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K1 bus service saved after residents' outcry

KEYNSHAM'S K1 community bus has been saved after a backlash against the decision to scrap it.

The K1 was due to be replaced by a new K2 service on Sunday July 26.

But there was an outcry when it emerged that the K2's route would serve the east of Keynsham, missing out much of

the town that the K1 served.

Now West of England Mayor Helen Godwin has stepped in to reveal that Keynsham can keep both services.

She said in a video message on July 24: "We have heard from residents and we have listened. We know that residents really want us to keep the K1 route as

well, which is the existing route that serves mainly the western side of Keynsham. I'm really happy to be able to share today that we are going to keep both routes.

"You will have the K1 and the new K2, both starting from next week, and both funded by

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NEWS

K1 bus service saved

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the West of England Combined Authority and the government's bus grant as well. I hope that helps people. Hope you feel heard and listened to."

It is understood that both the K1 and K2 will be funded until at least March 2029.

The news will come as a relief to residents and councillors who had expressed dismay when the K2's route was revealed shortly before the service began.

Councillor Dave Biddleston, who had been among those campaigning to secure the K1's future, said discontinuing the K1 would disproportionately affect residents in one of the town's areas of greatest transport need.

He told the Voice before news broke that the K1 had been saved: "The K1 was introduced to reconnect communities that had lost previous bus services, linking Bilbie Green, the Bilbie Estate and south Keynsham with the town centre, Keynsham railway station, the Chocolate Quarter and St Augustine's Surgery.

"During its operation, the service became the most well-used WESTlocal route in Bath & North East Somerset, demonstrating clear local demand."

Local residents also reacted with disappointment on Facebook at the prospect of losing the K1, saying this would affect, among others, elderly people who use the service for the shops and community hub in Queens Road.

Welcoming the news that the K1 had been saved, Cllr Biddleston said on Facebook on July 24: "We win!! We worked so damned hard and yesterday

the K1 was lost. Last minute reprieve."

He said hard meetings and arguments had won the day and praised the interventions of fellow councillors Alan Hale and Martin Burton, as well as Keynsham's town clerk Dawn Drury.

Cllr Hale said: "It is nice to win one occasionally and this was an important victory for all those who need the K1 service."

The West of England Combined Authority's explanation for the original decision to stop the K1 was that the service was no longer required because of the introduction of First Bus's commercial 43 service.

The new K2 serves the following stops: The Chocolate Quarter, Keynsham Station, Post Office, Memorial Park, Limekilns Close, Hurn Lane, Sunnymead, Courtenay Road, Cadbury Road, Tilley Close, Martock Road, Hurn Lane - East, Minsmere Road, Cherwell Road, Lambourn Road, Chandag Road, Unity Road, Ellsbridge House, Wells Way, Ashton Way, Keynsham Church, Arcadius Way.

It leaves the Chocolate Quarter hourly from 7.30am to 11.30am, then hourly from 1.15pm to 5.15pm, Monday to Friday. On Saturdays, it leaves the Chocolate Quarter hourly from 9am to 1pm, then hourly from 2.45pm to 5.45pm.

The timetable can be found by using the WEST journey planner at <https://travelwest.info/>

The new K2 will be operated by Kempsford Transport UK. The Big Lemon has agreed to continue running the K1 until August 29 while the tendering process for the longer term takes place.

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NEWS

Roundabout plans stay despite criticism

REVISED plans to shape the future of travel along the A4 between Bath and Bristol have been revealed.

The scheme by the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) includes:

- A new 1.2km eastbound bus lane from the Broadmead roundabout in Keynsham to Copse Road in Saltford.
- Five new signalised crossings, for pedestrians and cyclists, along the route and at Norman Road, with three more at the Broadmead roundabout.
- Upgrade of a shared path between the Broadmead roundabout and Ellsbridge Close to a two-way cycle lane running alongside the pavement.

Construction work is set to start this autumn and be completed by the end of 2028.

Following planning approval for Curo's Withies Green development, which required improved walking and cycling access to 208 new homes, about 1km of active travel path on the A4 between Pixash Lane and Grange Road in Saltford will no longer form part of the scheme. This section is currently under construction by Curo.

As reported in the *Voice* in January this year, Saltford Parish Council has questioned the need for the planned bus lane.

It has also been critical of the proposals to introduce three crossings with traffic lights at the Broadmead roundabout, saying they are likely to increase congestion and the risk of accidents. Keynsham Town Council has also expressed "grave concerns" about the impact the proposed roundabout changes would have.

A separate consultation to seek people's views on revised plans for the A4 in and near the Keynsham area started on July 28 and runs until September 22 – see Page 24 for details of how to take part.

Helen Godwin, Mayor of the West of England, has previously said that a 24/7 bus lane previously proposed for the Keynsham bypass is no longer part of the plans. But there is some concern locally that this still leaves the possibility for some form of bus lane.

WECA says changes have been made to the original A4 corridor scheme,



The Broadmead roundabout is to get three new crossings for pedestrians and cyclists

following feedback from residents in a consultation started late last year. It says that, once complete, the changes will help to cut congestion and pollution and create safer crossings for schools including Saltford CofE Primary School and IKB Academy.

"This will mean better sustainable travel options in the area, empowering people to be able to choose to leave the car at home," it says.

WECA adds that the plans, designed in collaboration with Bath & North East Somerset Council (B&NES), will improve sustainable and active travel routes across the central Bath and central Bristol growth zones, linking Bristol Temple Quarter and Bath's Riverside Innovation District.

Also included in the scheme are:

- 31 bus stop upgrades including Norman Road, Lansdown Road and Twynning Road.

- Widened and newly lit shared use path to the Bristol and Bath Railway Path at Twerton Fork.

- New signalised crossings, for pedestrians and cyclists, at the Globe.

- Speed limit reduction to 40mph between the Globe roundabout to Twerton Fork.

- Raised crossings over the side roads along Newbridge Road.

- Upgraded traffic lights at Newbridge Hill and Windsor Bridge Road to prioritise buses.

Mayor Helen Godwin said: "Everyone in our region knows that traffic is often a problem along the A4, particularly at rush hour. These updated proposals are a result of listening to local communities and should help cut congestion and pollution."

"I'll say again that we need more carrots, and less sticks, so that people have more reliable, sustainable options for how to get around the West."



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It's high time for electoral reform

In July letters, Mike Barrow asserts that Andy Burnham has no mandate to be Prime Minister and calls for a General Election.

We have a representative democracy where we elect Members of Parliament to make decisions on our behalf. The members of each party choose their leader and if they have a majority in Parliament, that leader is invited to try to form a government. Unlike America, which has a presidential system, only the constituents of Holborn and St Pancras chose Keir Starmer.

Of course, one of the biggest problems with our democracy is that with turnout at only 59.9% in the 2024 General Election, the 'first past the post' system left 58% of us without a representative they voted for, with a further 16% of all votes 'surplus' being cast for winning candidates beyond the total needed to win locally.

Many resort to tactical voting as the alternative to having a wasted vote. Let's hope a Burnham premiership establishes a national commission on electoral reform.

David Leverton, MP Watch

Homes plan threat to wildlife corridor

I am extremely concerned about proposed plans to develop the land at the end of Durley Park, where Devonport offices were based (*Voice* July issue).

I have lived on Durley Park for 37 years. Two years ago, I

sent a letter to Keynsham Town Council and B&NES Council about the importance of preserving the green belt which separates Keynsham from Bristol.

This is especially important now that Bristol has agreed to construct new homes down as far as Hicks Gate.

The Durley Park proposal is for 50 houses to be built. While I understand the need for housing, it is vitally important to provide adequate infrastructure to support the community ... but where?!

In view of the agreed development and expansion of Bristol, north of Hicks Gate, and loss of green belt, I and other local residents fear that a number of protected species - including bats, tawny and barn owls, nightingales, badgers and hedgehogs - will lose their habitat.

Potential heavy use of the lane for demolition and construction traffic will disturb if not kill the wildlife in the area. In addition, the lane itself cannot possibly cope with the likely volume of vehicles that 50 homes will generate, and access in and out of both Durley Lane and Durley Park onto the A4175 is already dangerous.

We welcome advice and support to preserve this wildlife corridor.

Diana Nutt

Editor's note: Plans to build a Hicks Gate new town of up to 3,000 homes have been backed by the West of England Combined Authority (WECA), which consists of Bristol City Council, Bath & North East Somerset Council and South Gloucestershire Council.



Caterpillars galore

Cinnabar moth caterpillars have been voraciously feeding on ragwort plants in the garden of *Voice* reader Tony Kirby, who points out that the moth becomes cannibalistic when food is scarce and pupates in leaf litter.



New cycle lane on A4 is out of proportion

As a taxpaying resident from Saltford, I find it completely amazing how much money has been spent by WECA and B&NES widening the already wide pavement between Saltford and the new Curo housing development in Keynsham.

This has caused complete chaos not only to the residents of Saltford but also those poor unfortunate motorists who have had to put up with the ongoing disruption.

The new cycle lane, which is completely out of proportion to the main A4 trunk road, will be an additional attraction to the number of illegal scooter and electric bike riders who will be using it as a race track.

If only the money had been spent employing additional police officers to apprehend those already breaking the law, it would have made the chaos far more palatable.

Rob, Saltford

NEWS

Helping the young to find a brighter future

A YOUTH Guarantee Trailblazer Roadshow has been held at Saltford Hall.

The event was aimed at young people aged 16 to 21 who are not yet in education, employment, or training ('NEETS').

Under the programme, funded by the government, there is free help into work, training, or with interviews. To access the help, email youth_trailblazer@bathnes.gov.uk

Cllr Duncan Hounsell, B&NES ward councillor for Saltford, said: "I was pleased to support the roadshow. I was impressed by the friendly welcome offered to the young people wanting to take advantage of the hands-on experiences offered by the partners involved."

Cllr Hounsell is pictured with Jack Bowden and Laura Knight of B&NES Council's business and skills team, which helped organise the event.



Visitors flock to church teas

SUNDAY afternoon teas are continuing to attract visitors to St Mary's Church in Compton Dando.

The teas, held every Sunday in the summer months, raise money towards church funds.

One of the organisers, Jenny Davis, said: "Teas are going well and the cool atmosphere of our lovely church is very welcome relief from the heat."

"Delicious cakes and a warm welcome are always ready for you when you visit."

The teas continue every Sunday, from 2pm to 5pm, until the last one on bank holiday Monday August 31.

NEWS

Lidl takes next step with store plans

LIDL has submitted its plans for a new supermarket opposite Waitrose in Keynsham.

The discount retailer is seeking permission to demolish two buildings on Broadmead Lane, currently occupied by Jewson and Glenavon Timber, and replace them with a store and car park.

The full application follows an earlier bid by Lidl for demolition only. Bath & North East Somerset Council refused that request, citing insufficient information about the potential impact on protected species, including bats.

The proposal comes soon after rival Aldi was granted permission by B&NES Council to build a supermarket at the nearby Brincliffe Nursery site on the A4 Bath Road.

But Lidl remains committed to its own scheme, saying that hundreds of residents supported the proposals during consultation and describing Broadmead Lane as "the



best location for a modern discount supermarket to serve Keynsham."

Lidl says the Broadmead Lane site is closer to the town centre than Aldi's approved location and more in keeping with existing retail and commercial activity.

It says the cumulative impact on the town centre of its proposed store and the approved Aldi would remain within acceptable limits. Most trade diverted to the two discount supermarkets would come from Tesco, which Lidl says is trading well above its company average.

The application includes plans for landscaping, drainage and

servicing, as well as a 135-space car park with nine disabled bays, nine parent-and-child spaces and two rapid-charging spaces for electric vehicles.

The proposed opening hours are 7am to 10pm Monday to Saturday and 10am to 4pm on Sundays.

The development would also include pedestrian-friendly access points and cycle parking.

The existing junction into the site from Broadmead Lane would be widened to nine metres, with a single-lane exit.

A new pedestrian link would be provided to the Broadmead Lane and Ashmead Road junction, directing customers

towards the store entrance.

Access to Glenavon Timber from Ashmead Road would be closed and replaced with a public footway, while a footway and cycleway would be provided on both sides of the carriageway along the new access road.

A transport assessment accompanying the application says the foodstore is not expected to generate a significant increase in new trips on the local highway network. It says most traffic would transfer from other food shops in Keynsham and the wider area, or divert from the A4, resulting in a redistribution of existing journeys.

