemakers Museum in Street.

LETTERS

Letters for publication can be sent to news@keynshamvoice.co.uk or by post to Letters, Keynsham Voice, 16 Ashmead Business Centre, Ashmead Road, Keynsham, BS31 1SX. The editor reserves the right to edit your letter.

Our politicians must do more on climate

THE climate crisis is without doubt a severe, accelerating threat and the most urgent global emergency that humanity has ever faced, yet our politicians barely mention it and certainly take little action.

David Leverton expressed his concerns in the March edition of *Keynsham Voice*, in his excellent letter.

Climate scientists unanimously agree that global temperatures are close to 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels as a result of human activity, such as the burning of fossil fuels.

Air can hold more water droplets at higher temperatures, leading to higher-intensity rainfall and flooding.

So it is not surprising that the significant increase in carbon emissions has an impact, such as the extreme weather events we experienced in the Keynsham floods in December 2024. This was worse further south and many houses flooded, not for the first time.

There are of course far more serious consequences in other parts of the world, with millions suffering and dying due to extreme weather, flooding and, conversely, drought, famine, forced migration and resulting conflicts.

We are also in a nature emergency with biodiversity loss, deforestation, wild fires and tornadoes increasingly common.

The financial cost of all this seems to be ignored but the consequences on our wellbeing are immeasurable and horrific.

Our farmers and any gardeners will testify that we are now prone to long periods of drought. We can remember Chew Valley Lake just last summer, half empty, while other areas suffered hose-pipe bans.

Of course, we have had droughts in the past, but they are becoming more common and water will become scarcer at these times and harvests increasingly



The weather in turmoil: Keynsham under water following Storm Bert in December 2024 Photo: Colin Rayner

fail. Food security is essential as famine increases in many parts of the world.

We must be more self-sufficient regarding energy. We need a faster transition to renewable energy and to reduce our reliability on other countries and not be at the mercy of world fuel prices.

We must use our energy more efficiently with better-insulated homes (for summer and winter extreme temperatures). Dramatic public transport improvements are essential, too.

When Greta Thunberg came to Bristol in February 2020, she said: "This emergency is being completely ignored by the politicians, the media and those in power."

Nothing much has changed except that the damage to our planet seems to be worsening faster than scientists predicted, due to the lack of action. The trajectory we are on is even more concerning and, unbelievably, the use of fossil fuel is continuing to grow.



Nature on our doorstep - Voice reader Tony Kirby sent us this photo of a pair of wood pigeons that are nesting in his garden. Our thanks to Tony for sharing it with us.

● Do go to see the national emergency briefing when it comes to Keynsham (date to be arranged).
Rich Prior, Keynsham XR

Give the majority more say on homes

I would not dream of crossing swords with a long-standing councillor such as Doncan Hounsell (letters in the March edition) on the working of local government, particularly in relation to Banes. There are, however, questions that remain unanswered.

In response to the Government advising Banes that it needed to provide 27,000 new houses by 2043, to be apportioned as 14,000 in Bath and 13,000 in the smaller towns and rural areas, someone, presumably within the local authority, amended this to just 7,000 in Bath with the remaining 20,000 outside of Bath.

This decision came from somewhere, and whilst it appears to be outside the mandate of the planning committee, it is difficult to believe that no political leaning on the decision-makers took place.

Could we, the council tax payers, be told exactly how and where this adjustment to the figures came from?

Councillor Hounsell appears to suggest that party politics play no part in planning decisions and yet we have a committee of 10 councillors of whom seven are Lib Dems, with six of them representing wards in Bath.

As I indicated in my previous letter on this subject, 47.5% of the Banes population live in Bath and 52.5% outside.

The Lib Dems have always had a reputation of ensuring that democracy operates at grass-roots level, so perhaps Councillor Hounsell may like to put a resolution to Banes Council that its planning committee have its membership adjusted to reflect the interests of the majority of us who live in the rural areas, instead of the political dominance shown to Bath.

Mike Barrow

Woman who served in wartime radar dies aged 106

A KEYNSHAM woman who made a wide-ranging contribution to the life in the town has died at the age of 106.

Mrs Marea Allwood-Coppin was a telephonist for the General Post Office (GPO) in Northampton in 1938. After the outbreak of the Second World War, she joined the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF) and worked in radar, mainly up and down the east coast tracking V1 and V2 flying bombs.

She became a Keynsham resident in 1956, where her roles included working for the Family Planning Association in St Ladoc Road and for Meals on Wheels, as well as chairing Keynsham Townswomen's Guild and starting other branches in the Longwell Green area.

Mrs Allwood-Coppin - pictured here with great-grandson Jeffrey Roberts - died peacefully on March 10 at the St Philip and St James Care Home.



BOOKS OF THE MONTH

Adult Fiction

The Sleeping and the Dead

Ann Cleeves

Published in 2001, this is one of Ann Cleeves' earlier books. During a hot summer when Cranwell Lake's water level has dropped, a canoeist finds a body - that of a teenager, Michael Grey, reported missing by his foster parents in 1972.

DI Peter Porteous and his gruff sidekick are called to investigate. After trailing through the missing persons' list, they discover that Michael Grey had a mysterious past.

Among those affected by the body's discovery is Hannah Morton, a prison officer with a truculent teenage daughter. Michael was her boyfriend and she appears to be the last person who saw him alive. Then another teenager disappears.

As with all Ann Cleeves' books, there are many twists and turns, and this one kept me guessing till the end.

The Tarot Reader of Versailles

Anya Bergman

The cover is the first thing that attracted me to this enthralling book full of magic and history. In the early days of the French Revolution, Lenormand, who can commune with the dead, is a renowned tarot reader.

Revolutionaries and aristocrats alike come to her shop late at

night for a tarot reading. Her clients even include Marie Antoinette, but Lenormand is plagued by dreams that seem to foretell the fate of the Queen and her family.

She meets Cat, who has come from Ireland to Paris for love, and Thomas, who has dreams of revolution. Cat also has powers - she can read people's fates. The meeting of these two women makes for an electrifying connection.

This is a good historical novel, with a real feeling of the febrile atmosphere of Paris during the revolution. The two main characters are brilliant and I like the added tarot element.

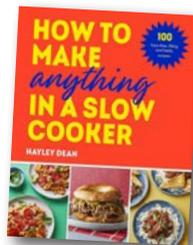
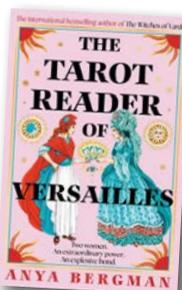
Adult Non-Fiction

How to Make Anything in a Slow Cooker

Hayley Dean

I love my slow cooker, especially for handy mid-week meals. This recipe book offers over 100 new, scrummy recipes, laid out in a simple style with great pictures. Put the ingredients in the slow cooker in the morning and by teatime great meals await.

They range from steak fajita pasta, mushroom stroganoff gnocchii and white chocolate fudge.



One Small Step

Paul Sinton-Hewitt

reviewed by Emilie Bioud,
Keynsham Library assistant

Although we have this book in our sport section, it could be on our biography shelves as well.

Paul Sinton-Hewitt is known throughout 23 countries and by 400,000 runners who take part in his Parkrun every Saturday morning. Created in 2004 in Bushy Park, London (also called the Pilgrimage), Parkrun is a free, weekly 5k you can run or walk, organised in local parks by volunteers.

In this book, Paul looks back on his life, including a tough upbringing in South Africa before he moved to London, and how, after finding himself unemployed, he decided to create a free weekly event for runners.

Parkrun is a friendly community that brings people together for a bit of fitness or help with their mental health. There is one held at Somerdale Pavilion, Keynsham, at 9am every Saturday, which welcomes new runners and volunteers. Why not give it a try?

The Perimenopause Survival Guide

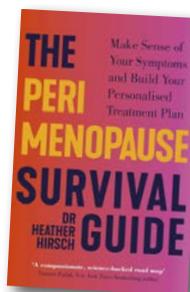
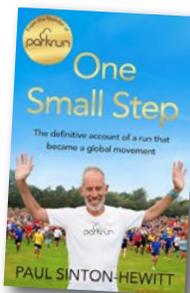
Dr Heather Hirsch

reviewed by Emilie Bioud,
Keynsham Library assistant

It is time to address the elephant in the room. Half the population is female, half will go through it, so why not try to understand better what it means to go through the menopause?

Feeling your mood is changing? Is your hair thinning? Are you having brain fog? You probably reached this phase of your life.

Dr Heather Hirsch guides you through the stages, lists the symptoms and explains how



with Judith Thomas from Keynsham Library

to live with it, including tips on what supplements can help and the heavier surgical procedures. I appreciated its simplicity and approachability. Worth a read.

Children's Picture Book

When Tad Kicked Vlad

Julian Gough

reviewed by Emilie Bioud,
Keynsham Library assistant

On Tad's birthday, his best friend Vlad eats the first piece of cake, which makes Tad furious.

His inability to control his anger results in a worldwide chain of angry people kicking one another. So what will happen Tad's next birthday?

To find out, read this picture book, laugh out loud at its craziness, and discover how to overcome anger in the end.

Ross Collins' illustrations are delightful. A cheeky book to read with a smile.

Library news

2026 is the national Year of Reading, so pop into your library for some exciting displays and great book suggestions.

As always, there is so much going on in all our libraries, and it's all free. So drop in and see what's on offer.

Tuesday 9.30-10am and 10.30-11.00am term time only, 0-5 years, for families with children, sing along at Baby Bounce and Rhyme, or get comfy whilst listening to our ever-popular Storytime, Thursday 10.30am at Keynsham Library, term time for 0-4 years.

Come along, with a cushion, and listen to some fantastic new stories.

For adults, we've got book clubs, writing classes, and much more throughout the year.

Joining the library costs nothing, so pop in or visit www.librarieswest.org.uk to also access thousands of eBooks, eMagazines, Audiobooks, and a wealth of other resources.

Our 'Virtual Library' has loads going on, including competitions, book reviews and, all our digital offers.

Search 'Bath and North East Somerset Libraries' on social media or visit <https://baneslibraries.co.uk/>





IN NEED OF MORE STORAGE SPACE?

Make use of your loft and create more space in your home.

- ✓ Loft Ladders
- ✓ Raised Loft Storage
- ✓ Loft Lighting
- ✓ Insulation



Loft storage solutions for period and new build homes that don't void your warranty.

01373 813 438

www.loftboardingsouthwest.co.uk



DOMESTIC INSTALLER



RAISED LOFT FLOOR AUTHORIZED INSTALLER

NEWS

Happy anniversary to our orchard!



The fruit tree care workshop led by Janine Connor from the Forest of Avon Trust - centre, apricot blossom heralds the spring

VOLUNTEERS gathered at the Broadlands Community Orchard in Keynsham to celebrate the project's first anniversary.

The first trees were planted at the orchard, between Winscombe Close and St Anne's Avenue, this time last year.

Since its official launch in October 2025, just over 800 spring bulbs - including crocuses, wild tulips, snake's-head fritillary,

daffodils, camassia, snowdrops and bluebells - have been planted and blossom has been appearing on the trees.

To mark the anniversary, a fruit tree care workshop open to volunteers and local residents was held at the orchard by Janine Connor, a community orchard expert from the Forest of Avon Trust.

She helped to guide the formative pruning

of the orchard trees, which include several varieties of apple, a pear, a damson, an apricot and a mulberry.

The group are looking to grow the community caring for and enjoyment of the community orchard and are launching a regular monthly meet there every second Sunday of the month from 10am-11am from Sunday April 12.



