Police say they are working with the community, schools and South Gloucestershire Council to tackle a recent increase in anti-social behaviour involving groups of young people in Staple Hill. This outbreak follows problems with anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Emersons Green earlier this year and on the Siston Park estate in Mangotsfield where there are ongoing problems. Just after 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st June officers based at the Staple Hill police post responded to a call about underage drinking in the High Street. There were further reports that youths were shouting abuse at a member of public who was collecting litter in Beaufort Road. Officers issued a dispersal notice to three teenagers, aged 15 and 16, meaning they risked arrest if they returned to the area within a specified time.

Neighbourhood Sergeant Steve Davey said: “We’ve spoken to the individuals affected by this incident and

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have identified a number of the teenagers involved. We will be working with our ASB officer and the ASB team at South Gloucestershire Council, as well as organisations providing youth outreach services, in order to nip these issues in the bud.”

PS Davey said that officers attending this sort of incident would be using their body-worn video cameras as a matter of course and the footage may be used to take action against those responsible.

He added: “We know young people want to meet their friends and of course they should be able to use our community spaces like everyone else. Most young people don’t cause any issues, but this sort of incident is unacceptable.

“We have taken a number of young people home and spoken to their parents and we’re also in contact with local schools about the problems.”

Meanwhile in Siston Park, where three teenagers were arrested last month after a wooden bin store was deliberately torched and six cars were damaged, there has been more anti-social behaviour in the last week, including reports of small fires being set, which did not cause any damage.

Local councillor Ian Adams who lives on the estate, said he had forwarded incidents posted on the residents’ Facebook page to the police and the ASB team at South Gloucestershire Council.

He called for residents to unite to tackle the “small minority” causing problems and who had no respect for their community, and said he was considering restarting a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and asking residents to be more active, such as setting up patrols to make everyone feel safer.

He added: “For any parent, family or friend reading this who think their child, relative or friend is involved, please tell them the upset and hurt it is causing.”

The police urge anyone witnessing anti-social behaviour to report it. If a crime is being committed, someone is at risk of being hurt or feels intimidated, call 999. Otherwise you can report it online at www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/contact or call 101.
Residents in south Keynsham are forming their own action group following a number of incidents of speeding traffic and anti-social behaviour in the Park Road area.

In the most recent of these, a man was arrested on suspicion of drink-driving at breakfast time on a Saturday morning, having crashed his van into the front garden of a house on Park Road.

Neighbours who initially came to his aid, ended up restraining him and his passenger before the police arrived.

Leaflets have now been delivered to homes in the neighbourhood asking residents who want to be involved to contact an email address. A Facebook page has also been set up. The text of the leaflets says: “South Ward Action Group. Fed up with speeding traffic? Fed up with aggressive drivers? Fed up being intimidated? Contact: southwardaction@gmail.com The many can stop the few.”

Allan Sinclair, one of the Park Road residents behind the South Ward Action Group, told The Week In that almost 100 responses had already been received. A Facebook page has also been created.

Since work began on The Meadows development in 2011, residents have been subjected to increased traffic volume and incidents involving construction lorries. Last year, a traffic survey concluded that 3,500 vehicles a day travel along Park Road while a number of incidents of anti-social behaviour by drivers have also been reported by residents.

B&NES ward councillor Alan Hale has previously called for a relief road, claiming the Government planning inspector was wrong to permit The Meadows development to proceed without an additional access road.
B&NES Council has approved the planning application to convert the former visitor centre and outbuildings into housing.

The project is one of three separate developments on land between Staunton Lane and Queen Charlton Lane which was removed from the Green Belt to meet the council’s Local Plan housing target. Staunton Manor House is a Grade II listed building and the conversion is being handled by specialist builder Whitecroft Developments which has completed a number of restoration projects in the Keynsham area. The manor, stables and outbuildings will be converted into a range of accommodation from one to three bedrooms with on site parking.

Merlin Housing Society has secured a £5.5m deal with housebuilder Barratt Homes to take on 40 of the new homes being built off Queen Charlton Lane in Whitchurch. It’s the latest in a series of deals that Merlin has completed with developers to increase the number of affordable homes being built in the region. The 40 homes will be a mixture of one-bedroom flats and two, three and four-bedroom houses. Twenty-nine homes will be available to rent, with the remaining 11 available for shared ownership. The rental homes will include some properties which have been specially adapted for wheelchair users. Development manager James McLoughlin said: “We’re delighted to be working with Barratt Homes again to bring these affordable homes to the village. We’re already working with Barratt on three other projects locally and look forward to building on this relationship in Whitchurch.

“There’s a huge demand for affordable housing in the area and with its great links to Bristol and Bath we’re sure these homes are going to be popular.” The homes in Whitchurch will be completed in phases between June 2018 and December 2019.

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For more information, visit slimmingworld.co.uk or call 0344 897 8000.
Last week’s meeting of business owners and representatives from B&NES Council was sombre yet angry. Traders, both new and well-established, laid bare the extent to which they have seen business fall off this year.