Lidl says the store would create 40 jobs.

The B&NES Council planning reference is 26/02094/FUL. The deadline for comments is August 13.

One comment received stated: "We have no objection to the proposed food store but this will no doubt add even more traffic to the area."

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Music festival's sunshine success

The colourful fun of Keynsham Music Festival's big weekend in the Memorial Park on July 4 and 5 was captured in these photos by Colin Rayner



NEWS

Dance studio is our next step

LIFT Broadlands in Keynsham is set to unveil a new dance studio in September as part of a wider programme of investment to transform the school's facilities.

As well as enhancing provision for students, the £20,000 studio will also be available for community hire for dance, yoga and fitness classes.

It will be created by converting the current gym space, with the fitness suite being relocated to ensure students continue to benefit from high-quality sports facilities alongside a dedicated space for dance and performance.

The development is part of an ongoing programme of improvement across the school estate, with more than £1.5 million invested since 2023 in upgrades including toilet refurbishments, boiler replacement, fencing, resurfaced car parking areas, and internal makeovers such as flooring, decorating, and improved learning environments.

Further major works are also planned this year, including roofing improvements, alongside continued investment in the fabric and safety of the building, with the total investment expected to move towards £2 million.

The school is also developing its creative offer, subject to an external funding bid. Following the success of its first whole-school production in more than



20 years, *Matilda*, plans are under way to enhance lighting, sound and production facilities to further strengthen drama and performance opportunities for students.

Laura Stone, principal at Lift Broadlands, said: "This is an exciting period of continued investment in Lift Broadlands, and the new dance studio is a fantastic example of how we are enhancing opportunities for our students right now. Alongside wider improvements across the school, these developments are about making sure our students have access to high-quality spaces that support both learning and enrichment.

"We are proud of the environment we already offer, and we are equally ambitious

about continuing to build on that for the benefit of our whole school community."

Karl Sampson, regional education director for Lift Schools, said: "This ongoing programme of investment at Lift Broadlands reflects our strong commitment to providing exceptional learning environments for every student.

"The new dance studio is a great example of how we are enhancing facilities in ways that directly enrich the curriculum and broaden opportunities for students. Across the school, we are continuing to improve and refresh spaces so that students can learn, perform and thrive in high-quality surroundings every day."

● French adventure: Page 21

Go-ahead for special school plan

PLANS to turn the former Charlton House Care Home in Keynsham into a special school have been approved.

The building, which adjoins the separate Hawthorn Care Home, has been vacant for two years.

Bath & North East Somerset Council voted to close Charlton House in 2024, just four years after it took over the running of the care home, after a damning 2022 Care Quality Commission report which found that people living there had suffered "avoidable harm."

In deciding to close the home, the council said it would explore whether the building could be turned into a residential special school.

Now that is set to become a reality after the council's planning committee voted unanimously to grant planning permission for the scheme on July 8.

The special school will have spaces for 30 children with special educational needs and disabilities.

The planning committee was told that the school would be run by Threeways Academy.

John Wimperis, Local Democracy Reporting Service

Help improve reading skills

READ Easy Keynsham is hosting a drop-in session for anyone interested in volunteering on



Wednesday August 19, 10am-12pm, at Keynsham Library.

Read Easy provides free, confidential, one-to-one reading coaching to adults who want to improve their reading skills.

Anyone interested in volunteering but who can't attend the drop-in session should contact Hub Pioneer Susan to register their interest - email keynshamhubpioneer@readeasy.org.uk or phone 07708 635718. And if you know someone who might benefit from Read Easy's support, please get in touch or pass on Read Easy's details.

Honorary Alderman Bryan Organ dies

BRYAN Organ, who was a pillar of the community in Keynsham for many years, has died at the age of 96.

Mr Organ was made an Honorary Alderman in 2019 in recognition of more than 30 years' dedicated service as a councillor - first on Wansdyke District Council and then Bath & North East Somerset Council, on which he represented Keynsham East as a Conservative.

He put service to the community above politics and supported many local organisations, his roles including president of Keynsham Chamber of Commerce and Keynsham Lions Club, a chairman of Saltford Golf Club, and a trustee of Keynsham Charities, which look after the Almshouses in Charlton Road.

A retailer by trade, Mr Organ made the headlines when the well-known furniture shop Organ & Davies - which he ran with his business partner David Davies on the corner of Charlton Road and Keynsham High Street - was destroyed by a fire in 1978.

Having lived in Chandag Road, Keynsham, for



Honorary Alderman Bryan Organ. Right, Mr Organ outside Organ & Davies before the furniture shop was destroyed by a fire in 1978



more than three decades, Mr Organ moved to Saltford for the last eight years.

He died on July 17 and his life was celebrated at a private funeral.

■ PEN TO PAPER

Always and Forever

Always and forever, U and I,
every day, together, standing squarely side by side.
Sometimes denied, sometimes ignored,
sometimes busy, sometimes bored, but
always wanting something bigger,
something better, something more –
to be a part of an ideal,
to have a dream, and make it real,
to know exactly how that feels, deep inside.

U and I, together, standing tall,
always and forever, hoping, waiting for the call,
Sometimes clumsy, sometimes sure,
sometimes deeply insecure, but
always craving something bigger,
something better, something more –
to be a part of something whole,
to find the words, and seize control,
to touch a heart... to feed a soul... to do it all.

Always and forever, U and I,
every day, together, underneath a backlit sky.
Sometimes inspired and reassured, and
more incisive than the sharpest sword, but
needing something bigger,
something better, something more –
to draw a story from the dream,
or make a play, and steal the scene,
to find the words, and fill the screen, and then...
to fly.

Every day, together, U and I,
but always and forever, stuck, between the O and Y.

Yvonne Nugent

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■ POETRY CORNER

A Plaintive Cry

'I need your help Grandma,' a tiny voice said,
Whispering to me in my warm cosy bed.
A small plaintive cry from a cute little child,
Clothes all dishevelled, her hair looking wild.

'What's the trouble my dear?' I heard myself say,
(Now fully awake I realised t'was day.)
Confused and forlorn, her tiny face red -
'My dress is all stuck, there's no room for my head!'

'Dear oh dear' I exclaimed, 'come close, let me see,
What a pickle you're in, but I'll soon set you free.'
'I'm a BIG girl now,' my Granddaughter stressed,
'I can get my clothes on, but they all look a mess.
But when I am 4, I'll get dressed on my own,
Because I'll be older, and I will have grown!'

Now comfy and happy, her hot tears all gone,
Her arms wrapped around me, her dress neatly on,
I thank God for the gift of this dear little girl
Off to play with her toys - I treasure each curl.

Sylvia Kirby

■ KEYNSHAM SCOUTS



The Scouts have been enjoying rafting, above, and dragon boat racing, below

Forging bonds with Norway

If you have seen any Norwegians in Keynsham in recent days, you are not dreaming.

While Norway's football supporters were creating some fantastic scenes at the World Cup, Keynsham has had its own Norwegian fans - from Hovik Scout Group near Oslo.

HIKE stands for Hovik International Keynsham Exchange. Since 1978, the 1st Keynsham Scout Group and Hovik Scout Group have built a lasting bond with an exchange resulting in hundreds of young people from both communities learning more about their cultures, sharing scouting ways and forging friendships.

This year 30 scouts and leaders from Hovik arrived to spend a week camping at our Chelwood campsite before being hosted in Keynsham, exploring the area and building relationships that we hope will last for years to come.

The camp included rafting, caving, climbing, shooting, backwoods skills and exploration, plus sports such as volleyball and, yes, football.

Eric Toverud, one of the Norwegian leaders, said: 'I first met Keynsham scouts in Norway in 1982 as a young scout and became pen pals with Gary Grady.'

'I came to Keynsham in 1984, stayed with Gary and met so many others. It was one of the best things I ever did as a scout.'

'Now I have the pleasure of bringing my own daughter Ingrid to Keynsham to meet up with scouts she first met in 2024 in Norway - the aim being that they will still be friends in 40 years' time! True international scouting.'

Norwegian rowing and that chant will live in the memories of many. For all of our water activities this summer, we must thank Avon Valley Country Park and the base we have



there, which supports our water activities on the river. We would also like to thank Bristol Empire Dragons, who have given the cubs and scouts the opportunity to try dragon boating in recent weeks.

Auction donations needed

Mark your diary: the scout auction, plus the separate toy sale and book sale, is on Saturday September 12 at the scout HQ in Ashton Way, Keynsham.

Donations are already coming in, and volunteers are ready to help with your enquiries about donating.

Although not everything can be accepted, all offers are welcome. Delivery or collection can be arranged.

Visit www.1stkeynshamscouts.org.uk or call 07860 824283 / 07951 272110 for details on donating and event information.

NEWS

Tintagel transformation taking shape

WORK to build new homes on the former Tintagel Close site in Keynsham is ahead of schedule.

Curo and development partners EG Carter invited community representatives to check progress at the site, where a new neighbourhood of 'affordable' homes is beginning to rise.

Attendees included representatives of Keynsham Town Council, Bath & North East Somerset councillors and members of the neighbouring Queen's Road Methodist Church.

Cllr David Biddleston, who represents Keynsham South on B&NES Council, said that "local people are absolutely buzzing" about the development.

Demolition of the old flats started in January this year. There is no sign now of 1970s development that once dominated the area, as the foundations for the 45 new homes are laid and timber frames are constructed.

Curo estimates finishing ahead of schedule, with the neighbourhood now more likely to be completed in 2027 than in early 2028.

The new complex will feature landscaping including trees and hedgerows, and new community facilities, including accessible play areas.



The 100% 'affordable' scheme will offer a range of homes, from one-bed flats to four-bed family houses, each with its own parking space and electric vehicle charging provision.

The homes will be fitted with energy-efficiency technology, including air source heat pumps, solar energy and heat recovery

systems. All the properties will have an EPC 'A' rating, the highest standard achievable.

A total of 34 homes will be available for subsidised social rent, offered through Bath & North East Somerset Council's lettings system. The remaining 11 will be available for shared ownership purchase.



Community representatives were invited by Curo and EG Carter to view progress at the site

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NEWS

50km challenge in Daniel's memory



SIX members of the Tweedie family from Keynsham signed up to take part in the Gower Peninsular Ultra 50km Challenge to raise money for Daniel Money's Cancer Research UK page.

Not only didn't they realise that temperatures would be in the very high 20C range on Sunday July 19 but also that it was World Cup final day!

Pete, Julie, Scott, Lucy, Anna and Jack Tweedie had been training for the past few months, including walking sections of the South West Coast Path in North Cornwall. However, nothing could prepare them for walking 50km in 13 hours, in very high temperatures.

Scott, Anna and Jack were in the same school years as Daniel, his brother Joe and sister Freya and have been friends from pre-school onwards.

The Tweedie family 5 became the Tweedie family 6 in August 2025 when Scott married Lucy.

On Daniel's Cancer Research UK fundraising page, they wrote: "Our children grew up together and we all have so many special memories from this time."

"We will walk to remember Daniel and also to support his family. We remember Daniel for his wonderful smile, his incredible



humour and the exceptional young man that he was."

Daniel was diagnosed with stage 4 bowel cancer in November 2022 at the age of 24, while working as a junior doctor at Heartlands Hospital, Birmingham.

He received excellent treatment for his cancer at the QE Hospital in Birmingham but in May 2025 treatment options ran out

for him. He was looked after by the palliative care team at Birmingham Hospice with his girlfriend Abbie and dog Arlo by his side.

Daniel died at the hospice on September 11 last year, surrounded by his close family, at the age of 27.

Daniel chose Cancer Research UK as the charity he wished to support and his fundraising page was set up in February 2023. Since February 2023, over 50 events have been held to raise money for Daniel's CRUK page.

The Tweedie Gower Peninsular 50km Ultra Challenge page was launched in June this year, which coincided with Daniel's page passing the £100,000 mark, a remarkable achievement.

Pete Tweedie said: "I'm very proud of my family for completing the 50km Gower Ultra Challenge. It was incredibly tough, but with the support of each other, and driven on through our memory of Daniel, we made it. We've raised over £4.6k through the generosity of over 160 of our family and friends."

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NEWS

Concrete firm in voluntary liquidation

KEYNSHAM company 4Concrete has gone into voluntary liquidation, with debts of £600,000.