Now taking on new private patients



Our private practice offers:

- Quality care for the whole family
- Routine appointments with your preferred dentist every time
- Unhurried appointments and friendly staff
- Payment plans from Denplan to help budget for your dental care

15 Victoria Road
Hanham
Bristol BS15 3QJ
0117 990 2215
www.hallowsdental.com

NEWS FROM KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Our Annual Report 2025-2026

The Keynsham Town Council Annual Report provides an overview of the work undertaken by the Council's various committees and working groups from the last financial year.

The document is now available for the public to read, either online via the QR code, or Keynsham Town Council website www.keynsham-tc.gov.uk, or can be picked up from the Town Council office.

Copies available at the Annual Town Meeting on Thursday 23rd April.



Bandstand in the Park

Join us for live music on the Memorial Park Bandstand from April to September.

Scan the QR code for full programme

KEYNSHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

All Residents Welcome

Thursday 23rd April, 7:30pm

The Space, above the Library

(entrance opposite Iceland)



Have your say!

An opportunity for Keynsham residents to discuss the work of the Town Council and the issues affecting Keynsham.

Plus hear a talk on "Wildlife encounters in and around Keynsham"

Dave Sage:
Chair of Avon Wildlife Trust
(Keynsham Group)



Community show

Keynsham Town Council held its fourth Annual Spring Show on Saturday 28th March supported by an enthusiastic group of community members from across Keynsham and beyond.

The show attracted over 650 exhibits to 120 classes across 9 different categories including: Horticulture, Cookery, Photography, Jams, Honeys & Preserves, Arts and Crafts, and a large Children's Category spanning 4 different age groups.

The 'Group Entry' category welcomed a record number of submissions to create a wind chime out of recycled materials, and the latest new Floral Art Category championed creativity with flowers.

The new 'Potato Growing' competition will encourage children to grow their potato crop at home and then bring their full potato sack to the Farmers' Market on Saturday 8th August, where the heaviest crop will win a potato 'Jelly Cat' plush toy.

The Spring Show hosted fun activities including an Easter Bonnet contest carefully judged by Councillor Caitlin Brennan, the popular Pets Corner with Creature Cuddles Animal Handling, face painting courtesy of JoJo's Face Painting and Fays Fun Faces.

The range of community stalls offered awareness and income opportunities for groups and local businesses, with crafts and gifts on offer.

St John's Primary School choir delighted the crowds with their uplifting spring performance.

And after a hugely popular debut last year, the Spring Show once again featured a series of inspiring talks from local community experts, with 30-minute sessions designed to spark new hobbies and deepen existing interests.

The programme included "From Hive to Honey", where local beekeeper Kevin O'Neill shared insights into the importance of bees to the countryside and the basics of beekeeping; Peter Smithers captivated audiences with "My Life with Bugs," recounting his experiences as an entomologist from Dartmoor to Borneo and the fascinating creatures he encountered along the way; finally Holly from the Loaf Shack Bakery offered a behind-the-scenes look at the life of a Baker, including how the business began and a demonstration on making the perfect sweet scone.

"It was another hugely



successful day building on last year's success," said Katherine Sears, Deputy Town Clerk.

"The community's enthusiasm for the event continues to be appreciated, and the standard of entries once again highlights the creativity and talent within our community. It has also been great fun to introduce new categories, which keep the show fresh and encourage even more people to take part. The show maintains its popularity, and we're already looking forward to what next year will bring."

Keynsham Town Council would like to thank Crumbs of Keynsham for judging the Cookery Section, Heavenly Hedgerows for judging the Jams, Honeys & Preserves, Judith Cron from Artspace for judging the Art section, Adrian Brettell from Keynsham Snap and Stroll for judging the photography competition, and Kelly Sessions, Co-Head Teacher of Castle Primary School, for judging the Children's Category.

A final thank-you goes to Keynsham 1st Scouts and Girlguiding Keynsham for the use of their Headquarters as well as all our official event sponsors: Redfern Osteopaths, Savour Kitchen and Farm Shop, Rose Holistic Therapies, Smart Computers, Keynsham Photo Centre, Muse Dental, The Old Bank, Wild About Flowers, Bargain Booze, WW Memorials, FDC Law, Perfect Fit and Meryton Place; whose generous support helped make the Spring Show possible.

NEWS FROM KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

springs into life again!



It's time to apply for our Grant Awards

KEYNSHAM Town Council's Annual Grant Awards for 2026/2027 will be open for applications from 1st April 2026. The Town Council is prepared to consider applications for financial assistance from properly constituted:

- Clubs and Societies
- Voluntary Bodies and Associations
- Non-profit making Organisations
- Charitable Bodies

To qualify for a grant, applicants must demonstrate a direct benefit to the Keynsham Town area, or any part of it, or all or some of its residents. In addition, the direct benefit must be proportionate to the expenditure to be incurred.

Local groups affiliated to regional or national organisations are eligible, provided the local group operates substantially as an independent financial unit.

Funding timetable and key dates:

1st April – 30th April 2026: Application packs available.

Friday 8th May 2026: Closing date for applications.

Wednesday 10th June 2026: Applications considered by Grants Committee.

Thursday 11th June 2026: Applicants are notified of the Town Council's decisions.

Thursday 9th July 2026: Grants Presentation Evening.

The primary intention of the Town Council's grant scheme is to support new events/projects/items in the Town and the maximum grant payable to any one organisation will not exceed £1,000.

Cemetery Chapel maintenance works

As of 7th April, scaffolding will be assembled around the Keynsham Cemetery Chapel for essential maintenance and structural works. During this time, there will be restricted vehicle access; however, the Cemetery will remain open to visitors.

Please be mindful when visiting, as works are expected to continue for 10–12 weeks. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and appreciate your understanding.

Survey to be launched on Bus Plan

The West of England Combined Authority will launch a six-week public engagement exercise on the Bus Plan, running from 30th March to 10th May. The purpose is to hear directly from both bus users and non-bus users across the region about their experiences, expectations, and needs.

Congratulations to our trophy winners (with trophy sponsors in brackets):

Most points in Daffodils:

Neal Hatch
(Keynsham in Bloom)

Most points in other Horticulture:

Anne-Marie Bird
(Wild About Flowers)

Best in Show - Horticultural:

Neal Hatch

Most points in Cookery:

Faye Jenkins
(Savour Kitchen & Farm Shop)

Most points in Under 18s Cookery:

Primrose Lane
(Muse Dental)

Best in Show Jams/Chutneys and Preserves:

Deborah Ottley
(Heavenley Hedgerows)

Best in Show - Art:

Annette Rigler
(ArtSpace)

Best in Show - Handicraft:

Jude Cron
(Art & Pottery Studio @ The Chocolate Quarter)

Most points in Photography:

Stella Sage
(Keynsham Photographic Society)

Most points in Photography - Under 18s:

Iris Aldridge
(TimeOut Youth Service)

Most points in Children's Under 5yrs:

LH
(Snapdragons Nursery)

Most points in Children's Under 7yrs:

Molly Rigg
(TrueSpeed)

Most points in Children's Under 11yrs:

Amelia-Rose Miles
(Caitlin Marie Nails)

Most points in Children's Under 16s:

Iris Aldridge
(Wellsway School)

Best Floral Art Display:

Sarah Sheppard
(Rose Holistic Therapies)

Group Entry:

Keynsham Girls Brigade
(MG Estate)

Next stop, better buses.

Share your feedback to help shape the new bus plan in the West of England.

haveyoursaywest.co.uk/betterbuses

Scan me to
have your say



WEST HELEN GOODWIN
OF ENGLAND MAYOR OF THE
WEST OF ENGLAND

STOP

■ PEN TO PAPER

Winter's Tail

I gaze out of my window through blankets of rain, it's late March, but December still lashes the pane, there's no sign of a thaw, and it's pouring again, and it's darker than midnight, and colder than Northern Tibet –

We may search for the sun, but the Winter's not done with us, yet.

When I put on my boots and I head for the door, they are covered with more mud than ever before, and in less than a step they've amassed *even* more. I could clean them, of course, though this *could* be a source of regret –

While the best is to come... the Winter's not done with us, yet.

With the pleasures of Summer so hard to replay, and the soft Autumn colours still six months away, on the topic of Spring, I have nothing to say while it's blowing a hooley, unruly, and unduly *wet* –

And there's nowhere to run, for the Winter's not done with us, yet.

Then, I see from my window, a wondrous sight, there's a wisp of blue sky, and a bright golden light, and it feels like the end of a very long night... but I'm easily tricked, and too quick to forgive and forget –

Though we're done with the Winter, the Winter's not done with us, yet.

Vyv Nugent

Keynsham Creative Writers welcome new members – call George Liddell on 0117 914 8654

■ THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



Revd Nigel Williams
Rector of Saltford,
Corston and
Newton
St Loe

It is about the possibility of new beginnings, about believing that failure, fear, or loss need not define the final chapter of our lives.

At Easter, many of us may hear that familiar hymn "Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son," perhaps in a church, on the radio, or remembered from years gone by.

Even for those who rarely attend church, its triumphant tune carries something of the spirit of the season, hope breaking through darkness.

The Easter story itself begins not with celebration but with grief. In the Gospel of John chapter 20, Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb of Jesus expecting loss, only to find it empty and to hear her name spoken by the risen Christ. It is a deeply human moment: sorrow turning unexpectedly into hope.

For those outside regular church life, Easter can still speak powerfully. At its heart, it is about the possibility of new beginnings, about believing that failure, fear, or loss need not define the final chapter of our lives. The resurrection Christians celebrate is a reminder that even in the hardest seasons, change and renewal are possible.

Perhaps that is why the words "Thine be the glory" still resonate beyond church walls. They point to a hope that refuses to stay buried - a quiet but persistent belief that light can overcome darkness, and that new life can emerge where we least expect it.

Millstream

ST MONICA TRUST

THE
CHOCOLATE
QUARTER



Properties from
£325,000
Community fee and
surrender fee
apply

Luxury retirement living
with fantastic facilities

To learn more about our communities where older people flourish, book your place on a guided tour by calling us on 0117 363 7160, or visit www.stmonicastrust.org.uk for more information and details of available properties.



St Monica Trust
Registered Charity 202151



APPROVED OPERATOR

■ ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Clock benefits from timely restoration

KEYNSHAM Church Clock was built by Josias Robins of Bristol in 1729 and continues to serve the people of Keynsham and beyond.

The St John's clock, located proudly above our High Street, dominates this area for all to see and is such an important part of our town's landscape.

Like all horology, which is the art and science of measuring time and creating timepieces, they require maintenance, and when a clock is nearly 300 years old it is bound to falter from time to time.

Many have noticed that the clock has not been working for well over a year and complaints been received in the parish office!

Together with a generous benefactor from the St John's congregation, Simon Boyd from



Timsbury Clocks, who specialises in repairing such wonderful historic time pieces, has now completed this task after many months of intricate restorative work.

There will be opportunities for people during the summer to ascend the tower, look at this historic clock and view how it all works from the inside, inspect the eight bells, together with an opportunity to see the bellringers in action, and finally to reach the top, go outside and take in the breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside.

Groups or organisations who would like to book a visit, for which there will be a small charge, may contact the parish office now by emailing office@keynshamparish.org.uk

Lesley Organ, church warden



Simon Boyd of Timsbury Clocks at work on the St John's clock

■ NEWS

Plan to turn house into children's care home

AN APPLICATION has been made to turn a house in Keynsham into a children's care home.

The property at 8a The Avenue has been used as a house in multiple occupation (HMO) providing supported accommodation for up to six young people aged 16 to 21.

Focus Futures Care, Support & Learning has now asked Bath & North East Somerset Council to issue a certificate of lawfulness so it can become a children's care home instead.