These are hard times to be in retail anywhere and in some cases there may well be other factors to consider. But with all businesses, from the butcher to the candlestick maker reporting the same story and no one boasting a jump in trade, only the most short-sighted of Cyclops could claim the one-way traffic trial hasn’t played a part.

Alan Hale has been clear that we in the media should not be reporting this but instead sending out a message that Keynsham is a wonderful place to visit which is open for business. Yes it is, but even better if it still is in 12 months’ time.

For businesses on Temple Street (which includes The Week In, by the way) it is the latest in a series of kicks in the teeth. The dust has only just begun to settle on the Civic Centre regeneration and since 2011, those that are still there have witnessed the closure of the car park for demolition and rebuilding of the Civic Centre. Along the way, temporary traffic lights have controlled traffic flow and hindered access as the road was dug up for various reasons, either connected with the construction or otherwise.

After last week’s meeting, I spoke to one retailer who had to relocate to the High Street when the Centre was demolished. It has taken four years for trade to return to the previous level but in the last month it dropped by more than 20%.

Our reporting of the initial reaction to the one-way trial has been factual and included both positive and negative comments. The problem Cllr Hale fails to grasp is that the negative far outweighs the positive at the moment. Perhaps that will change as people become used to it and The Week In is more than ready to get behind any initiative that promotes business in Keynsham. From my office window, I look out over a Civic Centre Car Park which these days is seldom more than 50% full. B&NES has in fact listened to previous concerns and banished permit-holders from it to ensure it is available for shoppers and leisure users.

But when I walk up the High Street I am frequently stopped and asked what I think about the trial by people who then proceed to tell me what they think. The recurring comments seem to centre on two issues. The first - are pedestrians any better off with vehicles only going one way and cyclists the other? And the second, if traffic is going both ways along Ashton Way, why does it also need to go along the High Street at all?

Certainly, if the only way to get from one end to the other was along Ashton Way, much of the confusion which seems to arise at the top of Bath Hill would be removed at a stroke. Despite attempts in some quarters to deflect blame by saying ‘this is what the community wanted’, the fact remains that previous ‘consultations’ have only ever centred on what type of one-way system Keynsham should have. The only time the public has been asked about a fully pedestrianised High Street was in a readers’ survey conducted in The Week In during 2013. Although only a small sample, it was far larger than the 130 who responded to the council’s consultation on the Placemaking Plan and the result was 75% in favour.
Public exhibition will outline plans for 77 new homes

A public exhibition outlining proposals for 77 new homes on a greenfield site off Greenbank Road in Hanham is being held next week.

The site, next to AEK-BOCO Football Club, was sold at auction last August by the Barton Hill-based House of Faith, which had owned it since the 1940s and used to have a meeting place there.

The site was acquired by developers Square Bay who carried out early consultation with immediate neighbours and community stakeholders.

Last December pre-application advice was sought from South Gloucestershire Council and last month Square Bay appointed Bellway Homes as the development partner.

Square Bay & Bellway are now inviting local residents to view the plans prior to the submission of an application to the council. The public exhibition will be held in the Community Hall at the Church of Ascension, Hollyguest Road, on Thursday 6th July from 3pm to 7pm and will be a chance to view and comment on the emerging plans and discuss the proposals in more detail with the project team.

Square Bay says the unused site is an opportunity to help meet local housing need. A high quality development is proposed, with a mix of one, two and three-bedroom homes, including 35% affordable housing in line with the council’s policy.

The developers say the plans have been designed with particular care and attention given to neighbouring properties, and will include upgraded drainage features to enhance the usability of the nearby playing fields, as well as upgrading local play facilities and improvements to parts of Greenbank Road, including enhanced facilities for pedestrians and traffic management measures to remove bottlenecks and reduce vehicle speeds.

For more information call the project’s Freephone information line on 0800 298 7040 or email feedback@consultation-online.co.uk
Staple Hill hosts Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day was marked in South Gloucestershire on Saturday with a parade through Staple Hill to Page Park. The annual event gives people the chance to show their gratitude and appreciation to our past, present and future military forces from air, land and sea units.

Hundreds lined the route to watch the procession which included veterans, cadet groups, bands and military vehicles.

At the end of the parade there was a drumhead service in the park, where there was also a wide variety of stalls, stands and activities.

Keynsham

Hundreds attend reunion celebration

More than 400 people attended a celebration to mark 60 years of Wellsway School in Keynsham.

The Big Wellsay Reunion on 17th June brought together students and former staff from all the decades of the school’s life. Organiser Louise Riddoch said some guests who had been students on the opening day were reunited with classmates they had not seen for about 50 years.

“It was a wonderful event and we were blessed with amazing weather,” she said. “It was very special to have former heads Paul Kent and John Smith with us. Tours of the school were very popular and everyone enjoyed sharing their memories.”

Entertainment was provided by performers Hatty Campbell, Tom Stentafoot, Anya Hathaway and the Wellsway Choir.

Wellsay School principal Matthew Woodville said: “This was a magical event. Many thanks to Mrs Riddoch and her team for organising such a memorable evening and bringing together the Keynsham community.”