It is understood that the site in Avon Mill Lane has been taken over by Wright Readymix and that operations there are continuing much as before.

The winding-up of 4Concrete was revealed in an insolvency notice in The Gazette, an official journal of record, which stated that liquidators had been appointed from Opus Restructuring LLP.

The government's Companies House website shows that 4Concrete, based at the Old Station Yard, has two directors, Paul Roger James and Stephen James, and that the accounts are overdue.

A statement of affairs on Companies House showed that 4Concrete's creditors included HM Revenue & Customs, which is owed £264,501.14. Another creditor is Pump Wright Limited, which is owed £2,916. It is also based in Old Station Yard and has links to Wright Readymix, which has headquarters in Warmley and plants in Avonmouth, Cheddar, Newport and Paignton.

People living near 4Concrete had complained about its operations since it opened in Avon Mill Lane in 2019. The batching plant was set up without planning



permission, although this was later granted retrospectively by Bath & North East Somerset Council.

Neighbours complained that the company continued to breach planning restrictions and that their lives were being blighted by dust and noise from the plant and the continual movement of HGC vehicles using the site.

In October 2025, 4Concrete won an appeal to keep its extended working hours after a planning inspector ruled that they would not have an "unacceptable" impact on people living nearby.

One neighbour who wrote to the *Voice* at the time stated: "Winning the appeal now means that early noise is a permanent feature, which has a serious effect on me, my

family and my neighbours, every weekday morning."

The neighbour added that 4Concrete "have degraded our neighbourhood and the town with their noise, dust, spillages and hazardous road blocking."

Councillor Andy Wait, who represents Keynsham East on Bath & North East Somerset Council, said: "I have been working with the residents who live close to the Old Station Yard since 2020 where Wright Readymix now work.

"Hopefully, they will be more supportive than other companies have been on the site. Some of these companies have been fined for their rule-breaking when taken to court by B&NES. However, so far, a satisfactory solution has not been found. I will continue to work with all parties to find it."

The *Voice* approached Wright Readymix for comment but had not received a reply by the time we went to press.

A spokesperson for Opus Restructuring said: "Opus' role is to manage the liquidation process and carry out the necessary enquiries into the company's affairs. As these enquiries are still ongoing, there is no further detail on the occupation or operational arrangements at the Avon Mill Lane site, including the involvement of any third parties."



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NEWS

Charter to protect river wins backing

A WOMAN who married the River Avon has successfully urged councillors to take more action to protect it.

Bath and North East Somerset Council voted unanimously at its full council meeting on July 16 to endorse a charter to respect the river's "rights" to exist, slow sustainably, and not be polluted.

Campaign group We are Avon wants all councils along the 83-mile length of the river to follow suit.

Meg Avon, a researcher and performance poet who married the river in a ceremony in 2023 to raise awareness of water pollution, was among public speakers at the meeting calling on the council to back the charter.

She said: "Recognising these rights is not a radical act. Humans and nature are not separate, we are together."

She said that We Are Avon already had 120 river guardians monitoring the river and 260,000 acres of its bioregion.

The campaign group is now trying to get every council along the course of the river and its tributaries to sign up

to the "charter for our Avon bioregion."

In May, the River Wye became the first British river to have every council from its source to its mouth commit to a charter to protect it and ensure it is considered in council discussions.

Tabling the motion to protect the River Avon, councillor Andy Wait (Keynsham East, Liberal Democrat) told B&NES Council: "This is what I want for our Avon."

He said: "I expect all councils - unitary, town, and parish - to adopt this charter from the source to the sea. One council, Winsley Parish Council in Wiltshire, has already adopted the charter, which is great for us because the water that flows through Winsley is the same that flows through B&NES."

The resolution passed by the council is intended to cover the wider river area, including tributaries, and other issues such as agricultural runoff and industrial pollution, as well as water companies' sewage dumping.

Keynsham Town Council, of which Cllr Wait is chair, voted to endorse the river charter at its meeting on July 21.

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The River Avon running through Keynsham
Left, Meg Avon, who married the river in 2023, speaking at the B&NES meeting



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ON THE BEAT

Let's make it a safer summer for everyone

AS the summer school holidays begin, streets, parks and public spaces become busier with families, children and young people enjoying their free time.

While this is a welcome chance for communities to come together, concerns about speeding, antisocial driving, parking, e-scooters, high-powered e-bikes and antisocial behaviour can increase.

Keeping communities safe is a shared responsibility, and everyone has a part to play in making summer safe and enjoyable for all.

Speeding remains a common concern raised by residents. Driving too fast reduces reaction times, increases stopping distances and makes collisions more serious.

With more children walking, cycling and playing outdoors, drivers should take extra care in residential areas, near parks and where young people gather.

Police will continue enforcement activity in identified hotspots and act against those who put others at risk through excessive speed.

Antisocial driving has a



Sgt Rob Turner
Keynsham Police

significant impact on communities. Reports often include engine-revving, loud exhausts, racing, dangerous manoeuvres, wheel spins and drivers gathering to show off vehicles. This behaviour can intimidate residents, disrupt neighbourhoods and create serious safety risks.

Officers will continue to target offending vehicles and drivers using enforcement powers where appropriate, including warning notices and vehicle seizures. Residents are encouraged to report incidents and provide vehicle registrations, photos or video where possible.

Parking responsibly is essential to keeping roads safe

and accessible. Vehicles parked on pavements, near junctions or across driveways create hazards for pedestrians, wheelchair users, parents with pushchairs and emergency services. Considerate parking can prevent danger and frustration for others.

E-scooters and high-powered electric bikes, including vehicles such as Sur-Rons, continue to feature in reports. Privately owned e-scooters cannot legally be used on public roads, pavements or cycle paths and are generally restricted to private land with the owner's permission. Riders may face enforcement action where offences are identified.

Some high-powered e-bikes and Sur-Rons may legally be classed as motor vehicles, requiring registration, insurance, tax and an appropriate licence. Used irresponsibly in parks, open spaces or on footpaths, they can pose a serious risk. Parents should understand the law and discuss safe use before buying these vehicles.

Most people enjoy their summer

holidays responsibly. But longer days and school breaks can lead to increased antisocial behaviour, including vandalism, nuisance gatherings, littering, criminal damage and behaviour causing harassment, alarm or distress.

Parents, guardians and community groups can help by supporting positive activities for young people and promoting respect for others and shared spaces.

Whether you are a driver, cyclist, parent, business owner or resident, you can make a difference. By driving safely, parking considerately, using vehicles legally and treating others with respect, we can all support safer roads and stronger communities.

If you witness dangerous driving or antisocial behaviour, report it through the appropriate police reporting channels. In an emergency, or where there is an immediate threat to life, call 999.

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This remarkable picture shows a unique event on Temple Street, Keynsham.

The occasion is Peace Day, held on 19th July 1919, and the parade of men and women from the services and civilian life who participated in the Great War is shown passing the Ship Inn.

Peace Day was a celebration/commemoration put together at short notice to mark the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, which formally ended the war with Germany on 28th June.

The main parade was held in London and was more than seven miles long, passing a temporary Cenotaph, which had been designed and built in ten days. Keynsham was one of very many places that organised local parades on the day, which was designated a bank holiday.

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KEYNSHAM AND SALTFORD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Career that started at the birth of the bypass

LAST month marked the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Keynsham bypass by Paul Dean, MP.

The new road removed a huge amount of traffic from the town centre and has not changed since, except for the addition of central barriers in 1989 and re-siting Hicks Gate roundabout to accommodate the Avon ring road.

For one young man, the project marked the start of his working life and a successful career. The late Tim Martin later joined Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society and recorded his recollections in our journal in 2013. These edited extracts give a flavour of his experience and a glimpse into a time of full employment and little bureaucracy.

"Having completed my exams at Broadlands School in the summer of 1965, there was the chance to find a holiday job. One of my class-mates told me that at the By-pass there was a job going as a 'Chain Boy'. This involved assisting the site engineers in setting out to line and level all the earthworks and structures to be built.

"The contractor was A E Farr Ltd of Westbury, and their main site offices were at the end of Vandyke Avenue. So, on the next afternoon, I set off to enquire, and struck up a conversation with Walt Marsh, a section foreman who was walking towards the office. He introduced me to a couple of the engineers: just a few words were exchanged before I was told 'Start Monday, based at Station Road'.

"I was taken on with an hourly wage of 2s 9d (14p) per hour. The next ten weeks were spent at Hicks Gate setting out the roundabout and dual carriageway to Euden



Marion Leitch on the bypass a few days before it opened
Below, a face shovel excavating the cutting at Station Road
Photos from the Russell Leitch collection



Nursery. There was so much to learn and I just talked to everyone I could.

"A conversation with the engineer brought up my ambition to be a plant mechanic. 'Well', he said, 'Ask Eric Smith the Plant Foreman if he needs anyone, as they are always busy'. A short conversation ensued and a transfer to the plant workshop followed. All the plant was owned by the contractor with nothing being

hired, so any breakdowns had to be repaired on site or the construction work would be delayed. This led to plenty of overtime and a full shift on Saturdays.

"Repairs were carried out in a large Nissen hut type workshop at the western end of Station Road cutting. It was well equipped for the work but guarded by a mad dog which, although it had badly bitten several people, it was one of my tasks to take for a walk.

Fortunately, you were fairly safe if you wore him out by throwing stones which he loved to retrieve.

"There were three fitters and a welder, Norman Curl, who also repaired most of the small plant. I helped Norman – fetching and carrying, whilst being blamed for everyone else's shortcomings.

"A big event for us was the arrival of the Ruston Bucyrus 54. This was a large excavator, which had to be rigged as a face shovel to finish excavating the cutting at Station Road. This was cut through rock, which had proved too hard for the scrapers [These were the machines used to excavate and move most of the earth to form the roadway]. The excavator had been delivered to Hick's Gate by Wynn's Haulage on a massive trailer with two extra tractors needed to push it up Brislington Hill. It took us two weeks to assemble and get it ready for work.

"There was an assortment of cranes and other plant, much of it fairly old, some of it even pre-war. Most had to be started by hand. All-in-all it was a good introduction to the world of construction machinery. When the by-pass was completed, I stayed with the firm and went on to specialize in tunnelling machinery."

Local history walk

On Sunday 23rd August I will be leading a short walk around central Keynsham, looking at the history of the town's brass mills. Leaving at 2.30pm from outside St John's Parish Church, we will walk on pavements and through the park. Total distance 1.5-2 miles and up to 1.5 hours. There is no charge and no advance booking required.

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KEYNSHAM ROTARY

Simon is new president

SIMON Lovell, the new president of Keynsham Rotary, formally took over the role on July 8.

Retiring president Mark Miles reviewed his term in office and thanked club members for their support during a difficult and unprecedented two-year stint. This was due to the sad loss of three members, two of whom were in action as president during this time.

Simon thanked Mark for 'going the extra mile' and congratulated him on negotiating a challenging time for the club. He then outlined his programme for the year, which includes support for the local community and charities, and social events for members and friends.

As a gesture of thanks for his two years in the chair, Mark was presented with a Paul Harris award in recognition of the way he has managed the club through difficult circumstances. This is one



of the highest awards for service in Rotary.

We continue to support our local community as best we can, but dwindling numbers over the years have made this more difficult, so we need new members.

If you want to learn more about our activities, please contact us through our website. We will be pleased to welcome people who want to join us in supporting our local community and being involved in humanitarian projects abroad.

NEWS

Review of rules over fireworks is welcomed

KEYNSHAM councillor Alan Hale has welcomed a national initiative to review fireworks rules.

The Government has launched a consultation on fireworks and pyrotechnics aimed at reducing noise, tackling antisocial behaviour and protecting animals and vulnerable residents.

The consultation, which runs until October 7, asks for views on proposals including restricting the loudest fireworks to professional users, reducing the maximum noise limit for consumer fireworks, and reviewing which products should remain available to the public.

Cllr Hale, Independent member for Keynsham South on Bath & North East Somerset Council, said the move follows concerns he first raised with the council in 2021, when his motion on firework control was supported by councillors.

"As with any consultation, it

is vital that people take a full and active part," he said. "The public must make their feelings clear to the lawmakers."

The RSPCA has also welcomed the consultation, particularly the inclusion of a possible 90dB noise limit, while stressing that any new rules must be backed by clear responsibilities, workable enforcement powers and adequate resources for local authorities.