There would be a maximum of five young people in the home. Staff would be on site 24 hours a day, supported by a manager and on-call system.

There would be at least one staff member to every two young people, and the maximum number of staff on shift would be three.

The applicant said all staff would be trained on safeguarding and behaviour management as part of their induction.

The house would operate



similar to a domestic household, with shared living, staff and young people eating meals and watching TV together, and morning and evening routines. Visitors would need to make an appointment in advance.

The house has its own private driveway for up to four cars.

The applicant said: "As the property already meets a lot of the agreed standards for a supported accommodation service, there won't be a significant amount of changes required to make the transition to a children's care home."

Current use of the property as an HMO was due to cease on March 2. B&NES Council is expected to decide on the application by April 16.

Dixons

PLUMBING & HEATING SERVICES

All domestic plumbing and heating work carried out

- Landlord certificates
- Gas safety checks
- Boiler servicing
- Over 20 years' experience
- Friendly no obligation quote

07958 934903

dixonsplumbingandheating@outlook.com

KEYNSHAM WALKERS ARE WELCOME

Misty and muddy but outing was worth it



One of the landmarks on the route

ON a cold, damp, misty Sunday morning, over 20 hardy walkers met behind the Keynsham leisure centre for a 3.5-mile circular walk to the outskirts of Bitton, Swineford and back to Keynsham.

The walk on March 8 took us through the park to the marina, down the lane beside the marina, and into the open fields.

Heading towards Meadow Woods, we found the conditions under foot were surprisingly good until we reached the woods, where a narrow one-metre stretch through a gateway was just a thick toffee bog.

All walkers stood horrified at the prospect of walking through this bog. The walk leader, using a long walking stick for stability, braved the bog first. Then the stick was passed back to the other walk leader, who reached the middle of the bog



and stayed there to assist the rest of the group.

By passing the stick to the next walker and hand-holding, all walkers passed this area without further incidents. Thankfully, this was a circular walk, so we knew we would not need to pass this area again.

The next field was a bit wet, which enabled everyone to wash the mud from their boots. With all of us now in good spirits and boots clean, we continued towards Bitton.

A short refreshments stop was made on

the outskirts of Bitton before we entered a 'permissive' field – one with no official right of way but where the owner allows the public to use it, providing they keep to the footpath.

From the other side of the field, we went under the railway path to the river, which we followed back to Keynsham. Whilst walking along beside the river, we saw a flock of Canadian geese and a black swan.

As the next walk has had to be cancelled, this was the final walk of the winter programme.

**Bath & North East
Somerset Council**

Improving People's Lives



Tel: 01225 477314

E-Mail: mot_bookings@bathnes.gov.uk

www.bathnes.gov.uk

MOT CENTRE

Transport Services, Worlds End Lane, Keynsham BS31 1TW



Located on the
same site as the
newly opened
recycling centre



**Opening Times:
Monday - Friday
7.30am - 6.00pm**

MOTORCYCLE • CAR • MINIBUS • VAN • MOT'S

NEWS

30-year sentence for child sex abuser

A CORSTON man who sexually abused children while working at a nursery in Bristol has received a 30-year sentence.



Nathan Bennett, 30, was convicted by a jury at Bristol Crown Court February of two counts of rape of a child under 13, four counts of sexual assault of a child under 13, and two other sexual assault charges.

He had previously admitted 13 offences, including sexual assault of a child aged under 13, causing a child under 13 to engage in sexual activity, and engaging in sexual activity in the presence of a child.

During sentencing at the court on March 16, statements prepared by some of the victims' families were read out.

They told of feeling "distraught" upon learning their child had been sexually abused by Bennett and the

"overwhelming anger" that they continue to experience. They also stated that they now struggled to trust anyone.

Bennett's crimes came to light when concerns were raised by parents and other staff, leading his manager to review the nursery's CCTV.

Specialist child protection police officers reviewed hundreds of hours of footage from 18 cameras, identifying multiple offences and five child victims.

The team then had to visit the children's families and break the awful news of what had been happening.

Bennett was initially charged in August 2025 and had been remanded in custody ever since.

In mitigation, the court was told Bennett had no previous convictions and that he was sorry for the harm he understood he caused.

His Honour Judge William Hart described Bennett as a "dangerous paedophile", adding

that while some of the children may not remember the abuse they were subjected to, the families will never forget the "torment".

Sentencing Bennett, he said: "Watching as we did in this trial, the CCTV footage of the little children at the nursery running around and playing brings a smile to any decent person.

"But the children we saw were not secure. They were at risk because, unknown to staff and parents, you were lurking and ready to abuse them and to pollute their innocence with your vile desires."

Judge Hart handed Bennett a 30-year sentence, including a 24-year jail term, with the remaining six years to be served on licence. Bennett was also made subject of an indefinite sexual harm prevention order.

The investigating officer, DC Bethany Cook, said: "Nathan Bennett is a predatory paedophile who groomed

children in order to commit vile sexual crimes on very young victims.

"By refusing to plead guilty and admit to carrying out the most serious sexual offences, he extended the trauma of those families by putting them through a trial.

"I hope that now that he has been handed a lengthy prison term, the victims and families will finally be able to rebuild their lives."

Gemma Kneebone of the Crown Prosecution Service's South West Rape and Serious Sexual Offences Unit said: "Nathan Bennett's offending is amongst the most appalling and upsetting that I have seen in my time as a prosecutor of sexual offences."

Support has been offered to the victims' families, and officers have spoken with the parents and carers of other children who attended the same care setting as Bennett's victims.



FLOURISH

GLENAVON FARM



VISIT OUR WEBSITE



FOODHALL • KITCHEN • HOME & LIFESTYLE • POTTERY PAINTING

Open 8:30am - 5:30pm Mon - Sat, 9am - 4pm Sunday www.flourish-group.co.uk/glenavon-farm

Glenavon Farm, Bath Road, Saltford, Bristol BS31 3TJ

■ GIRLGUIDING KEYNSHAM DISTRICT



Friendship and joy shared on Thinking Day



GIRLGUIDING Keynsham District had a wonderful time celebrating World Thinking Day on Sunday February 22 at Wellsway School, with a Taskmaster-themed day, followed by a disco.

Over 100 girls attended, from Rainbows to Rangers. The day was organised by two Rangers, Katie and Emily, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first World Thinking Day, where we

celebrate Girl Guides and Girl Scouts all across the globe, encouraging reflection on friendships and the important of community. It was a lovely event, full of fun and laughter.

Emily was also presented her Ranger Gold Award. She is pictured being presented her award by Sarah Watkins, Division Commissioner, and Emma Brewer, her Ranger Leader.



■ KEYNSHAM ORCHESTRA

Concert helps music lovers reach for the stars

KEYNSHAM Orchestra's conductor, Phillip Draisey, took a record-breaking audience on an interstellar ride at St John's Church.

The spring concert on March 14 featured *Star Trek Through the Years* by Calvin Custer, music from *E.T.* and *Star Wars* by John Williams, and *Mars*, *Venus* and *Jupiter* from Holst's *The Planets*.

Below is an excerpt from Phil's post-performance words to the orchestra:

"Hearing the menacing, relentless drive of *Mars* followed by the iconic *Imperial March* was a great effect. The way the orchestra handled the transitions in style and mood showed incredible musical intelligence.

"From the opening *Main Title* to the triumphant *Throne Room*, the brass and percussion brought huge



power without overwhelming the texture. *Yoda* and *Leia* allowed the strings to produce some of the most beautiful, glowing sounds I've heard from the sections.

"There were an enormous number of woodwind solos, with some very exposed flute passages

that Jane hit perfectly. And much of this concert was effectively a horn concerto, and Alice and her section deserve particular congratulations.

"Taking on even three planets is a monumental task, particularly the complexity of *Venus*. It was a

moment of pure, ethereal calm - the solos were played with such personality and delicacy. *Jupiter* then brought the house down; it requires immense stamina and rhythmic bite, and you rose to every challenge with real commitment.

"*E.T.* was a fantastic palate cleanser. It is a technically "fiddly" and demanding score, but the sense of flight and wonder was palpable.

"And *Star Trek* provided a fantastic change of flavour and sound world, giving a high-impact contrast that clearly landed with the listeners."

Keynsham Orchestra's next concert is at 7.30pm on June 13 at St John's - it will have a *Romeo and Juliet* theme. To find out more, visit www.keynshamorchestra.org.uk

KEYNSHAM ROTARY

Support for hospice charity in golden year

MOST people locally will probably have heard of Dorothy House, but they may not know that 2026 marks its 50th anniversary.

Dorothy House was founded in 1976 by Prue Dufour to bring palliative care to the Bath area, initially based in Prue's own house.

Keynsham Rotary has supported this fantastic charity over the years and we were pleased to catch up with the latest news at our meeting on March 11 thanks to a talk from Clare Way, one of its key fund-raisers.

Dorothy House has been rated as being in the top 3% hospices nationally, caring for some 4,000 adults each year. Surprisingly, it has only 10 bed spaces at its premises at Winsley, but we learned that 90% of patients are helped in their own homes or in a community setting.

There are around 1,300 volunteers dedicated to raising funds that are desperately needed to meet running costs, which now amount to £52,000 per day.

We are greatly impressed by the dedication and importance that Dorothy House has in our community and were pleased to

donate £10,000 to help continue this very valuable work.

Clare Way is pictured receiving the cheque from Rotary president Mark Miles.

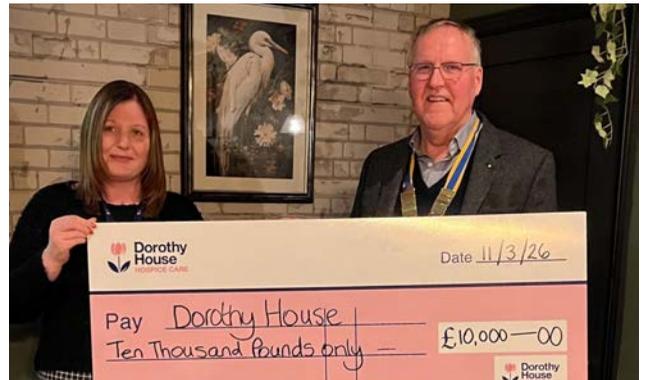
● We also welcomed two new members to Keynsham Rotary at our March 11 meeting.

President Mark Miles and president elect Simon Lovell are pictured with Chris Gregson and Tony Mosely, who have both been Rotary members before moving to our area.

In Rotary, we strive to support our local community and to contribute to international humanitarian projects, such as the eradication of polio. But there is always more demand for support than we can meet.

Our membership has diminished over the years, so we would welcome any interested folk to make contact via the Keynsham Rotary website. Men and women are welcome to meet us for a relaxed chat about our organisation.

Recent retirees might find our activities offer a rewarding interest in contributing to our local community.





Supporting independence in later life

Located on a quiet residential road, just a five minute walk from the bustling high street, Abbeyfield House, Keynsham offers a welcoming supportive community for people later in life.

A perfect blend of privacy and companionship, Abbeyfield House, provides comfortable self-contained flats, daily home-cooked meals, and vibrant social spaces for a monthly all-inclusive fee.

Book a house tour today:
0117 973 6997

-  En-suite apartments
-  Three daily meals
-  Fully-inclusive fees
-  Private gardens



www.abbeyfield-bristol.co.uk

NEWS

Salute to the clean team!

VOLUNTEERS turned out on the first Sunday in March to help clear litter from the lanes of Compton Dando and Burnett.

With kind weather on their side, the group spent the morning collecting rubbish from roadside verges and hedgerows. As well as the usual assortment of litter, their haul included tyres, towels, blankets and a salt cellar, full of salt.