Cllr Hale said the outcome should allow responsible enjoyment of fireworks while reducing animal suffering and fear caused by irresponsible use. He now intends to seek reassurance that B&NES Council is continuing to act on the 2021 motion.

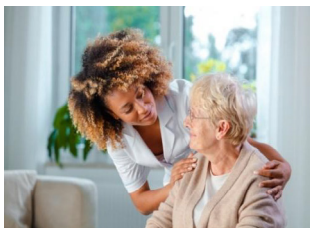
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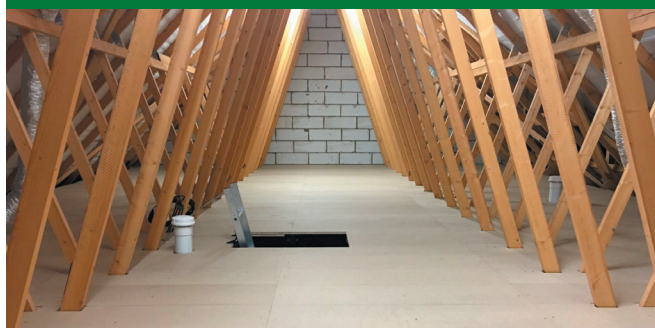
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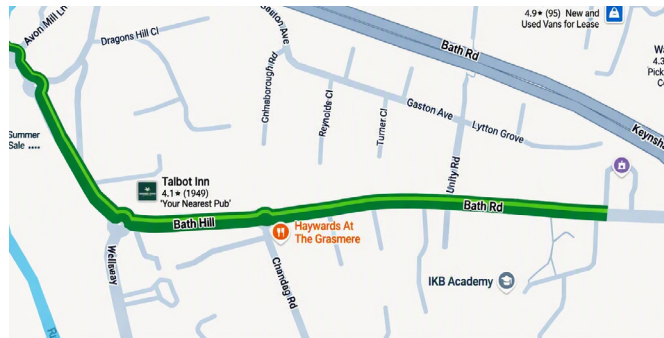
Roadworks for walking-cycling route

CONSTRUCTION of a new shared pedestrian and cycle route connecting Keynsham town centre to the A4 Bath Road is due to start early this month.

The project is expected to take eight months to complete once work begins.

The news comes after almost 11 months of disruption on the A4 caused by roadworks connected to Curo's new Withies Green housing estate, for which traffic controls were due to end on July 31.

In a letter to nearby residents, the contractor, Galtec, says the new shared route scheme has been commissioned by Bath & North East Somerset Council as part of the West of England



Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

It states: "Subject to final scheduling by B&NES Council, works are expected to begin in the first week of August and

will be carried out in sections, starting near the entrance to Memorial Park on Bath Hill and continuing to Bath Road (B3115), opposite the Wellsway Sports Centre entrance."

Galtec says that, to help minimise disruption, traffic management measures will generally operate between 9.30am and 3pm during school term time, with extended hours during school holidays.

As the work progresses, either two-way or three-way temporary traffic controls will be used, depending on the location.

Where possible, road resurfacing will take place in the evening to reduce daytime disruption. Temporary pedestrian crossing points will be provided to maintain safe access.

Access to residential driveways and business premises will be maintained throughout the project.

BLACK SHEEP HARMONY



BLACK Sheep Harmony are excited to be returning to Keynsham to sing this month, appearing once again at the bandstand in Memorial Park on Sunday August 2.

Following successful concerts in St John's Church last year during Keynsham Music Festival and singing in Temple Street Courtyard as part of the Winter Festival, we are proud to say that

Bandstand date for the Black Sheep

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■ BACK TO NATURE

Discarded fishing line puts wildlife at risk

AVON Wildlife Trust Keynsham Group serves a number of roles, one of which is monitoring the health of the local environment for wildlife.

Therefore we were concerned when we received an email from a resident about the amount of discarded fishing line left hanging in the trees and bushes above Dapp's Hill Bridge, posing a real threat to passing kingfishers, herons and other wildfowl, which could easily become entangled.

As I was standing on the bridge recently, assessing the nature of the problem, I struck up a conversation with some young local fishermen, and we agreed it needed to be removed ASAP.

The following day, I tried in vain to wade under the arches of the bridge, it being far too deep for my thigh waders.

Later that day, I was contacted by Conor, one of the above fishermen, who kindly offered to help remove it. Twenty-four hours later, Conor arrived, armed with shorts, socks, flip-flops, and a lopping tool on the end of a long pole.

Conor then proceeded to scramble down the steep bank into the river and remove a large quantity of fishing line from the riverside vegetation.

Then he faced his biggest challenge. Standing on my stepladder, which was almost completely submerged in the deep water, he managed to lop down a large tree branch with several metres of entangled fishing line, floats, weights and hooks. The good numbers of chub and (possibly) grayling in the river seemed unperturbed!

No doubt in breach of any number of H & S regulations, to us, Conor is a true hero in our ongoing attempts to protect our local wildlife.

The vast majority of anglers share our passion for wildlife conservation, but for the small remainder, here are some reminders:

To prevent your fishing line from getting caught in trees, consider the following tips:

- Use a dart cast: This technique involves raising your fishing rod straight over your shoulder and quickly snapping forward while releasing the line. This method is particularly useful in tight spaces where trees are above you.
- Keep the rod tip down: When retrieving in tight quarters, keep your rod tip down to keep the line



Conor perched on a stepladder in the River Chew near Dapp's Hill Bridge to retrieve fishing line and tackle from branches overhead Photos: Dave Sage

below the brush line. This prevents the line from getting wrapped around the trees.

- Move closer to the bank: If trees are above you, move as close to one side of the bank as possible to give yourself a bit of room for a sidearm cast.
- Flip or pitch your lure: Bring your lure down to about the length of where your lure is and open the bail. Then, let the lure swing back and let go of the line as it moves forward.
- Use weights and floats: These can help keep your line from getting snagged by causing it to sink deeper into the water and away from

potential snagging objects near the surface.

By following these tips, you can reduce the chances of your fishing line getting caught in trees and ensure a smoother fishing experience. Above all, if your line is snagged, do your utmost to remove it, as Conor did (and it wasn't his fishing line!) to keep the river safe.

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

Dave Sage



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NEWS

MP Norris no longer using proxy vote

ARRESTED MP Dan Norris has not voted via proxy since police confirmed charges were being considered.

The North East Somerset and Hanham representative has not been to Parliament since he was arrested on suspicion of rape and other offences in April 2025.

He continued to vote on laws through a proxy vote cast on his behalf by the Labour Party's whips, despite having been suspended from the party at the time of his arrest.

But his proxy vote has not been used since July 1. That was the date it was revealed that Avon and Somerset Police had submitted a file to the Crown Prosecution Service to consider charges against Mr Norris.

Police, who have never named Mr Norris, had been investigating allegations relating to rape against three women, sexual assault against a fourth woman, and voyeurism and upskirting against "a number of women".

All offences are alleged to have



Dan Norris was arrested on suspicion of rape and other offences in April 2025

occurred between the 2000s and 2020s. Mr Norris has said he "vigorously and entirely" denies the allegations.

He is understood to have been banned from entering Parliament under its risk-based exclusion policy shortly after his initial arrest in April 2025, which can restrict access to MPs arrested on suspicion of a violent or sexual offence.

In February 2026, the MP told the Local Democracy Reporting Service that he was still serving constituents to the best of his ability, handling casework, submitting written questions and voting by proxy.

Government whip Sir Nicholas Dakin, who had been casting the proxy vote for Mr Norris, used it

for the last time that same day, in a vote to amend the rules around employment tribunals.

Mr Norris continues to submit written questions to ministers, one of the few remaining ways an MP can engage with Parliament without attending.

His latest questions, submitted on July 13, have regarded suspended driving licences and using former coal mines for geothermal power - an idea being proposed for the Somerset coalfield.

Government policy prescribes a "maximum of seven months" when granting an MP a proxy vote but this can be "extended multiple times" for the same length of time.

Proxy voting can be allowed for reasons such as maternity leave or long-term illness as well as risk-based exclusion.

An MP granted a proxy vote can choose when to use it, with Dan Norris's voting record showing frequent use until July 1.

Unless the proxy voting

resumes, there is now nobody casting a vote on behalf of North East Somerset and Hanham in Parliament.

There are no requirements for MPs to regularly attend Parliament or vote, beyond those enforced at a party level.

In September 2025, one constituent started a petition - now with more than 4,000 signatures - calling on Mr Norris to step down. The petition said that, despite acknowledging the principle of "innocent until proven guilty," the situation did "severely undermine his ability to effectively represent us in Parliament".

The only mechanism for constituents to remove an MP is if 10% of them sign a "recall petition." This can only be done if the MP is given a custodial sentence, convicted of parliamentary expenses fraud, or suspended from the House of Commons for more than 10 days.

John Wimperis, Local Democracy Reporting Service



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NEWS

Plea for awnings as summers hot up

COUNCIL policies could require shops in places like Keynsham High Street to sport awnings, like in years gone by, to make the extreme heat brought on by climate change more bearable.

It was one idea raised by the former chair of Bath and North East Somerset Council's planning committee, Duncan Hounsell (Saltford, Liberal Democrat) as councillors debated how to adapt to emergencies brought on by climate change.

At least three councillors relied on fanning themselves to stay cool through the council meeting on the hot evening of July 16.

David Biddleston (Keynsham South, Labour) tabled a motion calling for the council to work on improving resilience to the risks which come with the changing climate. Councillors backed it unanimously.

He said: "We are experiencing another significant UK heatwave and this year has already seen three separate heatwaves. The Met Office has warned that what



Keynsham High Street would benefit from awnings like these at the former Grounded coffee shop and Buss greengrocers



were once considered exceptional weather events are becoming increasingly common, while scientists estimate that around 2,700 people have died during the recent periods of extreme heat in the UK."

Mr Hounsell said: "In the last few weeks, Keynsham High Street has been unbearable with the heat. There has been no respite. It is just very exposed and the sun bearing down.

"If shop owners and owners of public buildings invested not a great amount in awnings, if our planning policies encouraged awnings, the shade could reduce the temperature by several degrees instantly."

Council cabinet member Manda Rigby (Bathwick, Liberal Democrat) said the council had frameworks in place for extreme heat and cold and would work to include councillors more.

B&NES Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and has previously used planning policies to tackle climate change. Its net-zero standards for house builders mean its homes are built to the highest energy efficiency standards in the country, although Government reforms mean it could have to water down these rules.

John Wimperis, Local Democracy Reporting Service

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Dry eye is a condition that affects one in three adults across the UK and occurs when the eyes do not produce enough tears, or when the tears evaporate too quickly. Symptoms can include sore, itchy, watery, red, or blurred eyes, which can have a significant impact on day-to-day life.

In support of Dry Eye Awareness Month, Rachel Moore, director and optometrist at Norville Opticians, is encouraging people experiencing ongoing symptoms to seek professional advice rather than relying solely on over-the-counter eye drops.

Rachel said: "We're all spending more time looking at digital screens, working in air-conditioned

environments, and wearing contact lenses, all of which can contribute to dry eye symptoms. The good news is that there are now many different ways we can help manage the condition once we've identified the underlying cause."

Rachel further advises that taking regular breaks from screens, staying well hydrated, and remembering to blink fully can all help reduce symptoms. Following the 20-20-20 rule (looking 20 feet into the distance for 20 seconds every 20 minutes) can also help reduce eye strain and encourage more natural blinking.

To support those suffering from dry eye in and around Keynsham, Norville Opticians offers comprehensive dry eye assessments to identify the underlying cause of symptoms and recommend personalised treatment plans, which may include tailored advice, specialist therapies, and clinically recommended products.

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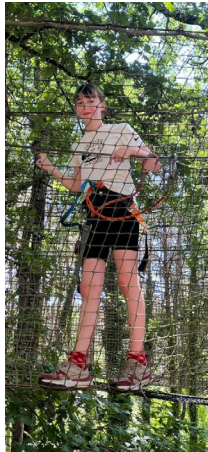
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Students inspired by French adventure



STUDENTS from Lift Broadlands in Keynsham have returned from a memorable trip to France, where they took part in a week of adventure and new challenges.

The trip gave students the opportunity to discover a new culture, practise their French and step outside their comfort zones through a range of activities, from exploring historic sites to taking on outdoor challenges.

During their time away, students visited the city of Avignon, explored the local area and took part in activities including kayaking, canyoning

and a high-ropes course.

The trip formed part of Lift Broadlands' commitment to providing students with opportunities beyond the classroom, helping them develop independence and valuable life skills.

Laura Stone, principal at Lift Broadlands, said: "The France trip was a fantastic opportunity for our students to challenge themselves, try new things and create memories together. We were incredibly proud to see them support one another and embrace every experience with such enthusiasm."



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NEWS

University honours Richard

A RESIDENT of a Saltford nursing home has been honoured for 60 years of service to the University of Bath.

Richard joined the university planning team before a single brick was laid and spent the first three decades contributing to its development.

He later became a professor of university management and administration, inspiring generations of students and colleagues through his teaching and leadership at home and in developing countries around the world, especially in Africa.

Richard was previously awarded an OBE by Queen Elizabeth II for his services to higher education.

The university's vice-chancellor, Professor Phil Taylor, recently visited Kingfisher Lodge care home in Saltford to present Richard with a president's medal in recognition of his dedication and lasting contribution to the university community. The occasion was attended by members of Richard's family.

Richard said: "I feel so honoured to receive this award but also so grateful and proud of the years I spent at Bath University. I really have enjoyed my career."



Richard with Phil Taylor, vice-chancellor of the University of Bath, and below with his family



LADIES GARDENING

Cooling off at Duck Pond Barn

At the time of writing, we are gripped by another heatwave, with water butts empty, plants wilting and lawns struggling, but luckily Saltford Ladies Gardening Club's June outing to Duck Pond Barn near Trowbridge was a cooler day.

We strolled the charming gardens, set within two acres, that offer diverse planting, an orchard and a small wood adding to its beauty, with our visit culminating in tea and cake.

We have also welcomed back Stravros Christofides from Saltford Brass Mill who, with his usual enthusiasm, gave us an insight into the planting around of the heritage monument, and Kate Groves with her powerful talk on the Commonwealth war graves.

And huge thanks also to Ogie Placido, who stepped in at the last minute to entertain us with his in-depth knowledge on the growing of carnivorous plants ... all these visitors to name but a few.

We are a thriving and friendly club with monthly garden-related talks, meeting on the first Tuesday of the month in the Wansdyke Room (behind Saltford Hall) from 10am to 12 noon.

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Let's be prepared with a Grab & Go bag



Keynsham Town Council is delivering cards like this to households in the Town, encouraging people to prepare for emergencies

KEYNSHAM Town Council is encouraging residents to be prepared with a new information card to help plan for emergencies.

It is delivering the card to households across the Town, encouraging residents to take simple steps to prepare for unexpected emergencies.

The simple double-sided information card has been developed by the Town Council's Community Resilience Working Group, which was established around two years ago following guidance from Bath & North East Somerset Council (B&NES).

The group was formed to help ensure local communities are better prepared to respond to emergencies and support one another when they are needed most.

The card is designed to help residents feel informed and prepared rather than concerned. It provides practical advice and information that can reduce stress and uncertainty should an emergency occur.

One side of the leaflet includes space for residents to record important emergency contact details and encourages everyone to identify their nearest public-access defibrillator.

Keynsham Town Council has recently invested in expanding the Town's network of defibrillators, with 10 (and counting) defibrillators now available across Keynsham.

This is important as around 70% of cardiac arrests occur in the home, and quick access to a defibrillator can significantly improve the chances of survival.

The reverse of the leaflet introduces the idea of preparing a personal "Grab & Go" bag, containing essential items chosen by individuals or household. The

card offers suggestions of what to pack. It also provides space for residents to note their nearest place of refuge should they ever need to leave their home during an emergency.

The initiative began as communities continue to experience more frequent and unpredictable incidents, including flooding, grass fires, severe weather events, and the recent loss of amenities.

Alongside producing the card, the Community Resilience Working Group has been developing a comprehensive Community Resilience Plan.

This includes identifying suitable places of refuge, recruiting volunteers who can provide support during emergencies, and working closely with partner organisations and emergency services to strengthen local preparedness and community resilience.

Martin Burton, Chair of the Community Resilience Committee, said: "This initiative is about being prepared, not alarmed. We hope residents will take a few minutes to complete the leaflet and think about the practical steps they could take before an emergency happens. Being prepared can make a real difference."

Keynsham Town Council encourages everyone to keep the card in a safe place, complete the information provided, and discuss emergency plans with members of their household.

Taking a few simple steps today could make all the difference tomorrow.

More information including places of refuge, links to the UK defibrillator finder and minutes of the Community Resilience Committee can all be found on www.Keynsham-tc.gov.uk

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NEWS

School celebrates expansion



An art display at the school extension's official opening. Right, the youngest and oldest pupil cutting the ribbon with the vice chair of Bath and North East Somerset Council, Dine Romero

ST Keyna Primary School in Keynsham has officially opened its new extension.

The sustainable facility allows the school to expand from a one-form to a two-form entry, doubling its capacity for new pupils and providing much-needed primary school places for the local community.

The new building has been constructed to Passivhaus standards, which represent the gold standard in energy-efficient design.

Powered in part by rooftop solar panels, the facility uses high levels of insulation and airtight construction that require up to 75% less energy for heating and cooling compared

to standard new builds. This drastically reduces the school's carbon footprint and operational costs, while providing a comfortable learning environment with optimal air quality and natural light.

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 from property developers.

Acting headteacher Richard Eaton said:

"We are absolutely thrilled to open our new Passivhaus building, which represents a huge investment in both our children's future and our environment. Becoming a two-form-entry school means we can open our doors to more families, while teaching our pupils the importance of sustainability first-hand inside a healthy, eco-friendly environment."

Local dignitaries, governors, staff, and pupils gathered for the ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 3 to celebrate the opening. The event included tours of the solar-powered classrooms, an art display and a performance by the school choir.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



The Revd
John Hayes

Minister at
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☛ We have chosen to live in ways that are ultimately destructive to the environment we are called to love and care for ... But it is not too late to recognise that we can be optimistic about the future

WE have had the hottest summer on record so far. People have been returning from holidays abroad and stepped into hot weather rather than the cool they would normally expect.

Air-conditioning firms are booked solid, and finding a fan to keep you cool is a challenge. Many freezers in shops have stopped working, unable to cope with the excessive temperatures. The grass has become straw, the earth is parched and if this continues there will be hosepipe bans and water shortages.

This challenging weather is difficult for us on a number of levels: it makes life at work hard, especially for those in more active jobs; there is an increase in wildfires, causing destruction; the excessive heat is a real killer, with more people dying, not least because of the rise in accidents as people look to cool off in dangerous waters.

I guess in days gone by you might have expected to hear from a Protestant preacher

about all these things being a sign of the end of the world.

Well, I have to say that in some ways, it is the end. It is definitely the end of the way we have come to expect our weather to be. The climate emergency is exactly that - an emergency.

Christians believe that God has given humanity all the resources of creation - and encouraged us to use these resources with wisdom and love. As Jesus reminded us, our challenge is to ensure we act in love towards each other and share so that everyone has what they need.

We all have, in some way, contributed to the negative effects of the climate emergency. We have chosen to live in ways that are ultimately destructive to the environment we are called to love and care for. Even if we change our ways now, and seek to live in a more considerate way, much damage has been done.

But it is not too late to recognise that we

can be optimistic about the future. Christians believe in faith that finds its strength in the resurrection of Jesus, the chance to restore life and hope when all seems lost.

Maybe this might help all of us. Not to give up hope because much damage has been done. Not to feel that because we are just one person we can't make a difference.

In fact, I believe the real way we can address this and other challenges is to come together, to explore better ways of living with ourselves, with one another, and with this sacred, beautiful earth.

When the rain eventually comes, I plan to listen carefully to the sound of the parched earth as it responds with gratitude. I will offer my prayers that we too can be open to responding in gratitude for the living water that Jesus promised us to refresh our lives and this earth.

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NEWS

Fond farewell as Cinnamon closes



A POPULAR Indian restaurant in Keynsham has shut its doors for the last time.

Customers flocked to Cinnamon Lounge and Dining in the High Street to say farewell before it finally closed on Sunday July 12.

The restaurant became well known for its charitable work as well as its dedicated vegan menu, which attracted a loyal following. But rising bills and the cost-of-living crisis finally took their toll.

In announcing the closure on Facebook, owner Ami Rahman said the restaurant had become a second home to him.

He added that Cinnamon was proud to become first Bengali-run restaurant in the UK to offer a dedicated four-page vegan menu, while also making it a priority to cater for

customers with food intolerances and allergies. "I'm equally proud that Cinnamon became a business that gave back," he said.

"Over the years we've supported local charities, raised money for worthy causes, contributed to the Royal United Hospital Bath, supported countless local schools, sports clubs and businesses, and always tried to play our part within this wonderful community."

Like many businesses, Cinnamon faced a battle to survive during the Covid pandemic, but it pulled through thanks to its loyal customers and "incredible" team of staff.

"Sadly, the years that followed brought a different battle," said Ami.

"Spiralling food prices, soaring energy bills, rising wages, increasing overheads, the

burden of VAT and the ongoing cost of living crisis have made life incredibly difficult for independent restaurants across the country.

"Hospitality is built on passion, but passion alone cannot overcome every obstacle."

Customers expressed their sadness at news of the closure.

One described the news as "another massive loss to Keynsham High Street and the sad end of an era. The vegan menu was legendary and appreciated."

Another customer wished Ami and his team well for the future, saying: "You've welcomed and supported a community for many years, through ups and downs, and I hope you cherish that as you move into your next chapter."

WEST

Your new buses in Keynsham

The new timetables and routes start on 26 July, making it easier to see friends, travel to work or get around town.

Find out more at travelwest.info/servicechanges

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

Last month saw the launch of our popular Summer Reading Challenge. Can you complete it? If you are between 4 and 11 years old, the aim is to read 6 books over the summer holiday. You can collect stickers and receive a certificate at the end. Look out for some fun activities over the summer in your local library, too. So, why not try these super books:

Children's Non-Fiction

DK Eyewitness: Viking

DK Eyewitness books are brilliant factual books. There are loads to choose from, from Dinosaurs to World War II. This book is all about the Vikings. Explore their world, from brave Nordic raiders and how they farmed to the jewellery they wore.

My favourite two facts are that in 1001 a Viking ship landed in present-day Canada and the first Europeans set up homes here and, more surprisingly, their warrior's helmets did not have any horns on them.

Children's Fiction

Noah's Gold

Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Frank Cottrell-Boyce is the award-winning writer of perfect books for children – full of comedy and adventure.

This book consists of letters sent home by 11-year-old Noah to his family, because he has accidentally broken the internet and now the sat nav that was supposed to lead the Year 9 geography class to Super Storage & Delivery Depot is taking them to

a deserted island instead. The class is marooned on the island, their phones don't work and their teacher has disappeared. Then Noah discovers a treasure map, which seems great fun, but it turns out that the treasure is the gold from the Belfast Bullion Robbery, and the AranOr bullion gang are also looking for their loot. Read on to see if Noah gets rescued with or without the gold – a brilliant entertaining read.

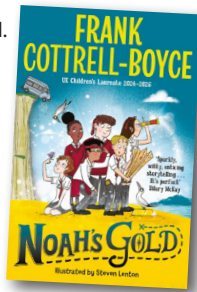
The Enemies of Jupiter

Caroline Lawrence

Caroline Lawrence writes some marvellous books set in ancient Rome. The historical detail is great and the stories revolve around

a group of children who have devious mysteries to solve.

The main character, Flavia Gemina, is joined in this story by her friend Jonathan ben Mordecai, a doctor's son, whose father has been sent to Rome to assist with plague victims. As the illness spreads throughout the city, the Emperor Titus asks Flavia and her friends to seek out a mysterious enemy who wants to destroy Rome. A brilliant, fast-paced detective story.



Winnie the Witch

Valerie Thomas and Korky Paul

Follow the adventures of a special witch – Winnie. She lives in a black house, has black chairs and black stairs, black floors and black doors. Her cat Wilbur is also black, and after sitting on him and tripping over him, Winnie decides to turn Wilbur green. Then he goes out into the long grass ...

Winnie is going to need a little magic to make sure she can see Wilbur all the time. Crazy magic follows. This is the first of the Winnie the Witch series – enjoy and look out for more.