Organiser Sarah Wilson said: "We're really grateful to everyone who came along to help.

"It's encouraging that there was less litter than last year, and we'd like to thank the many people who pick up litter during



their walks all year round."

Special thanks were also given to Keynsham Wombles and also

to Bath & North East Somerset Council's cleansing team, who lent litter-picking equipment to

the volunteers and collected the rubbish gathered.

● Photo: Ros Anstey

Retirement village project is complete

THE St Monica Trust has officially opened Millstream, a new 44-apartment development offering independent living for older people at the Chocolate Quarter in Keynsham.

It completes the Bristol-based charity's £60 million redevelopment of the former Cadbury's factory into a retirement village.

The new development offers a mix of one and two-beds, with 18 apartments being 'affordable' housing units for residents nominated by Bath and North East Somerset Council.

It also features a landscaped community garden between Millstream and the Somerdale Pavilion, plus a new entrance to the Pavilion car park off Trajectus Way.

The opening was marked with a ribbon-cutting ceremony



attended by Millstream residents and representatives of the St Monica Trust, Bath & North East Somerset Council, RED Construction, RLB, KWL

Architects and EP Studios.

Chief executive of the St Monica Trust, David Williams, said: "The opening of Millstream not only marks the completion

of the trust's redevelopment of the former Cadbury's factory, but it also fulfils our original commitment to provide social housing for the local community, as we do at all of the trust's other retirement villages."

The ribbon was cut by project manager Dave Winslow, who has been involved in the building of all the St Monica Trust's retirement villages since Westbury Fields in 2004. Millstream is his last project with the trust before his retirement.

He said: "It was a really nice surprise when David Williams handed me the scissors and asked me to cut the ribbon.

"I felt very honoured and it was great way to call time on my career both with the St Monica Trust and within the wider construction industry."



Could you be a support worker?

United Response is national charity, employing over 3,500 people across the country to provide outstanding support for people with learning disabilities and autism.

We're looking for new support workers in **Keynsham** for our supported living services. You'll need full UK driving licence, but we'll provide all the training you need – just bring the smile!

www.unitedresponse-jobs.org.uk



For more info, contact kat.dingle@unitedresponse.org.uk

Registered charity no. 265249

■ KeynshamNow

Lesson from school heads on the three Ps



At the March meeting of KeynshamNow, the town's youth council, we were honoured by the attendance of all three secondary school heads - Laura Stone (Broadlands), Peter Headeach (IKB) and Rob Pearsall (Wellsway).

The meeting was ably chaired by Tilly Robinson. After a brief introduction from all three heads, there followed a question-and-answer session from members which included questions on 'why did you want to be a headteacher?' and 'have you ever seen *Waterloo Road*?'

All headteachers stayed to the end of the

meeting and joined in discussions about what qualities made a good teacher - this seemed to revolve around the three Ps - passion, performance and patience.

There then followed updates on KeynshamNow's campaigns: anti-homophobia, young peoples' mental health, our poor bus service, under-age use of energy drinks, and under-age vaping.

Feelings on some of these issues ran high among the young people and again the heads took an active part, pointing out that education was the key to providing solutions for most of

these campaigns. Other topics included, from our sub-committee, working with the town council on a £148,000 upgrade of Teviot Road park and play area - paid for by developer contributions under Section 106 agreements and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - and a litter-pick of the road behind Waitrose on Sunday March 22.

Our next meeting was due to be held on April 1 in The Space at 5.30pm. All young people are welcome at our meetings and there are no fees. For further information, email Andy Wait at waithere91@gmail.com.

G25 INSTALLER OF THE YEAR!

WINNERS!

G25
AWARDS
WINNER



THE WINDOW HUB.CO.UK

Upgrade your
windows & doors
with the
UK's #1
installer!

Get in-touch today for a FREE no obligation quotation

☎ 08000 219 319



Come visit our showrooms

📍 72-74 High Street, Bristol BS16 5HN 📍 208 Topsham Rd, Exeter EX2 6AA

✉ info@thewindowhub.co.uk 🔍 www.thewindowhub.co.uk




WHAT'S ON

Friday April 10

■ Keynsham RUHX Fundraising Group meets at Keynsham Library (ground floor by Pam's Pantry), 10am-2pm. Free refreshments, chat and a chance to discuss future events and plans. Please drop in, everyone is welcome. All help gratefully received. No financial or time obligations/commitments necessary.

Friday April 10

■ "Wild Mull - Scotland's Untamed Isle" wildlife talk. Keynsham Baptist Church Hall, BS31 1DS, 7.30pm. Avon Wildlife Trust members £3.50, non-members £4.50, to include refreshments served at 7.15pm. All welcome, no booking required.

Sunday April 12

■ Broadlands Community Orchard social, 10am - 11am. The orchard is between St Anne's Avenue (BS31 2EH) and Winscombe Close (BS31 2HR). Enjoy the spring colour, bring your own brew and find out about your local community orchard.

Tuesday April 14

■ Stay and Play session, Victoria Centre, Keynsham Methodist Church, High Street, 1.30pm-3.30pm.

Friday April 17

■ Coffee morning in aid of Bowelbabe, Keynsham Cricket Club, Wellsway, Keynsham, BS31 1HU, 10am-12.30pm. All welcome.

Sunday April 19

■ Dave's Dawn Chorus Walk at The Shallows car park, Saltford, starting at 4.30am. Please wear warm, waterproof clothing and bring binoculars. Optional donation to Avon Wildlife Trust.

Monday April 20

■ Messy Church at Keynsham Methodist Church, Queens Road, BS31 2NN, 3.15pm-5.15pm, with our usual mix of craft activities, Bible story, songs, food and fun. All are welcome, book your place with the church office on 0117 9149408 or email bookings@keynshammethodistchurch.co.uk.

Friday April 24

■ Coffee morning in aid of Daniel Money's Cancer Research UK campaign, Keynsham Cricket Club, Wellsway, Keynsham, BS31 1HU, 10am-12pm. All welcome.

Tuesday April 28

■ Ladies group meets at Keynsham Methodist Church, Queens Road, BS31 2NN, 2.30pm-4pm.

We would love to publicise your event

Send details of your events and activities in the following format:

WHAT IT IS WHERE IT IS WHEN IT IS

Email us at:
news@keynshamvoice.co.uk
or call us on 0117 908 2121/
07715 770448

Tuesday April 28

■ Saltford and Keynsham Flower Club's demonstration is Musical Memories from Fleur White, 2pm, Saltford Hall. Visitors welcome; entrance £8.

Saturday-Sunday May 9 & 10

■ Newbridge Arts Trail. Chance to see and buy painting, printmaking, ceramics, textiles, photography, jewellery-making and more, 10.30am-5pm both days. More information at <https://newbridgeartstrail.org/artists2026>.

Saturday June 20

■ Winterbourne Wind Band will play on the Keynsham Memorial Park bandstand, 2pm-4pm. We are a fun amateur band, led by musical director Joe Galuszka, playing a range of music including pop, rock, jazz, musical and classical. Pack a picnic and come along and enjoy this free event.

REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays

■ The Royal British Legion Women's Section Keynsham Branch meets on the first Monday of each month upstairs at the RBL Club, Charlton Road, Keynsham, BS31 2JA, 7.30pm. Occasional speakers, social events and outings.

■ Keynsham Bridge Club can now welcome new experienced players to our Monday evening sessions. Contact Pat 07442 160553 or Diane 0117 9861267.

■ Key Voices Community Choir meets Mondays at 7.30pm at St. Dunstan's Church Hall, BS31 2BQ (or third Monday of month at Royal British Legion). We sing a wide

range of music, with occasional performances and social events. Friendly non-auditioned choir, all are welcome. First session free.

■ Key Ring, second Monday of the month, Key Centre, Charlton Road, Keynsham, 2.30pm to 4pm.

■ Saltford Whist Club, Saltford Hall. Monday afternoons 1.30pm-4pm. Contact Malcolm 01225 872555.

■ Keynsham Brass Band, Broadlands School, St Francis Road, Keynsham, 7.30pm to 9.30pm term time. Trombonists particularly needed for traditional brass band. Friendly, relaxed group who play at summer fetes in Keynsham Memorial Park and a few concerts. Call Sarah Medley on 0117 4625626 or email sarah.medley1@btinternet.com, or see the Facebook page or webpage (Keynsham Brass Band).

■ Children's Code Club (Years 4-6), Keynsham Community Hub, 67 Queens Road. Create games and animations, 4.30pm-5.30pm.

■ Foodbank, Key Centre, Charlton Road, Keynsham, 10am-12pm (not bank holidays).

Mondays/Tuesdays

■ **Seated Pilates Class** Mondays and Tuesdays 11-11.30 am. Saltford Hall (Avon Room), Wedmore Road, Saltford. Seated Pilates includes all the benefits of a general class but the exercises are adapted for a seated or standing position. Ideal for those with a long-term health condition (e.g. arthritis or Parkinson's), loss of confidence, or those wanting to get fitter but have difficulty attending a floor-based session. 6-week block of classes £54. You are welcome to do a trial class first, £10. Please book your place by contacting Kate 07454 047536 www.corerehab-physio.co.uk

Mondays/Weds/Thursdays

■ The Victoria Centre of the Methodist Church in Keynsham High Street is open from 10am to 12 noon for coffee, biscuits and a chat. A great place to meet people. We have a children's area for play, and a book and card sale table. Come and join us, all are welcome.

Mondays/Fridays

■ Butterflies Haven, charity for families of children with autism,

sessions Monday 6.30pm-8.30pm for our older 11-18 year olds and Friday 5.30pm-7.30pm for our 4-11 year olds. Sessions are held at St Francis Church, Keynsham. A safe space for children to be themselves supported by volunteers. To join Butterflies Haven and get two taster sessions, complete the application form on www.butterflies-haven.com

Mondays/Thursdays

■ Yoga For Men

Monday 7-8pm and Thursday 7.30-8.30pm. Mixed ability. Two Rivers School, Hygge Park, BS31 1GE. Free 1st class, £9 thereafter. Loyalty card. Book online. Pay on the night - cash or contactless. See www.yogadad.co.uk for further details.

Tuesdays

■ Keynsham Mencap Football Team has spaces more people to join. They meet 7pm- 8.30pm on Tuesdays at Broadlands School. Open to people aged 16 and over with a learning disability and autism. Contact us by emailing Laura@keynshammencap.org.uk.

■ Welsh conversation group, The Old Manor House, Bristol Road, Keynsham, 7pm-8.30pm, third Tuesday of the month - February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, (August no meeting), September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15. Free to attend. Organiser Catherine Dhanjal. Call Catherine on 07941669925 or follow <https://www.facebook.com/CymraegBrysteCaerfaddon>.

■ Badminton - friendly, beginners and improvers, mixed, adult (18 - 80) group play every Tuesday 10am-12 noon at Keynsham Leisure Centre. Ring Clive 0117 9866793 or just turn up.

■ Keynsham Orchestra rehearsals, Queen's Road Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm-9.30pm, school term time. For more information, visit www.keynshamorchestra.org.uk/

■ Keynsham Girls' Brigade for girls aged 4 to 15 meet during term time, 6pm-7pm, at the Key Centre, Charlton Road, Keynsham. For more details, contact Linda on lindachrisp@hotmail.com.

■ Saltford Village Choir continues preparing for its June 6 concert in the Wansdyke Room behind Saltford Hall on Tuesdays, 7.30pm.

WHAT'S ON

■ St Keyna Townswomen's Guild meets at the Fear Hall, Keynsham, from 10am to 12pm on the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Jill on 07446915414.

■ Keynsham Sequence Dance Club, 7.30pm-10pm, Fear Hall, Keynsham, every Tuesday. Contact Brian and Jo, Keynsham Sequence Dance Club, on 0117 9868540, or just turn up. Everyone welcome.

■ Scrabble Club, Keynsham Community Hub, 67 Queens Road, 2pm-4pm.

■ Public Living Room, Keynsham Community Hub, 67 Queens Road. An open space to relax, keep warm, have a lunch, and meet other people. 12.30pm-4pm.

■ Craft group meets on alternate Tuesdays (April 7 and 21) in the Fellowship Room, Key Centre, Charlton Road, Keynsham, 2pm-4pm. All welcome.

Tuesdays/Weds/Saturdays

■ The Somerdale Shed and Community Garden is open Tuesday 6.30pm-9pm, Wednesday 9.30am to midday, and Saturday 9.30am to midday.

Tuesdays/Thursday

■ Play & Shine - new stay & play for children with SEN (with or without a diagnosis) 9.30am-11.30am, Queen's Road Methodist Church, Keynsham, BS31 2NN, Tuesday and Thursdays (term time only) for children aged 0-5 years. Free entry. Children can enjoy activities including sensory play, messy play, construction play, outdoor activities, music, role play, and a quiet area when they need calm time. Parents and carers stay during the session, with friendly volunteers on hand to support activities - giving you the chance to relax with a tea or coffee while your child plays. To register your interest, please email molly@keynshammencap.org.uk.

Tuesdays/Sundays

■ Indoor rowing classes Tues 7pm & Sun 10.15am, Saltford Rowing Centre, Bath Road, Saltford, BS31 3JS. Go Row Indoor exercise class caters for people of all ages and levels of fitness. Classes last 45-60 minutes using rowing machines. First class free, then £5 (or £18 pm). Email gorowindoor@avoncountyrrowingclub.org. uk to book. More details <http://avoncountyrrowingclub.org.uk/>

Wednesdays

■ German conversation group, Old Manor House Hotel, Keynsham, 7pm-9pm, second Wednesday of the month - February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, (August no meeting), September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9. Free to attend. Organiser Steve James. Join Keynsham Stammtisch on Facebook.

■ French conversation group, Old Manor House Hotel, Keynsham, 7pm-8.30pm, fourth Wednesday of the month - February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24, 22nd July 22, (August no meeting), September 23, October 28, November 25, December 23 (TBC). Free to attend. Organisers Steve James and Catherine Dhanjal. Call Catherine on 0794 1669925 or join L'Amicale Francaise de Keynsham on Facebook.

■ Hanham Bridge Club meets every Wednesday 7pm-10pm at Hanham Community Centre. New members and visitors welcome. See www.hanhambridgeclub.co.uk or call Graham 07790 491564.

■ Coffee and Craft, Keynsham Community Hub, 67 Queens Road, 10am-12 noon. For anyone who enjoys crafting with like-minded people.

■ Buggy walk, meet outside Keynsham Methodist Church, Victoria Centre, High Street, for coffee and play, every Wednesday at 10.30am from April 15.

■ Keynsham's popular Good Afternoon Community Choir from 2pm-4pm at Keynsham Methodist Church / Victoria Centre. NO auditions and NO charge to attend your first 'meet us' rehearsal. Everyone welcome www.goodafternoonchoir.org

■ Oldland Ukulele Club is a mixed-ability group who meet every Wednesday at 1.30pm at Oldland Common United Reformed Church (the blue church), High Street, Oldland Common, BS30 9QN. Call/text 'Ukulele' Ben on 07910 668258.

■ Discipleship group meets on alternate Wednesdays (April 15 and 29) at Keynsham Methodist Church, Victoria Centre, High Street, 10.30am-11.30am.

■ Hanham Bridge Club meets each Wednesday 7-10pm at Hanham Community Centre, new members welcome. See www.hanhambridgeclub.co.uk or call Graham 07790 491564.

Wednesdays/Thurs/Friday

■ TimeOut Youth Centre, 16 Bath Hill, Keynsham, holds open drop-in sessions on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. The free sessions include cooking, baking, music studio recording, pool, table tennis, computers for internet use, gaming, arts & crafts, and other activities during half term and summer holidays. Wednesdays 6-8pm 14-19 years Thursdays 6-8pm 14-19 years Fridays 4-6pm 11-14 years For more information or queries, phone 0117 9868683 or email youthleader@keynsham-tc.gov.uk. Spaces available.

Thursdays

■ Saltford Bridge Club is a friendly group that meets to play duplicate bridge on Thursday evenings at Saltford Golf Club. New members welcome. If you don't have a partner, the club can often find one for you. For details, contact Val on 07989775780.

■ Pilates Classes

Taught by Chartered Physiotherapist Kate
Thurs 7pm (Intermediate)
Thurs 8pm (Beginners)
St Francis Church, Warwick Rd, Keynsham.
6-week block of classes £60.
You are welcome to do a trial class first, £10
1:1 sessions also available at my studio in Saltford
Book online or by contacting Kate 07454 047536
www.corerehab-physio.co.uk

■ Keynsham & Saltford Dementia Action Alliance runs Music for the Mind sessions for people living with dementia and their carers. St Dunstan's Church Hall, Keynsham, 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 10.30am-12.15pm. Singing and gentle exercises from 11am. No charge. www.keynshamdaa.co.uk, ksdaa22@gmail.com or 07392442966.

■ ASP Poetry Circle, free entry, every third Thursday of each month, 11am-12pm, Keynsham Library, upstairs balcony, diagonally across from table in corner, by the window. Bring two or three poems, own or another poet's, to share. <https://asppoetrycircle.wordpress.com/>

■ Spanish class, Keynsham Community Hub, 67 Queens Road, 7pm-8.30pm.

■ Longwell Green Orchestra meet each Thursday at Longwell Green Community Centre, 7.30pm to 9.40pm. We have players of all abilities. Email Contact@longwellgreenorchestra.org.uk beforehand to tell us what instrument and what level.

■ Midweek worship at the Keynsham Methodist Church coffee morning (Victoria Centre, BS31 2JA). Join us for a relaxed short service at 11am. All welcome.

■ Art class, Keynsham Community Hub, 67 Queens Road, 10am-12 noon (term time only). Run by Bath City College. Learn and develop your artistic skills.

■ Dorothy House Coffee Connection, Keynsham Community Hub, 67 Queens Road, 10am-12 noon. A social group for anyone affected by cancer or life-limiting illness.

■ Get fit in 2026! Try social badminton for fun and fitness - only £3.20. No experience? No racket? No problem! Play at your own pace. Join friendly, mixed adult group (18-80+) drop-in session in Keynsham, Thursdays 10am-12noon. Ring Clive 01179866793.

■ Keynsham Town walking football for the over-50s, 7.15pm-8.30pm. Play football at a slower pace for fun and fitness. New members welcome. Contact keynshamtownwf@gmail.com.

Fridays

■ Pilates Classes

Taught by Chartered Physiotherapist Kate
Fri 10.30 - 11.25 am (mixed ability level), St Francis Church, Warwick Rd, Keynsham.
6-week block of classes £60.
You are welcome to do a trial class first, £10.
1:1 sessions also available at my studio in Saltford
Book online or by contacting Kate 07454 047536
www.corerehab-physio.co.uk

Fridays

■ Baby Comes Too toddler group meet every Friday in term time at Keynsham Methodist Church, Victoria Centre, High Street, 10am-12pm. All welcome. For more information email bookings@keynshammethodistchurch.co.uk

■ More What's On: Page 36

WHAT'S ON

Fridays

■ **Babies and Breakfast**, Keynsham Community Hub, 67 Queens Road, 10am-12 noon. For all mums with babies (up to 6 months). Meet other mums and share experiences.

■ **CAMEO**, Keynsham Methodist Church group for people living alone, coffee morning at the Key Centre, Charlton Road, Keynsham, 10am-12pm, first Friday of the month. All welcome.

■ **Golden Oldies** singing group, Key Centre, Charlton Road, Keynsham, 2pm-3pm, with Sue Crick, on the last Friday of the month. All welcome. For more information, visit <https://www.golden-oldies.org.uk>

Saturday

■ **Keynsham Sequence Dance Club** Monthly Dance, 7.30pm to 10.30pm, Fear Hall, Keynsham, third Saturday of the month. Contact Brian and Jo, Keynsham Sequence Dance Club, on 01179868540 or just turn up. Refreshments (coffee/tea and biscuits), £5 each.

■ **Volunteers at Keynsham Repair Cafe** – a free monthly event, with a café, at Keynsham Baptist Church, High Street – fix everyday household items like toasters and lamps, sew a button onto a jacket, glue a handle back onto a mug, as well as more unusual items. Every second Saturday (same as Keynsham Farmers Market), 10am–12pm. keynshamrepaircafe.wixsite.com/home.

■ **Bible group**, Keynsham Community Hub, 67 Queens Road, 12.30am-4pm, alternate Saturdays.

■ **Cllr George Leach and Cllr Alex Beaumont** surgery at Keynsham Library, 10.30am-11.30am, on Market Saturday (second Saturday of the month) to help residents with issues or advice, No appointment necessary.

Sundays

■ **Keynsham Kings Flag American Football**. Do you fancy trying out a new sport? Do you love the NFL? Flag American football is taking the UK by storm as a fast-paced, non-contact version of American football. Training: Sundays 10.30am-1pm, Manor Road Playing Fields. Mixed sport - anyone 16 years-plus welcome. No previous experience needed. Contact us for more info on the Keynsham Kings Facebook or Instagram pages.

SALTFORD GOLF CLUB

Dave and June Boulton alongside Heidi Roberts and members of the care team at the CHSW facility at Charlton Farm



Hospice thanks captain Dave

DAVE Boulton has gone above and beyond in supporting local charities, raising a remarkable £14,010 for Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) during his tenure as Saltford Golf Club captain for 2025.

The funds were raised through a wide variety of events, and CHSW's care team were delighted to welcome Dave and his wife June for a cheque presentation on their second visit to the hospice.

The £14,000 raised could help pay for a week of end-of-life care for a family at one of the hospices, providing vital support during an incredibly difficult time.

Dave said: "I am extremely proud and pleased to have raised this incredible amount for CHSW. I wish to thank all the members, sponsors and individuals that generously supported this cause. What an amazing achievement - thank you for your support."

As well as fundraising, Dave has supported CHSW's Young Ambassador programme at Wellsway School. He introduced the local area fundraiser, Heidi Roberts, to the school, where year 12 students participate in interviews, receive feedback, and take part in training sessions on presentation skills and event organisation.

Heidi said: "It was so great to have David interviewing with me as he has a wealth of experience from his career as a project manager and has connections with the school."

"Dave thoroughly enjoyed listening to the students sharing their team-working skills from all their extracurricular activities, from music to basketball and playing football for the local Fry's football club."

The Young Ambassadors were due to present their projects to a Dragons Den-style panel of local businesses, with Dave continuing to offer his support.

Heidi added: "CHSW cannot thank Dave enough for his support in so many different ways. He is really making a difference and helping us create precious memories for our families."

Dave also supports the Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) charity, which carries out heart screening events at Wellsway School in memory of Dave and June's son Jack Boulton, who was a Wellsway pupil.

If you would like to support CHSW by volunteering your time, expertise, or through fundraising, please contact local area fundraiser Heidi Roberts at Heidi.Roberts@CHSW.org.uk

Ladies' boost for Dorothy House

SALTFORD Golf Club ladies' section held their annual charity coffee morning on March 12 for Dorothy House Hospice Care.

Lady captain Juliet Suddaby is delighted to announce that the total raised has now exceeded £5,500.