Here are more book reviews from WellsWay School's Rising Stars students. Thanks to everyone involved.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Douglas Adams

reviewed by Hannah

Arthur Dent is the only human to survive Earth being obliterated to make way for a new hyperspace bypass.

He now has to hitchhike through space with only a towel, a yellow fish who is very good at languages, and his friend Ford Prefect, who isn't from Guildford as he claims but from a planet called Betelgeuse, and is actually a researcher for the in-universe 'Guide'.

Their journey through hyperspace includes bureaucratic Vogons, a sperm whale, and the never-ending search for the meaning of life.

This book is great if you love comedy and science fiction, though you don't need to know much about space to read it (I didn't). Overall, I give this book a 4/5.

The Christmasaurus

Tom Fletcher

reviewed by Terry

To all supernatural and Christmas lovers, this is the book for you. It focuses on a boy called William Trundle, who is a massive dinosaur fan (proved by all the dinosaur-themed accessories he owns).

with Judith Thomas from Keynsham Library

William is hoping to get a dinosaur toy for Christmas, but he ends up meeting the real Christmasaurus when the dinosaur sneaks into Santa's sleigh as he is about to deliver presents.

In terms of quality, it is one of the best books for young readers. It includes lots of good vocabulary and excellent artwork. It shows a clear and vivid story while maintaining the level of its writing.

Hope you buy and enjoy this wonderful novel.

The Inheritance Games

Jennifer Barnes

reviewed by Roya

The Inheritance Games is a best-selling series that is a must-read for young people aged 12 and over. The main character, Avery

Grambs, inherits billions of pounds from Tobis Hawthorne, someone she had never met, leaving the Hawthorne family desperate to find out why she received this massive fortune.

The Hawthorne brothers pull her in different directions, and sometimes even pull her heart strings. Avery needs to find out why she got the money instead of the Tobis's family. She is the Hawthorne heiress, but why?

This book is a young adult mystery with a bit of romance, and it is a very popular series for teenagers. It is a great read, which I highly recommend.

Library news

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NEWS

Care home cheers 'outstanding' rating

CHARTERHOUSE Care Home in Keynsham has been rated 'outstanding' by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

The CQC carried out an unannounced inspection of the home - run by Bristol-based charity the St Monica Trust - in response to concerns it received in relation to consent and information-sharing. However, these concerns were not substantiated during the inspection, the CQC said.

Out of the five key lines of enquiry (KLOEs), well led and caring were rated 'outstanding', with safe, effective and responsive rated as 'good'.

The overall rating was 'outstanding'. Its previous rating, published in 2018, was 'good'.

The CQC inspection highlighted Charterhouse's "strong, values-led culture across the service, where people were treated as individuals by staff who were committed to maximising their quality of life," adding that "the compassionate,



person-centred care we saw was made possible because leaders had embedded their values of connection, contribution and choice throughout the service."

Charterhouse Care Home's general manager Gail Stone said: "This recognition from the CQC is a welcome reminder to the whole team that what they provide here is truly exceptional."

In awarding their 'outstanding' rating, the CQC inspectors observed that residents and relatives spoke highly "of the

caring culture and responsiveness of staff."

The inspectors observed how people benefited from access to "a diverse range of high-quality on-site facilities and activities" including a swimming pool, gym, and regular pop-up events in the reception area, such as markets, crafts, and entertainment, and how "people were encouraged and supported to contribute in meaningful and valued ways, promoting their independence and choice of social inclusion."

Examples of this in the report included residents taking on volunteering roles, such as leading small group activities, delivering newspapers, and providing French lessons.

Also noted was the care home's commitment to embracing and co-developing innovative technology with residents, such as tracking the quality of people's sleep to detect potential health conditions and AI 'smart socks' to monitor vital signs and movement.

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NEWS



Classic vehicles, above, and vintage tractors, below right, on display

All the fun of the fete

COMPTON Dando's community village fete proved to be another big success.

The final amount raised will be divided between the village hall, St Mary's Church and Compton Dando Community Association.

Among the stalls at the fete was one selling cookies to support a local farmer who has lost between 60 and 80 chickens to a fox.

Friends of Roger Carpenter set up the stall to raise money towards some new chickens for Nutgrove Farm.

Stall organiser Jonathan Tassell said the fox had managed to evade Mr Carpenter's attempts to keep the chickens safe.

"Roger has tried new fencing and electric wire and still had a rough time, so we decided to try and help."

The stall sold about 75 cookies, which were a mix of chocolate chip, Kinder Bueno and salted caramel, and raised £173 for Nutgrove Farm.

The stall also sold Pimm's and lemonade, raising over £300 for Compton Dando Community Association.

Three families were involved - Gemma, Jonny and Evie (aged 13) from Compton



Fete organiser Steph Butler (left) with Avon Needs Trees members Vicki Cracknell, Chris Yebury and Helen Jackson Brown

Dando, with their neighbours Jack, Janet and Gigi, 4, as well as family friends Kate Stark and her children Charlie and Amelie, who drove up from Bude. Also lending a hand were Jack's sister Gemma Gooding and her partner Rich.



Get your cookies here! Front left to right are Gemma Gooding, Ernie Ungood-Thomas and Amelie Cox with (back) Jonathan Tassell and Charlie Cox and (right) Jack Gooding All photos by Ros Anstey



Fete MC Jonathan Foyle presenting a certificate to Hannah, winner of the children's cake competition that was organised by Chris Dibble (left) and judged by Karen, a member of the staff at the Compton Inn



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NEWS

It's great to run and chat



Members of Keynsham Ladies Run celebrating Mel Bound's OBE at their social in July - and out and about on one of their runs



A RUNNING group that has been bringing women together in Keynsham for more than a decade has been celebrating after the founder of its wider network was awarded an OBE.

Keynsham Ladies Run is part of the national This Woman Runs community, founded in Bristol by Mel Bound in 2014.

Mel was recognised in this year's King's Birthday Honours for services to women's community sport, acknowledging her work in helping thousands of women across the UK become more active and connected through running.

The Keynsham group is run by local volunteers (aka Run Angels) and meets twice a week all year round for social runs that are welcoming and inclusive.

Over the years, the group has attracted women from a wide range of backgrounds and fitness levels.

Some members are returning to exercise after a long break, while others had never considered themselves runners before joining as they were worried they were too slow or unfit to join a group. Most weeks around 20 women join the group for a run.

Sam Bell (Run Angel for Keynsham) said: "Chatting during our runs is just as important as the physical benefits, and it has been great to see our runners build friendships and confidence.

"Our focus is not on pace, distance or competition but a space where women can enjoy being outdoors together, get some

headspace and not worry about being left behind. It was great to get together socially as well to celebrate Mel's achievement together."

The runs, which are free of charge, take place on Wednesdays at 7.30pm and Sundays at 8am. They typically involve 30 minutes of running at a conversational pace, with options available for those who need a walk-run approach and those who want to run a little longer too.

Sam said: "Those interested can have a look at our pages on Facebook or Instagram or just turn up at the meeting point near the bus stop on Ashton Way.

"There's no requirement to book or make a regular commitment, which is great for those women juggling busy schedules."

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■ WHAT'S ON

Friday August 7

■ 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. The next meeting after this will be on September 4.



Wednesday August 12

■ Keynsham Royal British Legion Women's Section will hold their annual cream tea, 2pm-4pm, in the upstairs function room of the Royal British Legion Club, Charlton Road, Keynsham, BS31 2JA. A few tables will be available in the downstairs lounge for those unable to manage the stairs. Cream tea £5 per person.

Sunday August 23

■ Local history walk around central Keynsham, looking at the sites and history of the town's brass mills, led by Richard Dyson. Meet outside St John's Parish Church for a 2.30pm start. The walk will be on pavements and through the park. Distance 1.5-2 miles and duration up to 1.5 hours. There is no charge and no advance booking required.

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.

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

■ 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.

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

We would love to publicise your event

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■ 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).

Mondays/Tuesdays

■ **Seated Pilates class**
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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/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.

Mondays/Thurs/Fridays

■ **Mat Pilates Classes**
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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

Tuesdays

■ Little Blessings runs on a Tuesday morning from 10.30am to 12pm (term time) at St Mary's Church Hall in Saltford. For parents/carers with babies aged up to one years old.

■ Keynsham Mencap football for people aged 16 and over with a learning disability, every Tuesday 7pm-8.30pm at Broadlands Academy, St Francis Road, Keynsham, BS31 2DY. Contact laura@keynshammencap.org.uk for more info.

■ Welsh conversation group, The Old Manor House, Bristol Road, Keynsham, 7pm-8.30pm, third Tuesday of the month - 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/

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

■ Saltford Choir is holding its last meeting before the summer break on Tuesday July 7 with a sing-a-long and American supper. On July 21 and August 11 & 25, there will be social sing-a-long sessions from 7.30 in the Wansdyke Room at Saltford Hall to which everyone is welcome.

■ 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.

■ 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 (next meetings August 11 and August 25) 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.

WHAT'S ON

Tuesdays/Thursday

■ Play & Shine – for children aged 0-5 years with a learning disability, emerging needs or would benefit from a small group. Tuesdays and Thursdays (term-time only) 9.30am-11.30am, Queen's Road Methodist Church, Keynsham BS31 2NN. Contact molly@keynshammencap.org.uk for more info.

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

■ 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.

■ German conversation group, Old Manor House Hotel, Keynsham, 7pm-9pm, second Wednesday of the month - 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 - 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.

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

■ 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.

■ 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.

■ 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

■ Discipleship group meets on alternate Wednesdays (August 5 and August 19) at Keynsham Methodist Church, Victoria Centre, High Street, 10.30am-11.30am.

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.

Wednesdays/Saturdays

■ Keynsham Community Veg Plot in the Memorial Park (by the café and toilets) 2pm-4pm on the first Saturday & third Wednesday of the month. No experience or tools required but bring gloves if you use them. Whether you're new to the 'grow your own' hobby, you have the experience but don't have a suitable garden, or you just want to meet like-minded people, join us for a sociable afternoon. All the fruit and veg grown is shared. It's like a shared allotment.

Wednesdays/Sundays

■ Keynsham Ladies Run. Free ladies social running group, part of This Woman Runs. 30 to 45-minute, chatty-paced runs with warm-up and cool-down. No need to book, come along and meet us at Ashton Way car park near the bus stop. Runs are on Wednesdays at 7.30pm and Sundays at 8am.

Thursdays

■ Saltford Bridge Club group meet Thursday evenings to play duplicate bridge at Saltford Golf Club. New members welcome. If

you don't have a partner, the club can often find one for you. Contact Val on 07989775780.

■ St Mary's Toddlers runs on a Thursday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am (term time) at St Mary's Church Hall in Saltford. For parents/carers with children aged 0-4.

■ 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.

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

■ 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/>

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

■ 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 or uk beforehand to tell us what instrument and what level.

■ 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.

■ 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 keynshamtownwff@gmail.com.

■ 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.

Fridays

■ 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.

■ 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

■ 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.

■ 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>

Saturdays

■ 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.

■ Keynsham Abbey's remains are open on alternate Saturdays, March to October, from 2pm-4pm (weather permitting) at the top of the Memorial Park, Abbey Park road entrance near the station. Volunteers will be on site and can give details of its history, as well as the work currently being undertaken. For more details, see the Keynsham Abbey web site at keynshamabbey.com.

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WHAT'S ON

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.

Saturdays

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

■ Keynsham Mencap Super Saturday Club for those aged 5 to 18 years with a learning disability, Saturdays (term-time only) 10am - 12pm, Queen's Road Methodist Church, Keynsham BS31 2NN. Contact molly@keynshammencap.org.uk for more info.

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.

Come to our Climate Cafe

KEYNSHAM Climate Café will be launched on Saturday August 8 at the town's library, running from 10am to 12 noon.

Please join us to talk about the weather and so much more!

There are so many questions to answer: How can I keep cool? What can I do to reduce my carbon footprint? How do we influence politicians? What groups could I join to do something useful in and around Keynsham? We expect you've got your own questions.

If you're part of a group involved with climate-related work, talk to us about hosting a table of information at one of our café meetings. We're planning to meet monthly on every second Saturday (August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14 and December 12). For further information contact David Leverton on 07831101755.

KEYNSHAM IN BLOOM



Keynsham in Bloom volunteers wearing new tops in the Pocket Park

Heatwave is making its mark

LESLEY and Barbara, two South West in Bloom judges, visited our town and now we await the results in October.