Held in the newly refurbished clubhouse, the coffee morning was a huge success. Juliet thanked golf club members for their help in running the event, local businesses for their raffle donations, and especially our local community for coming along and raise those much-needed funds.



NEWS

Organist Ron's Sunday farewell

If you asked church leaders what is the most difficult position to fill, a frequent response would be that of church organist. Filling that role has been the challenge set for Victoria Methodist Church in Keynsham High Street.

Long-serving organist Ron Kent, pictured, who is 90 this month, has decided to play for the last time on a Sunday on April 26. He will, however, continue to play at the Thursday morning shoppers' service.

Ron started learning to play the piano at the age of six and the organ when he was 11. At 12, Ron was invited by the organist at the local Congregational chapel to play the last hymn and a closing voluntary.

The first hymn he played was "The Day Thou Gavest Lord Has Ended". By now he was playing each week for his local Sunday school, which Ron refers to as his apprenticeship.

His first appointment was at the age of 14 at the Baptist Free Church in Marston Green just outside of Birmingham where he played twice on a Sunday, plus the midweek choir practice. For this, Ron was paid the princely sum of £2 and 10 shillings (£2.50) each quarter.

He then played at Billesley Methodist Church in Birmingham until being called up for his National Service when he joined the Royal Air Force.

After jobs in the energy industry, Ron moved with his family moved to Keynsham in 1965, working at the Central Electricity Generation Board at Durley Park, and he then joined the choir at Victoria Methodist Church in Keynsham High Street.

At the time there were already organists at both Victoria (David Roberts) and Queens Road (Edmund Cox). Edmund, or Ted as he was known, shared the task at Queens Road with Ron and they played on alternate Sundays.

In 1992 David Roberts retired from Victoria, and Ron was appointed his successor by the then Minister Rev John Carne.

As much as Ron had enjoyed playing at Queens Road, it was an electric organ, and Ron's passion was and remains a pipe organ, which Victoria had.

Thankfully, a replacement for Ron for his Sunday duties has been found. He will be succeeded by Peter Lowe, who has been playing regularly at Queens Road, and he too will celebrate his 90th birthday just six months after Ron.

In paying tribute to Ron, the Methodist Minister Rev John Hayes said: "The singing of hymns has been a mainstay of Methodist worship in Keynsham for decades.

"Ron has enabled that important tradition to be maintained and enriched. He knows the tunes that both the congregation and the hymn needs and has been an invaluable asset to the church.

"Ron's personality always shines, with a wonderfully wry sense of humour.

"Keynsham Methodist Church have so appreciated Ron's ministry and are delighted that we'll still get to share in hearing him accompany the hymns on a Thursday at the shoppers' service."

Mike Barrow



Tintagel estate demolition paves way for new homes



DEMOLITION of the derelict Tintagel Close estate in Keynsham is now complete.

The 44 three-bed maisonettes have been knocked down to make way for 45 energy-efficient new homes.

They will range from one to four bedrooms, with several adapted for wheelchair use. Each home will have its own private entrance, designated parking

and electric vehicle charging point.

Most of the homes will be "affordable" and available for subsidised social rent, typically 40% below the market rate.

Bath & North East Somerset Council granted housing association Curo permission for the scheme last year. Construction is scheduled to be completed by January 2028.



WE TAKE THE DRAMA OUT OF MAKING A WILL.



Will Writing

Meet with a local professional and receive full guidance and support.



Family & Property Trusts

Ensure your loved ones receive the maximum benefit by protecting your estate with trusts.



Lasting Powers of Attorney

Give someone the power to make decisions on your behalf, no matter what happens.



Probate Services

Our specialists help make a difficult time as stress-free and straightforward as possible.

Contact us today

0117 952 0698



elm-online.co.uk
765 Fishponds Road, Bristol, BS16 3BS

EVELEIGHS

ESTATE & LETTING AGENTS

- * Friendly Team
- * Excellent Reputation
- * Good Local Knowledge
- * Unrivalled Marketing
- * Open 8.00am to 8.00pm



MEET THE EVELEIGHS TEAM



Robin



Debbie



Bridget



Gemma



Shane



Tracey



Lynne



Stacey



Vicki



Jamie

Saltford: 01225 360360
Keynsham: 0117 904 9000

www.eveleighs.com
info@eveleighs.com



PROPERTY

**KEYNSHAM
£550,000**

Nestled in the charming area of Dapps Hill, Keynsham, this exquisite Grade II listed house offers a unique blend of historical elegance and modern comfort.

Just a short stroll from the High Street and the train station, this property boasts an enviable location that provides both convenience and a sense of community.

As you step inside, you will be captivated by the beautiful period features that have been lovingly preserved throughout the home. From ornate cornices to open fireplaces, each detail tells a story and adds character to the living spaces.

The property is immaculately presented, ensuring it is ready for you to move in and make it your own.

**Arrange your viewing with
Eveleighs on 0117 904 9000**



WILD & LYE

STORAGE / SELF STORE

Should you need to store items, Wild & Lye Removals are able to offer you a variety of Secure & Confidential storage facilities to suit your household or commercial storage requirements, from single boxes to entire households or office contents. Whilst your goods are in storage, they are placed in our secure and alarmed warehouse.



We offer this service at great prices, Our friendly, trustworthy and professional staff will surely be able to cater to your every need.

**Please call to discuss
your requirements and
competitive rates**

REMOVALS

Wild and Lye comprises of a team of fully trained moving staff who are at hand to make sure that your move goes without a hitch. We have many years experience in the removal business and pride ourselves in offering a fantastic service to every client. Our professional removals team will take care of your every requirement from securely packing your goods, transporting your items to the required destination and then delicately unpacking all your valuables at your desired location.



Unit 5 Ashmead Park, Ashmead Road, Keynsham, BS31 1SX

Telephone: 0117 986 2545

E-Mail: info@wildandlyeremovals.co.uk

www.wildandlyeremovals.co.uk



GREGORYS
— ESTATE AGENTS —



YOUR **CURRENT**
AWARD WINNING
ESTATE AGENCY

LOCALLY & **REGIONALLY**



BRITISH
PROPERTY
AWARDS
2025

GOLD WINNER

ESTATE AGENT
IN BRISTOL
(BS30-31)



BRITISH
PROPERTY
AWARDS
2025

GOLD WINNER

ESTATE AGENT
IN SOUTHERN
(GLOUCESTERSHIRE
& OXFORDSHIRE)



AWARD-WINNING
SERVICE RECOGNISED
2025-2026

0117 986 6644
ENQUIRIES@GREGORYS.CLICK

■ **KEYNSHAM RUGBY**

Festival showcases the next generation



Above and below, Keynsham U12s in action at the Defender Rising Stars Cup festival. Right, Keynsham U11s team Photos courtesy of PREM Rugby

YOUNG players from Keynsham RFC were among those who took part in the Defender Rising Stars Cup, hosted by Bristol Bears in partnership with PREM Rugby.

A total of 22 grassroots clubs from across the South West took part in a day of competitive rugby at Bristol Grammar School's Failand Sports Ground.

The annual under-11s and under-12s festival is one of a series of nationwide events hosted by PREM Rugby clubs which allow young players to experience playing within a professional environment against teams from outside of their immediate local area.

The under-11s teams were judged on rugby's core values - teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship - with the focus on development and participation rather than match results. The winners of the U12s festival were Old Bristolians RFC.

Keynsham RFC U12 player Leone said: "It's a nice day. It's an event for the community. You play with your team, you improve, and you just overall help each other get better.



"If you win, you're going to Twickenham, but the overall experience is just to help yourself get better and improve. I really enjoyed it."

Coach Shaun Smith added: "It's a good chance to showcase rugby values and rugby itself, but also to play teams you don't get to meet on Sundays."

For many of the region's youngsters at the event, it was their first time stepping onto a



club pitch, as they were cheered on by proud parents and coaches. Watching the rugby before handing out the prizes at the awards ceremony were Bristol Bears stars Fitz Harding and Benhard Janse van Rensburg.

Fitz said: "Competitions like this really benefit the future of our sport. The playing experience and environment helps young players grow and develop into the next generation of players."

■ **SALTFORD LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

Chance to learn from the pros at Wimbledon warm-up

CAN'T wait for Wimbledon fortnight? Saltford Lawn Tennis Club has the perfect warm-up.

Former tennis professionals Danny Sapsford (Wimbledon competitor) and Lucie Ahl (former British No.1) will deliver an afternoon of masterclasses, demonstrations and tennis fun on Saturday April 18 from 1pm.

The fund-raising mini tennis festival offers something for players of all ages and abilities. Refreshments will be available from 2pm to 4pm, and on the adjacent sports field we will host family-friendly activities including tennis rounders and the chance to practise your tennis.

Coaching masterclasses (1pm-4.30pm): Danny and Lucie will share insights, technical guidance and tactical know-how gained from years competing at the top of the sport. Sessions are open to everyone of any age. Places are limited so early booking is essential.

How fast is your serve? (4.30pm): A radar gun will give you an instant speed reading. Numbers are limited, so be quick to secure your spot.

Exhibition match and tie-break showdown (5pm-5.30pm): The professionals will team up with Saltford's top players at 5pm for an exhibition match showcasing the speed, precision and flair that define elite-level tennis. Then at 5.30pm, several club players will take on the pros in a five-point tie-break challenge.

Free taster sessions of inclusive tennis and walking tennis: The first session at 12.30pm, before the main event, is aimed at neurodivergent children aged 4 to 16 who would like to try out some ball skills with a trained coach. At 4.30pm we are offering free taster sessions of walking tennis for those who may be less agile - it uses lighter balls, and two bounces are allowed. Places for both sessions

are limited and booking is essential.

Family activities: As a community club, we want everyone to get a taste of tennis. Throughout the afternoon, the sports field will host a range of family activities suitable for all ages. All equipment will be provided.

Raising funds for community tennis: We already provide inclusive tennis and walking tennis, including a group for people with Parkinson's. The aim of this event is to raise money to expand community tennis opportunities for Saltford and the surrounding area.

Whether you're a seasoned player, a complete beginner or someone dusting off their racket after years away, come along and enjoy a slice of Wimbledon magic right here in Saltford.

Booking: Please go to the Saltford Lawn Tennis Club website.

■ FRY'S BOWLING CLUB

Friendlies loom before campaign starts in earnest

WITH the sun beginning to shine and April now upon us, a packed fixture list begins on April 8 with a Wednesday friendly away at St Anne's Park.

The Saturday friendlies begin on April 11 with a visit to Begbrook Green, while the ladies' friendlies start on Tuesday April 21 at Page Park.

The competitive games begin with the Friday Triples League on April 17 away at Avonvale, before the Bristol and District League season starts on Thursday April 30. Following an unbeaten 2025 season in Division 3, Fry's make the step back up to Division 2, with Henleaze 'A' the visitors on opening night.

The cup campaigns begin in June with the City and County of Bristol Clarence Davey on

Sunday June 7, with a tough trip to G.B. Britton, before a Tuesday night game on the June 9 in the Bristol and District League Lloyd Trophy at St Anne's Park.

The Somerset Bowls Association Turnbull Cup starts on Tuesday June 30 with Norwest visiting Somerdale. Tuesday July 14 sees Keynsham make the short trip across the railway to play the annual Alsop Shield, which Keynsham currently hold. Fry's will also be looking to defend the Triples League Cup throughout the season.

In addition to the fixtures with other clubs, the club are running individual competitions, as well as pairs and triples competitions. The popular triples day is scheduled for July 11.

New for this season is Finals Day on September 5, where the champions for the season will be decided.