The heatwaves have left their mark on our horticultural projects, and Keynsham in Bloom are grateful to High Street businesses for watering the troughs and containers. Judging will happen in September for the winner of the Golden Watering Can trophy, so watch this space.

The station is looking lovely and the refurbished train is very smart. Volunteers have worked hard to maintain the gold standard we have come to expect.

The Pocket Park is very dry but some plants are enjoying this hot weather and these are the ones we must encourage.

The tubs at Holmoak shops are full of colour and our volunteer Ty has done a magnificent job of watering throughout the summer.

We are keeping an eye on our Community Triangle, which improves each year thanks to our hard-working volunteers. This summer the hollyhocks have been beautiful and the lavender, although rather old, is magnificent. Salvias and verbenas are loving this heat.

The Queens Road raised herb trough has been stained and is thriving. There are discussions about more colourful plants in the six tubs, so changes are afoot.

The Chandag Road containers are thriving and the Crown in the



Avon Pension Fund volunteers in the Pocket Park



Memorial Park is lovely.

Our hanging baskets are full of colour and well maintained. A huge thank-you to all our volunteers, and should you wish to join our merry band, please contact me at



The refurbished Dee James memorial train and the Holmoak container

catherinemarywoodman@gmail.com or pop into the Keynsham Town Council office in Temple Street. We would love to meet you. Stay safe in this heat and keep hydrated.

Mary Woodman

NEWS

Community hub grateful for makeover



Martin Burton, chair of trustees at Keynsham Community Hub, is pictured (left) with Joel Bryant from Vinci Facilities. Right, the hub's refurbished front room



KEYNSHAM Community Hub has been given a much-needed makeover thanks to the generosity of Vinci Construction, the company that developed the Temple Street scheme on behalf of Bath & North East Somerset Council.

As part of its commitment to supporting local communities and leaving a positive legacy from its projects, Vinci Construction volunteered its time and resources to redecorate the hub.

The venue, which serves as a thriving centre for community activities, groups and events, had not been redecorated for several

years and needed refurbishment.

The redecoration has transformed the building's interior, creating a brighter, more welcoming environment for the many residents and organisations that use the facility each week.

Martin Burton, chair of trustees of Keynsham Community Hub, said: "We are absolutely delighted with the transformation of the hub and extremely grateful to Vinci Construction for its generosity.

"As a charity-run community facility, finding the resources to undertake major

maintenance projects can be challenging and the fresh new appearance will make a real difference to everyone who uses the building.

"Vinci Construction's support demonstrates a genuine commitment to the local community and has helped ensure that the hub remains a welcoming space for residents of all ages."

Joel Bryant from Vinci Facilities said: "We were pleased to be able to assist Keynsham Community Hub with its redecoration and help enhance a valuable community asset that plays such an important role in local life."

CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

Rewilding builds resilience

I TOOK part in No Mow May this year. After I cut the grass back in early June, I left some areas unmown. The grass there has withstood the heat and drought better than the cut areas, which are crispy and brown.

It got me thinking about rewilding, and the role it can play in building resilience to the weather extremes created by climate change.

It seems I'm not alone in thinking this. There's a huge amount of rewilding going on across Bristol and the South West, at the large and small scale, and the good news is that wherever rewilding happens, ecosystems are bouncing back. The thriving beaver populations along the Avon is one example, and the sighting of an incredibly rare black-crowned night heron in a newly restored freshwater habitat at the National Trust's Holnicote estate is another.

Nearer to home, the Belmont Estate just outside Bristol bought up some farmland a few years ago and is now using free-roaming Tamworth pigs and cattle to naturally regenerate woodland and wetlands. I visited recently and was

really impressed by what I saw.

And of course there's the Forest of Avon, our very own Community Forest, creating and restoring 57,000 hectares of woodlands, trees and green spaces to restore habitats, increase biodiversity, support people's health and wellbeing, and strengthen our resilience to climate change.

Communities, organisations and councils are working together at a smaller scale to rewild town and city streets in Bristol and Bath. We can all get involved in rewilding, whether we've got access to land as big as a football pitch or as small as a pocket handkerchief. And we can support bigger projects through donating time or money.

Ultimately, rewilding doesn't just support nature. It makes communities more resilient, reducing flood and drought risks, providing urban cooling, opening up new jobs and livelihoods, and crucially supporting the natural world that we all rely on.

If you're interested in volunteering, why not check out the Forest of Avon's website.

Elizabeth Willitts



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■ KEYNSHAM TOWN U10s

Hard work and team spirit pay off



Each player's contribution is celebrated



KEYNSHAM Town under-10s have capped a remarkable two seasons by reaching four consecutive cup finals and lifting three trophies, underlining the progress of a squad that continues to grow in confidence on and off the pitch.

Coached by Darren Knowles and Dan Pitt, the side are preparing to move from under-10s to under-11s after five years of development, commitment and team spirit.

The squad has 18 players, nine of whom have been with the club since the age of five. Those nine were recognised at the team's Christmas party for reaching the milestone of more than 100 appearances for Keynsham Town - a significant achievement at such a young age.

The team's journey began four years ago in Division 2 of the HML Sunday League. A strong first season, built on clear player development and steady improvement, earned the squad promotion to Division 1.

Since stepping up, the players have more than met the challenge. They reached two cup finals, narrowly missing out in the Autumn Cup before bouncing back to win the Spring Cup later that season. Their league form has also remained highly competitive, with the team continuing to test themselves against strong opposition.

This season brought another major step forward. Keynsham Town went one better in the cup competitions, winning both the Autumn Cup and the Spring Cup to make it four finals in a row and three cup victories across two seasons.

The players have also enjoyed busy summers of tournaments across the Bristol area, where they have continued to develop, compete and enjoy their football. Coaches believe the disappointments along the way have been just as valuable as the victories, helping the children build resilience, character and teamwork.

Coach Darren Knowles said: "We are

immensely proud of this group of young people. Watching them grow in confidence, develop as footballers and, more importantly, become respectful, resilient and hardworking young people who genuinely love the game is the greatest reward we could ask for."

The coaches also place a strong emphasis on recognising every player's contribution. At the end-of-season celebration, each child receives an individual award, from save of the season and most Improved player to playmaker of the year, coaches' player and goal of the season.

Darren added that the team's progress would not have been possible without the support of parents, who turn out week after week in all weather and help create a positive environment around the squad.

Now, attention turns to next season, when the side will move up to under-11s and continue their development in what is expected to be a strong Division 1.

■ FRY'S TENNIS

First team celebrate promotion

FRY'S tennis have completed their Avon summer league season.

The men's first team enjoyed a successful campaign in division 7C, finishing in first place with 9 wins from 10 and a total of 72 points.

After a loss in week 2, the team went from strength to strength, playing some great tennis. Kerry Grace and Julian Hellyer, as ever, combined very well, winning numerous matches together during the season. Mark Long and Alan Fray made an impressive start as a new partnership, whilst Mark Lapham, Dave Howell, Rich and Ted Conway all stepped up to help win



First-team players (left to right) Allan Fray, Julian Hellyer, Kerry Grace and Mark Long

crucial points. The team will look forward to promotion to division 6 for next season.

The second team had a mixed season, with several close matches on tiebreaks costing them matches and ultimately finishing in

fifth place. Nevertheless, great commitment and performance were shown by the team, led by regulars Adrian Wilson, Martyn Lucas, Mark Lapham, Oliver Smith and Dave Howell.

Attention at the club now turns



Second-team players (left to right) Oliver Smith, Mark Lapham, Adrian Wilson and Martyn Lucas

to our annual summer tournament. If you're interested in joining our friendly club, please contact Tony Dicker at ard@tonydicker.co.uk

The club would be particularly keen to hear from any ladies looking to play winter league tennis.

■ KEYNSHAM RUGBY CLUB U15s

Twickenham trip is dream come true



Danny Care (former England Rugby) with Keynsham players (left to right) Frankie Densley, Stan Townsend, Billy Cole, Louis Shepard, Jack Stone, Toby Brown, Digby Burton, Austin Beere, Archie Peacock and Charles Kelly. Left, the touch rugby competition gets under way

MEMBERS of next season's Keynsham Rugby Club under-15s team were invited to play at Twickenham's Allianz Stadium, the home of the England Rugby team.

Ten players took part in a mixed touch rugby tournament against teams from across the country, enjoying a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play at the UK's second-largest sports stadium and the spiritual home of rugby union.

The event was hosted by former England and Harlequins scrum-half Danny Care, who during his career earned over 100 caps for

England – and was on hand to provide the next generation of players with advice, inspiration and encouragement.

The stadium crew gave the players full access to the players' changing rooms, the royal box, and the players' tunnel, which has seen many of rugby's recent international players gather before their match.

Keynsham played in the 12-15 years competition, with 10-minute 6-a-side matches held on two pitches – each half the full pitch.

The pitch was immaculate,

with the players relishing the grip and play it offered, as well as the enormity of the 82,000-capacity stadium.

Keynsham were placed in group B and won all their matches, beating Shelford RFC 6-1, Peterborough Girls 5-0 and Manchester Barbarians 5-0.

As a result, Keynsham went through to the finals, which included a run-out of the players' tunnel to applause from fellow players.

Despite great ball-in-hand skills and much solid determination,

the team were unable to break Chobham's strong defence and came away as runners-up.

However, all Keynsham's team scored at least one try at Twickenham – an amazing and unforgettable achievement.

If you are going into Year 10 in September, or you know someone who is, KRFC under-15s are looking for new players for the 2026/27 season, come and join a fun and competitive team. All abilities welcome. Contact Steve Beere (head coach) on +44(0)7983 559466.

■ KEYNSHAM CRICKET CLUB

Will continues his outstanding form with bat and ball

THE last league game of June saw Keynsham Cricket Club entertain a good young Bath side, who won the toss and elected to bat, achieving a competitive 236-9.

Keynsham had done well in the later overs to restrict them to that total, when a larger score had looked probable. Jongwe promptly departed to a good ball (4-1), bringing together the Burston brothers, and again they excelled. Will got 48 but played second fiddle to James, who struck an unbeaten 86.

With impressive support from Tom Bancroft (37) and Anthony Cains (25), Keynsham cruised to a 5-wicket win with 33 balls in hand. It was an excellent performance against a strong team.

Our next game was again at home, against high-riding Bedminster, who won the toss and batted, progressing smoothly to 125-3. But from this strong position they subsided to 172 all out, with slow bowlers Wheller (3-35) and Will Burston (3-31) leading the attack.

Refreshingly, all our batsmen contributed, primarily James Burston (32), Tom Bancroft (28),

Luke Jongwee (30 not out) Anthony Cains (29 not out), seeing us home 4 wickets down. At last, it was a consistent all-round performance providing a win with 14 overs in hand.

Could this level of performance be maintained for the next match? Most definitely not was the answer.

We went next to nearby Bristol Pakistanis on a scorchingly hot day. The home side won the toss and predictably batted - not very well, as we dismissed them for 165 in 46 overs. Surely this was nowhere near enough?

Pride, though, comes before a fall as Keynsham showed exactly how not to do it. We could manage only an inept 111 in 40.4 overs. Astonishingly, only one partnership (33 between Jongwe and Bancroft) exceeded 14. A more disappointing performance cannot be called to mind.

Downend were our next visitors. Having won the toss, they surprisingly put us in to bat. It turned out to be a bad decision, as we proceeded to post 361-4. Astounding.

As might be envisioned, the Burston brothers ran riot. No 3 James fell for 135 off 146 balls, having put on 307 for the second wicket with his brother Will, who was last out for an astonishing 157 off only 123 balls.

Downend's response was a lacklustre affair. Sculthorpe made 77, one of only two players to make double figures, as we took 47.2 overs to dismiss them for 185.

Keynsham won by 176 runs. I've yet to meet anyone who can recall a victory margin approaching this in a league game.

Whilst cricket is a team game, personal performances can occasionally stand out. Will Burston has produced sustained excellence this season. From 9 innings, he has amassed 417 runs at an average of 46.33. Whilst this is outstanding, so is his bowling. In only 55.1 overs he has taken 21 wickets at an average of 11.95.

Both sets of figures would win player of the season awards at any time. We are fortunate to have him.

Greg Bryan

JACK BOULTON DAY

Team spirit triumphs in Jack's memory



THE annual Jack Boulton Day took place at Saltford Sports Club on Saturday July 4.