A busy winter season has reached its conclusion, with the short-mat sessions once again proving popular with members. Following a successful first year, the end of February saw club members travel back to the Torak Hotel in Torquay for an enjoyable week of indoor bowls.

If you would like more information about Fry's Bowling Club, or to give bowls a try, visit our website frysbowlingclub.wixsite.com/frys, search Fry's Bowling Club on Facebook, follow us on X (formerly Twitter: @FrysBowls), or contact our Secretary, Stephen Day, email frysbowlsclub@gmail.com, tel 01225 872959.

■ KEYNSHAM TOWN FC



Keynsham Town in action during their victory over Almondsbury

Credit: Club photographers Pete Ricketts and Eamonn Twamley



Club set to unveil vision for future

2026 will be an historic year for Keynsham Town Football Club.

Founded in 1895, it has grown in recent years with nearly 1,000 members in different parts of the club. This year these various sections will come together under one banner, Keynsham Town Community Football Club.

The club owns assets at the Meadows in Greenfield Road, for small-sided junior football, and the stadium at Crown Fields, Bristol Road, where it has the advantage of a 3G pitch for all-day usage.

On Wednesday April 22, the various sections of the club - seniors, juniors (girls and boys), walking football and disability - will meet to formally ratify this coming-together.

Presentations will be made outlining the club's vision for the future, and there will be plenty of time for questions and answers about the details.

The meeting will be held at the Royal British Legion, Charlton Road, on Wednesday April 22, 7 for 7.30pm.

Everyone with an interest in football in the Keynsham area is invited to attend, including players, parents, spectators, volunteers, sponsors and potential new sponsors, and any interested members of the local community.

● On the playing front, the first team in the Jewson Western League Division One, under manager Chris King, has improved its league position with some notable successes.



First, they drew 0-0 away to league leaders Sturminster Newton and have followed this up in recent weeks with victories against local rivals Cadbury Heath (2-1) and Almondsbury (3-2).

These have helped us move away from the foot of the table and should help us maintain our Western League status for next season.

The under-18s have had a successful season and currently lie in third place in the Western Counties Floodlit Youth League, North Division, having completed all of the home matches.

We have a football bonanza over Easter, the first team having two homes matches. They were due to play Odd Down on Good Friday (April 3) and Hengrove Athletic on Easter Monday (April 6) both at 3 pm in the AJN Stadium.

We are looking forward to two large holiday crowds to complete our home programme for this season.

TOM DAY LTD

- ▶ Vehicle Diagnostic specialist
- ▶ Hybrid & Electric service & repair centre
- ▶ Service & general repairs
- ▶ Mots arranged
- ▶ Air Conditioning service & repairs

Telephone: (0117) 9864922 / (0117) 9868531

Email: enquiries@fuelinjectionservices.com
Durley Lane • Keynsham • Bristol • BS31 2AJ

www.fuelinjectionservices.com

KEYNSHAM AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Medals galore in county championships

KEYNSHAM Amateur Swimming Club was represented by an incredible 52 swimmers at the Somerset ASA County Championships.

They competed against 21 other clubs from across the county, including strong programmes such as Millfield Swimming, Taunton Deane Swimming Club, Team Bath AS and Wells Swimming Club.

Keynsham swimmers delivered an outstanding set of performances at Millfield Pool in one of the biggest events in the county swimming calendar. Across five days, the team secured 49 top final placings and brought home an impressive 23 medals.

Several swimmers also achieved qualifying times for the South West Regional Championships in April and May, a significant step up in competition and a reflection of the club's continued progress.

Among the Keynsham club's successful swimmers were sisters Daisy and Lily Stephens, aged 10 and 13 respectively, who achieved third place in their respective 100m breaststroke heats. The girls, from Belluton, near Pensford, share a serious commitment to the sport, which involves at least three or four two-hour training sessions each week.

Their mother Natalie Stephens said: "What keeps them motivated is not just the racing, but the community that surrounds the sport.



"Meeting new people, making friends across different clubs throughout Somerset, and competing alongside so many talented athletes has been a constant source of inspiration. Every gala brings new experiences and opportunities to learn."

As a volunteer-run club, Keynsham ASC relies

on the commitment of parents, officials and supporters who give their time poolside and behind the scenes to ensure athletes can train and compete at this level.

This latest county performance demonstrates the depth of talent coming through its ranks, with regional representation now firmly in sight.

KEYNSHAM BOWLING CLUB

Our season is green for go

WITH the rain receding and the sun starting to shine, the bowling green in the Memorial Park is looking in pristine condition as the new season for Keynsham Bowling Club beckons.

The clubhouse was packed recently for subscription day as members, both old and new, signed up for the 2026 season.

If things go to plan, the green is scheduled to open on Sunday April 12 when the first woods will be rolled.

The new season will kick off with a couple of friendly games, with the serious stuff beginning on Friday April 17, when the men are at home to Begbrook in the Triples League.

The ladies follow soon after, also with a home triples fixture, against Frome Selwood.

Social bowling will continue throughout the season with Monday Roll Up, when members turn up and play in any position on the rink, it being a superb way to enhance their skill levels.

On the administration side, members have moved into the world of high technology, which

is quite an achievement when you consider the age profile of the club.

In the past, ladies and gents players expressed their interest in playing in the various leagues by signing the paper listing on noticeboards where, after the selectors had met, the chosen teams would be displayed. Now members will be able to express their availability by computer, tablet or smartphone, and then wait for an email advising them if they have been selected.

The club, which is always keen to recruit new members, will hold open days on Sunday and Monday May 3 and 4, when the qualified coaches will be there to help members of the public give bowling a go.

There will be two sessions each day, lasting about one hour each, and those attending are asked to wear flat shoes. Lead coach Ian Tweedie encourages people of all ages to come along and try their hand at the wonderful game of bowls. So all is in place for what we hope will be a successful season at Keynsham Bowling Club.

Mike Barrow



GIRL PLAYERS WANTED

Red Falcon are looking for players for our newest age group

- ✔ Dedicated training for new girls team
- ✔ Open to girls in Reception or Year 1
- ✔ Training at Somerdale Pavilion, Keynsham
- ✔ Wednesday 6-7pm (from April 22)

CONTACT

Matt
07717 723530





**ADVERTISE
YOUR
BUSINESS**

From as little as
£25.00 +VAT
Per month

Contact
emma@keynshamvoice.co.uk
TEL: 01179 082121

APPLIANCE REPAIRS

FOR ALL YOUR
DOMESTIC APPLIANCE NEEDS:

Reliable Repairs

Tel: 0117 986 2500
0755 395 0744
ALL MAKES & MODELS

BUILDING SERVICES

TRADSTONE
CONSTRUCTION

TRADITIONAL BUILDERS

- Property Maintenance
- General Building & Alterations
- Walling / Patios
- Roofing
- Carpentry

FREE QUOTATIONS
Email: tradstoneconstruction@yahoo.co.uk
Tel: 01225 872243 / 07557 505174

AERIALS

Est. 2004
The Aerial Co.

- TV Aerials & Satellites
- Extra Points • Repairs
- Sky Work Undertaken
- Telephone Extensions • TV Wall Mounting
- CCTV • Data Points & Wi-Fi Extensions
- TV/DAB/FM Multi Point Systems

Call Nick on 07970 529787
Email: theaerialco@yahoo.com

BATHROOMS

PDay Plumbing Services
Bathroom Refurb Specialists

www.pdayplumbingservices.co.uk
info@pdayplumbingservices.co.uk



Call Peter

- Friendly
- Reliable
- Affordable
- Est 2008

Which?
Trusted traders

07793 746958

CAR BODY REPAIRS



Cosmetic Damages • Smart Repairs
Resprays • Paint Correction
Custom Cars & Vans
Light Accident Damage
Alloy Wheel Refurbishment
Classic & Sports Cars • Motorbikes

For Free Estimate: **07795 423996**
Unit 8, Durley Lane, Keynsham, BS31 2AJ

AERIALS

THE AERIAL MAN
TV Aerial and Satellite Specialist

Poor Reception Problems Solved
OAP Discount Digital Aerials Satellites
Two Year Guarantee Additional TV Points
Humax Recorders TV Sales

Affordable Prices - Reliable Service
0117 967 9028

www.theaerialman.co.uk | info@theaerialman.co.uk

BATHROOMS

**BESPOKE BATHROOMS
& PLUMBING**

07790950351

NO PLUMBING JOB TOO SMALL
COMPETITIVE PRICING & FREE QUOTATIONS

- Bathrooms • Sinks • Radiators
- Leaks • Showers • Taps • Basins
- Toilets • Tiling • Ball Valves

BESPOKEBATHROOMS@HOTMAIL.COM

CARPENTRY & JOINERY SERVICES

**MyDeskin
Carpentry**

Carpentry & joinery services at affordable prices

- Home repairs • Renovations
- Quality Service
- Over 30 years of experience

For enquiries, or to arrange a free quotation,
contact David on
07717 363019
Alternatively, you can send an email to
davidfdeskin@gmail.com

AGGREGATES

**Keynsham
Aggregates**

Supplying a wide range of Aggregates to
Keynsham and the surrounding area.

- Sand • Chippings • Cement • Post mix

And much more
Collection or Delivery
0117 986 9762 / 07572 176625
Downfield Farm, World's End Lane,
Keynsham, BS31 1TW
mark@keynshamaggregates.co.uk
www.keynshamaggregates.co.uk

BLINDS & CURTAINS

BLIND BASE

We Supply all types
of window blind.

We offer a free no
obligation home quote and
full fitting service

Phone us
01225 874411

CARPET CLEANING

**ABLE
CLEANING LIMITED**

7 Days - Call for a free quotation

- For the best in carpet cleaning
- Fully Prochem trained
- All work insured • Based in Keynsham

Always here when you need us

Checkatrade
Tel: 07760 320942
www.ablecleaningltd.com

DRIVEWAYS

AGL DRIVEWAYS

Tarmac, Resin & Block Paving

- A wide range of colours & patterns
- Local Saltford family run business for 70 years
- All work guaranteed • Free estimates
- Pressure washing Driveways & Patios

Tel: 01225 873587 or 07831 453821

www.agldrives.co.uk

ELECTRICIAN

Griffin Electrical

Established 1984

YOUR TRUSTED LOCAL ELECTRICIAN

www.griffin-electrical.co.uk
john@griffin-electrical.co.uk

- Rewiring • Minor alterations
- Security Lighting & Alarms

01275 832830 07831 534766



NICEIC Approved Contractor
Member of Checktrade.com



GARDEN SERVICES



BURGESS LANDSCAPING

GRASS CUTTING DECKING
HEDGE CUTTING LANDSCAPING
FENCING FULLY INSURED

CALL SETH - 07870451382

CONTACT@BURGESSLANDSCAPING.CO.UK

DRIVEWAYS

JT PAVING
DRIVEWAYS AND PAVING

Registered BANES contractor for dropped kerbs
Locally based over 25 years experience
Over 90 reviews on yell.com

www.jtpaving.co.uk
jont271@hotmail.co.uk
07770303827

ELECTRICIAN



specialist domestic installers

All types of domestic electrical work undertaken,
from changing a light fitting to full rewires.

For an efficient, friendly, reliable, local electrical service...
call Oliver on 07747866436 or 01179602974

FREE Quotations

www.atomelectrical.co.uk
info@atomelectrical.co.uk

GARDEN SERVICES

Keynsham
Tree Removal
& Stump Grinding

- Tree felling • Stump grinding • Fencing
- All tree & hedge work undertaken
- Fencing • Waste removal • Garden dig outs
- Mini Digger & Operator • Micro Digger & dumper (tight access no problem)
- Good rates & reliable service

Tel: 0117 9861652
Mobile: 07747 131431

ELECTRICIAN

A.R.J. Electrical
www.arjelectrical.co.uk

Andy Le Huray
07768 654 344
0117 9860 590
mail@arjelectrical.co.uk



- Sockets/Lights
- Heating Controls • Showers
- Full Rewires • EV Charging
- Inspection & Testing • PAT Testing

Keep It Local

FUNERAL SERVICES

We Care

We have a genuine desire to look after you. We promise that we will meet and endeavour to exceed your expectations with regard to the funeral service we provide and the care, professionalism and compassion shown to you. We are meticulous in our attention to detail and look for ways to make the funeral a special and memorable occasion.

IT'S OUR PRIVILEGE TO HELP

L J GUYAN

12 Charlton Road, Keynsham
0117 986 3268



Part of Dignity plc.
A British Company
www.dignityfunerals.co.uk



Member of the National Association of Funeral Directors

GARDEN SERVICES

Good Grounds & Gardens
Specialists in wildlife ponds & nature gardens

- Garden rescue, redesign & planting
- Orchard restoration and tree-pruning
- Seasonal maintenance



07923 447362

info@goodgroundsandgardens.co.uk
www.goodgroundsandgardens.co.uk

ELECTRICIAN

Elderwood Electrical
Electrical Installation, Maintenance and Testing

Free Quotes
Inspection and Testing
Landlord Certificates
New builds and Extensions
Extra Sockets and Lights
Fire Alarms, Smoke Detectors

www.ElderwoodElectrical.com
Office - 0117 9322379
Mobile - 07725 058581



GARDEN SERVICES

IS YOUR GARDEN TOO MUCH FOR YOU?
DO YOU NEED HELP?



- MOW LAWN
- PRUNING
- HEDGE CUTTING
- DIGGING
- WEEDING
- PLANTING ETC.

£10 PER HOUR

Full liability insurance
BOB HELLIER 0117 9862945

GARDEN SERVICES

Harvey's Waste & Garden Services

We load and clear unwanted waste ... cheap and fast. House clearances to single items. Garages & sheds cleared.

PLUS

Tree trimming, fencing, hedge and grass cutting

07956 548756

NO JOB TOO BIG OR SMALL

harveyswgs@outlook.com any time to book

HOUSE & RUBBISH



**HOUSE CLEARANCE
GARAGE CLEARANCE
GARDEN CLEARANCE
GENERAL RUBBISH CLEARANCE**

FULLY LICENSED AND INSURED

MINIMUM COLLECTION FROM £59 INC VAT - FREE QUOTATIONS

Visit us: www.junkmonsters.co.uk

Email us: info@junkmonsters.co.uk

Call us: 07592 506 003

PAINTING AND DECORATING

SJM DECORATING

Professional Decorating
Local Qualified tradesmen
Internal & External Decorating
Fast, reliable & friendly service
Fully insured

Free Quotations

Call Scott 07515 523 623

0117 3824411

www.sjmdecorating.freeindex.co.uk

GARDEN SERVICES

D ATTWELL & SONS LANDSCAPING

Whether you're looking for new patios, garden fencing, new decking installations, or turf laying our landscapers are here to help



Call now for a free quote
07960 681921

www.dattwellandsonslandscaping.co.uk

KITCHEN SPECIALISTS



CBCarpentry

Reliable, Local Carpenter & Kitchen Fitter

30 years experience

City & Guilds approved

- Kitchen & Worktops • Doors
 - Skirting • Handrails & Spindles
 - Wood & Laminate Flooring • Decking
- All types of Carpentry

Call: Colin 07977 997557

Email: colinrb22@gmail.com

[f](https://www.facebook.com/CBCarpentry) CBCarpentry

PAINTING AND DECORATING

P M Wells

Painting & Decorating

Quality work with a reliable service.

Locally based, great reviews.

Get in touch for a FREE quote.

paul@pmwellsdecorating.com

Tel: 07450 916 167

www.pmwellsdecorating.com

GARDEN SERVICES

FOUR SEASONS FENCING & LANDSCAPING

- Specialists in Fencing & Decking
- All Landscaping undertaken

FREE ESTIMATES - All work fully insured

07803 474846

four_seasons1234@hotmail.com

KITCHEN SPECIALISTS

M J CRAWFORD CARPENTRY & KITCHEN FITTING LTD

Your local carpenter who carries out all types of carpentry work .

- Kitchens • Bathrooms
- Doors • Skirting • Flooring
- Decking • Pvc cladding

Call Matt on 07909 928413

or 01179 864304 for a free quote

E: mjcrawfordcarpentrykitchen@yahoo.com

W: www.mjcrawfordcarpentry.co.uk

PAINTING AND DECORATING

STUART DANIELS Painter & Decorator

Est 1982

City & Guilds Qualified - Local Decorator

Internal & External Decorating

Wallpapering

Fully Insured - No VAT

07738 549581

Email: sharyn.daniels@btinternet.com

HOME MAINTENANCE

T.L.C HOME & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

- Bathroom & Kitchen Installation
- Plumbing • Wall & Floor Tiling
- Interior & Exterior Painting & Decorating
- Guttering & Fascias • Plastering
- Patios, Paving & Timber Decking
- Fencing & Walls • Total Refurbishments

**NO JOB TOO SMALL - CONTACT US FOR
A FREE NO OBLIGATION ESTIMATE**

tel: 07974 222656

email: williamtlc@hotmail.co.uk

PAINTING AND DECORATING



Renovation ■ Painter ■ Tiler ■ Decorator

- Interior & Exterior Masonry ■ Tiling
- Interior & Facade Painting
- No Job Too Small ■ Free Quote
- 17 Years Experience

T: 0117 382 7716 / 07557 335 956

E: dacriscobuilder9@gmail.com



PLASTERING SERVICES



Plastering & Building

JAMES BATRAM City
07842 528804 Guilds

[finefinish1983](https://www.instagram.com/finefinish1983)

PLUMBING SERVICES

LOCAL PLUMBER

- * TAPS, WASHERS
- * BALL VALVES
- * LEAKS, WASTES
- * OVERFLOWS, DRIPS
- * LEAD PIPES
- * TOILETS, FLUSHES

NO VAT

CALL GARY

(0117)

9564912

****O.A.P. DISCOUNTS****

PLUMBING SERVICES

LOW COST PLUMBING



- Taps, Washers ✓
- Toilets, Cisterns ✓
- Leaks, Blockages ✓
- Tanks, Overflows ✓

Lead Pipes, Stopcocks....etc...✓

OAP DISCOUNTS and NO VAT

0117 **957 5092**

PLUMBING SERVICES

Cherry Plumbing & Heating Services

Over 20 yrs experience

EST 2004
Boiler Breakdown
Service & Installation
Engineer

All makes and models worked on

Call Darren on
07787 956651



SATELLITE INSTALLATION

WEBB SYSTEMS



TV/FM/DAB & Satellite Systems supplied and installed
CCTV and data points
TV wall mounting
Wi-fi repeater installations
Solar Panel Bird Mesh installation

Domestic & Commercial clients welcome

FREE QUOTATIONS - SAME DAY CALLOUT

✉ webbsystinfo@virginmedia.com

🌐 <http://webb-systems.co.uk>

Telephone:
0117 9075691

TILING SERVICES

Bathroom, Kitchen & Floor Tiling

TILING Heaven

Mosaic, Travertine, Porceline & Ceramic Specialists

Andy on
07468 791619

Email: arhys-jones@sky.com

A Keynsham business
www.tilingheaven.co.uk

PLUMBING SERVICES

BISMARCK PLUMBING

Keynsham based
No VAT

Over 30 years experience
All general plumbing

NO JOB TOO SMALL

Call Richard

07810 443235

ROOFING SERVICES

Do It Right Roofing Contractors

Tile & Flat Roofing Specialists
Repairs & New Roofs
Chimney Stacks (pointing & rendering)
Guttering & Fascias
Competitive rates - Locally Based
Contact Alan Perry on

07821 557773 Est 20 years

TREE SERVICES



Fully qualified & insured tree surgeon
All aspects of tree surgery

Contact James:

07837629316

jhstreeservices@outlook.com

PLUMBING SERVICES



Services we provide are:

- Boiler Repairs • Maintenance & servicing
- Installation • Plumbing & Heating
- Electrical repairs & installation

All plumbing & heating problems solved fast! 24 hour response calls.
25 years of Technical Experience.

Tel: 01225 873947 M: 07860488551
www.dmebath.com

ROOFING SERVICES

Tom's Roofing & Property Maintenance

ALL ASPECTS OF ROOFING

- REFELT & BATTENS • REROOFS
- ROOF REPAIRS • FLAT ROOFING
- CHIMNEY REPAIRS • LEAD WORK
- FASCIA SOFFITS • GUTTERS

24 hours emergency callout
Call now for a free quote

Tel: **0117 9861652**
Mob: **07747 131431**

tomsroofingandmaintenance@yahoo.com

WASTE DISPOSAL

COLLSTONE WASTE SOLUTIONS

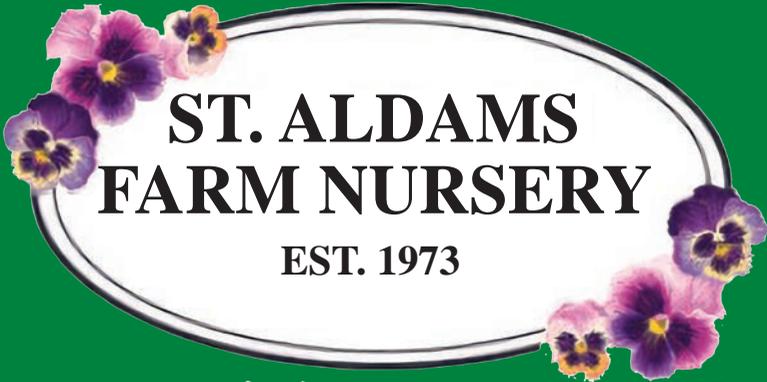


WHAT WE DO: WHY CHOOSE US?

- 🏠 House Clearances ✓ Covering Saltford/Keynsham/Bath and surrounding areas
- 🌿 Household & Garden Waste Clearance ✓ Fast, reliable service
- 🏗️ Construction & Site Waste Removal ✓ Eco-friendly approach
- 🚚 Office & Shop Strip-Outs ✓ Licensed waste removal

CALL ANDY ON
07900 527895

✉ info@collstoneprojects.com



ST. ALDAMS FARM NURSERY

EST. 1973

BUY DIRECT FROM THE GROWER

THE BEST PLANTS AT THE BEST PRICES



Bedding Plants
20 PLANTS

£7.50



Fuschias FROM

£2.50



Geraniums FROM

£2.50



Begonias

£2.50



Large selection of Ceramic Pots



Growmore Multi Purpose Compost

£7.50 or £20 for 3



What do we supply?

- Fruit and vegetable plants (tomatoes, strawberries, blackcurrants and more)
- Summer bedding plants
- Herbs
- Farm-fresh vegetables, ready to eat (dependent on season)
- Composts
- Plant supplies
- Large selection of ceramic pots
- Hanging baskets and plastic containers
- Pick your own fruit

Look forward to your visit.
Come and find us on *The Westerleigh Road* between *Pucklechurch village* and the *Westerleigh Crematorium*

SEE OUR WEBSITE
FOR SPECIAL OFFERS

www.staldamsnursery.co.uk



OPEN 7 DAYS - Mon-Sat: 9am-5pm Sun 9am to 4pm

WESTERLEIGH ROAD, PUCKLECHURCH, BRISTOL BS16 9PY