The event is held in memory of Jack Boulton, a talented young sportsman who died aged 17 of a sudden cardiac arrest in 2009.

The senior game between teams from Saltford and Longwell Green old boys was a much more competitive game this year, with Longwell winning 3-2.

The game even saw two under-13 debutants for both sides, with Freddie Rider donning the shirt for Saltford and Jack Summers for Longwell Green. Other games kicked off the day featuring teams from Saltford's junior section, which added to the inclusivity of the day.

A raffle was held, topped by an



Left: Dave Boulton presents the Jack Boulton Award to Sam Jones

Centre: Mark from Longwell Green with Zak, voted Saltford's man of the match by Longwell Green

Right: Adam from Saltford with John, voted Longwell Green's man of the match by Saltford



auction to attract the bidders. A barbecue ran for five hours to keep the crowd fed into the evening, when the day concluded with live music from The Bristols.

The winner of the Jack Boulton Award was Sam Jones for his commitment to the club and for driving the team ethic across both the men's first and reserves team.

The whole day was another big

success, raising £3,000 to be split between Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) and Brain Tumour Support.

A huge thank-you to everyone who came along, donated, bought raffle tickets, placed bids in the auction and supported the day in any way. Special thanks to Longwell Green Sports FC for their ongoing support, not only raising a side for the main game

against Saltford FC but also being so generous with the amount of money they contributed to both charities.

To all the incredible staff at Saltford Sports Club, committee and volunteers – thank you for hosting the event and your hard work behind the scenes. After all these years, Jack's legacy lives on. A very well done to all concerned.

KEYNSHAM BOWLING CLUB

Cool clubhouse provides relief for county players

AS the ladies and gents of Keynsham Bowling Club continue with their various league fixtures, different cup matches also are taking place.

Our ladies played at home to Purnells in the Fear Cup, losing by 7 shots in a game curtailed due to the hot weather. They will now be entered into the Somerset Plate competition.

Our men were also drawn against Purnells, in the preliminary round of the Turnbull Cup, and they won on their own green by the narrowest of margins – 73 shots to 72.

Another close result followed in our first-round fixture away to Knowle, where we won 67-64.

Our triples side beat Bristol by 12 shots in the cup semi-final played on the neutral green at Severn Vale. They will play St Anne's Park in the final later in the season.

A regular fixture each year sees Keynsham and Frys compete for the Allsop Shield trophy, which was donated in memory of AJ Allsop, Keynsham secretary from 1964 to 1967.

This year it was played at Frys. Although



Keynsham were well in front at the halfway stage, Frys made a spirited recovery, only to go under by 70 shots to 60 due to Keynsham's strong finish.

It was the 56th time this fixture has been played, with Keynsham winning 31 times and Frys 25. The match was played in the usual friendly spirit, with Frys being generous hosts in providing a supper of sausages and chips.

At the start of last month, we hosted a

Somerset county game against visiting team the Royal County of Berkshire. During an extremely hot day, our air-conditioned clubhouse provided a welcome retreat from the green, particularly for the hydration break of ice lollies at the halfway stage. Our catering was acknowledged by the visitors, who stated on their website that "the meal afterwards was plentiful and we hope that we will get to play there again."

We were asked to host the Bowls England Somerset family regional final of the three-wood competition, when the father-and-son partnership of Phil and Kyran Davis, from St Anne's Park, played against grandad and grandson Nigel and Jack Vine from Norwest. In what turned out to be a fine evening of bowling, Nigel and Jack were victorious by 21 shots to 10.

Our club funds were recently boosted by proceeds from the monthly book stall at Tesco, and we thank them for their support. Our photograph shows members Richard Stackhouse and Ian Tweedie receiving the cheque.

ATHLETICS

Delight as Ewan and Holly strike gold

SALT福德 runners Holly Sanigar and Ewan Sparey both struck gold in a remarkable few minutes at the English Schools Track & Field Championships.

Ewan won the inter boys 800m, after finishing second last year. It was his second national title in three years, after his victory in the junior boys race in 2024.

Just minutes later at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham, Ewan cheered Holly on as she completed the Saltford double by retaining her senior girls 800m title.

Both are Avon team-mates, members of Bristol & West Athletics Club and near-neighbours in Saltford.

The victory rounded off Holly's English Schools career, which began with sixth place as a junior girl in 2022 and continued with fourth and sixth as an inter before consecutive senior titles.

Holly began the race excited at the prospect of another medal but added: "I was also nervous because I won it last year, so it was my first time going into a competition as defending champion."



The race got off at a slow pace, which suited Holly's style.

She said: "I feel like my finish has always been my strongest part of the race. So when it went off slow, I thought 'this is definitely giving me a good chance.'"

"One hundred and fifty metres to go was when I took the lead, and then I just held that to the finish line."

The former Wellsway and St Brendan's student now plans to study sports management at

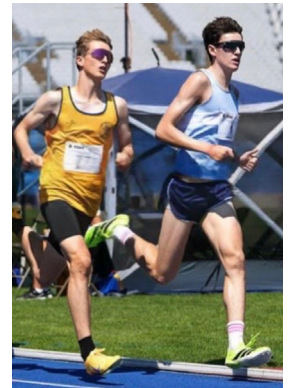


university. Ewan, meanwhile, still has two more years at the English Schools championships and already has two wins and a second place to his name.

He went into the race in Birmingham in a positive frame of mind.

He said: "I knew I was the fastest there and I knew what I had to do. In that respect, I felt really confident in my chances."

For the first lap, he stayed near the front, controlling the pace.



Then, with about 400 metres to go, another competitor took the race on.

"I sat on his heels and waited until the key mark that my coach and I had decided was 250 to go. That is when I took off."

Ewan, who has just completed his GCSEs at Kingswood School in Bath, has since enjoyed success at the Schools International Athletic Board (SIAB) track and field international in Belfast, winning his 800m race.

FRY'S BOWLING CLUB

Competition on green hots up after bloom judging

Following last year's Silver Gilt Award in the Keynsham in Bloom competition, Fry's again entered this year.

With a theme of wool, club members created their own flock of sheep, along with a range of plants and our special guest "Sheppard" welcoming the judges.

Following the judging, the club were put forward for South West in Bloom, which was judged on July 17. A big thank-you to the members whose work made this possible.

Bristol and District League

The second half of the Bristol and District League season saw Henleaze A visit Somerdale.

Fry's found the green tricky but remained in the game until the closing ends when things went in the visitors' favour. Fry's took 2 points from the 34-49 defeat.

A trip to St Anne's Park on a hot night came down to the final end after a late fightback from the visitors. Rink 1 struggled with scoring all night, but with rink 2 taking the lead and rink 3 remaining close, the game was tight at halfway. A couple of big ends for St Anne's saw them go over 10 shots up. A couple of big ends in reply from Fry's saw them needing 4 shots for the win. Rink 3 dropped a single to secure the rink points, seeing Fry's take 4 points from the night.

A trip to Begbrook Green Oaks followed, which saw the game close at halfway. Begbrook took command in the second half, pulling away



to a comfortable win. Rink 3 scored 4 shots in the final 2 ends to give Fry's 2 points.

Scores:

July 2: Fry's 34-49 Henleaze A - Rink 1, 13-16; Rink 2, 16-14; Rink 3, 5-19 (2-8).

July 9: Fry's 41-45 St Anne's Park - Rink 1, 7-23; Rink 2, 17-6; Rink 3, 17-16 (4-6).

July 16: Fry's 36-63 Begbrook Green Oaks - Rink 1, 15-30; Rink 2, 8-22; Rink 3, 13-11 (2-8).

Friday Triples League

A local derby in the Triples League finished with a one-shot difference. The trip to Keynsham saw Fry's take the win on two rinks, both by 4 shots, but the game was decided on the third rink, which Keynsham won by 9 shots. This saw Keynsham take the overall win 48-47, with Fry's taking 4 points.

The 11th game of the Triples League season saw Avonvale visit Fry's. A late seven from Avonvale on rink 3 was enough to see them home 53-46 as Fry's only picked up 2 points.

Week 14 saw Imperial visit Fry's. Both sides took a rink by a sizeable margin. The third rink was very much in Fry's favour with 4 ends remaining. But a failure to score in those final ends made the difference, as Imperial overturned a 7-shot deficit to take a 58-55 win, leaving Fry's with only 2 points.

Scores:

June 19: Fry's 47-48 Keynsham - Rink 1, 11-20; Rink 2, 16-12; Rink 3, 20-16 (4-8).

July 3: Fry's 46-53 Avonvale - Rink 1, 15-22; Rink 2, 18-16; Rink 3, 13-15 (2-10).

July 17: Fry's 55-58 Imperial - Rink 1, 16-20; Rink 2, 29-5; Rink 3, 10-33; (2-10).

Cup

Norwest visited Fry's in the preliminary round of the Somerset Bowls Association Turnbull Cup. After a close start, Norwest pulled away to take a comfortable 69-48 win.

Fry's hosted the annual Alsop Shield against Keynsham. Fry's fought back from 20 shots but could not quite complete the comeback, as Keynsham saw out the game to retain the shield.

Scores:

June 30: Fry's 48-69 Norwest - Rink 1, 13-13; Rink 2, 9-21; Rink 3, 11-15; Rink 4, 15-20.

■ SALTORD LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Coach Dan to maintain inclusive tradition

EVERY successful tennis club needs a great coach. Whether you're picking up a racket for the first time, returning to the sport after a break, or looking to take your game to the next level, quality coaching is at the heart of a thriving tennis club.

In 2023, Saltford Lawn Tennis Club decided to appoint a full-time head coach to expand the range of coaching opportunities available to both members and non-members. Andy Gray was selected for the role and joined the club in March 2023.

At that time, the coaching programme consisted of just two adult courses and one junior course, all held on Monday evenings. Andy introduced coaching sessions throughout the week for players of all ages and abilities.

By the end of his first year, the club was offering three adult coaching courses, walking tennis, tennis for people with Parkinson's and six junior coaching sessions.

One of Andy's proudest achievements came later in 2023 when, working alongside Access Sport, he organised an inclusive tennis open day for d/Deaf, disabled



Dan Bellamy, left, succeeds Andy Gray, below



and neurodivergent children and young people aged 4 to 18.

The event's success prompted the launch of weekly inclusive tennis sessions, which continue to flourish every Saturday. Today, more than 120 players attend coaching sessions every week. In recognition of his outstanding contribution, Andy was named Avon Coach of the Year in 2025 before becoming a national finalist.

Andy has now decided it is time for a new adventure. Together with his girlfriend, Emma, he plans to spend several months travelling through South America before moving to Australia for a year.

Everyone at Saltford Lawn

Tennis Club wishes them both every happiness and success on their travels and thanks Andy for everything he has done for the club.

Following Andy's decision to leave, the club advertised widely for his successor and was delighted by the quality of applications. After a competitive recruitment process, Dan Bellamy was appointed as the club's new head coach.

Dan brings more than ten years of coaching experience and is in the final stages of achieving his LTA Level 3 qualification. He is also head coach at Pensford Tennis Club and will continue in that role alongside leading the coaching programme at Saltford.

Dan's first official engagement as head coach reflected the club's commitment to making tennis accessible to everyone.

Each year, Mencap Keynsham invites the club to provide volunteers and run a tennis activity at its inclusive sports day, which this year was held at Wellsay School on July 11. Supported by Jonny Fenner from Access Sport Bristol, Dan joined Saltford volunteers

Kevin Mulvaney, Joyce Pickard and Tom Griffith in delivering a popular tennis station for the hundreds of families attending the event.

Reflecting on his first experience representing the club, Dan said: "It was such an amazing event organised by some truly wonderful volunteers. It was my first opportunity to work with the team as head coach and it was inspiring to see the energy and passion of everyone involved."

"It is so important that sport is inclusive for everyone, particularly those with additional needs, and I was proud to be part of such a special day."

Since joining the club, Dan has spent a week shadowing Andy during his coaching programme, allowing players, parents and junior members to get to know their new head coach before he takes over the sessions. He will also run summer tennis camps throughout August.

For more information about coaching and membership at Saltford Lawn Tennis Club, visit the club's website or email sec.saltfordtennis@gmail.com.

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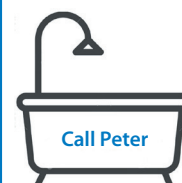
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