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Businesses are suffering
Dear Sir
The one-way system has dramatically affected trade in Keynsham. Personally, my takings are down by at least 20% in the last few weeks.
For the first few days I accepted the fact that the public would have to adjust to this new road layout and tried not to get too stressed about the situation – after all change takes time for everything to settle. However, the High Street is becoming worse every day and businesses are definitely suffering as a result. My neighbours are in the same situation.
The design of this road may prove to be an optimistic solution and what happens to the small businesses in the long term if less and less people are coming into the town? You are then put in a position that every day is a struggle and you worry about the future. The traders need to be consulted as to how this might affect Keynsham’s needs for the future. The traders need to be put in a position that every day is a struggle and you worry about the future. The future of the site is through weak control Keynsham can have over the site and on Monday they told us. I asked why the bid had failed and what has succeeded in its place.
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The elected town council is now without much of a say at all. A very disappointing and concerning situation, but perhaps we are in for a pleasant surprise? Perhaps the new owner has a scheme that will strengthen and revitalize the beat at the Heart of Keynsham by making a genuine commercial, social and cultural contribution.

Deborah Higgins

What’s happening with the old fire station?
Dear Stephen
I wrote today to Cllr Peter Abraham, Chair of Avon Fire Authority, expressing my disappointment that Keynsham Town Council’s bid to acquire the old fire station site in Temple Street has failed. I asked why the bid had failed and what has succeeded in its place.
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Terry Edwards
Keynsham resident

Editor’s note: We asked Avon Fire & Rescue Service’s communications department what is happening with the site and on Monday they told us that at this stage, there is no further update.

A bridge too far?
Dear Stephen
Maybe I am being too simple, but with the chaos and gridlock that is going to happen over the next year with the Bromley Health Viaduct repairs, I thought of a solution! The traffic, as we all know, will have to go somewhere with, I believe, it affecting as far as Muller Road and the A46 from Cold Ashton to the M4, with many villages and rat-runs becoming gridlocked.
Japan can build a motorway quicker than we can repair a bridge! Would it not be easier and maybe cheaper to totally demolish the structure over a few days/weeks and have a new bridge that has been pre-formed off site put in its place? Maybe it’s not possible but I would like someone to answer the question why not. I am also hoping that if we do have Armageddon around the area with traffic gridlock, the council will not allow work to start for a few days in case they have to reopen the road as an emergency.

Nick Gould
Oldland Common

New home
Dear Editor
I’m a beautiful 1-year-old spayed cat called Poppy. One day I came home minus a tail as someone had cut it off! Since then, my mum cat won’t accept me and fights with me all the time.
I would be grateful for a new home if someone could take me on – preferably with no pets as I don’t want any more fighting. If you can help, please phone 0117 9087507 and ask for Marlene. Thank you.

Mrs M Jones
Kingswood.
Among those taking part in the Kingswood Diversity Festival on Saturday 15th July will be 17-year-old Leila Jafar.

The free festival at the Kingswood Estate in Britannia Road aims to celebrate people’s differences in minority, age, health and culture.

Leila says diversity is a huge part of her life because of her mixed heritage – her dad is from East Africa and her mother is English. She said: “I had a difficult upbringing which has contributed to my current diagnosis of Borderline Personality Disorder, meaning that throughout the day I have to manage multiple different mood states.

“While everyone has variations in mood, with Borderline Personality Disorder these changes can be very destabilising, happen quite quickly and be quite unexpected.

“Music helps me greatly. Sharing myself through music and song writing means I feel more connected and able to help others who face challenges too.

“I urge people to come to the festival, share your stories, listen to others and experience the diversity right on your doorstep.”

The festival runs from noon to 5pm.
£100,000 project to improve Troopers Hill

The Friends of Troopers Hill have been delivering questionnaires to 1,500 homes surrounding the Local Nature Reserve, asking whether they support a proposed £100,000 improvement project. If a significant number of people back the ‘Ways to Nature’ project, the Friends will use this as evidence to make a grant application.

Susan Acton-Campbell, chair of the Friends, said: “Local people have told us how difficult it is to access Troopers Hill in winter and wet weather. Part of the wheelchair access route is an old tip track that is breaking up. An existing wheelchair access path is becoming pot-holed and parts of Troopers Hill Field become a muddy quagmire in winter.

“We would like to Tarmac the track, resurface the wheelchair access path and put in a path to link the new play area to Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve.”

Another issue that concerns Friends of Troopers Hill is preventing illegal access by motorbikes to the Local Nature Reserve. They would like to replace rotting wooden fencing and gates on the Troopers Hill Road boundary with metal estate fencing and gates.

The closing date to reply to the questionnaires is Wednesday 12th July. Air Balloon Hill Primary School and Summerhill Academy have boxes to receive completed questionnaires in their reception areas. The Brizzle Born & Bread bakery at Summerhill Road and Gingells butchers at Nags Head Hill are also ready to receive completed questionnaires.

The Horse and Jockey pub at Nags Head Hill has a supply of questionnaires and the Friends are also handing them out to visitors to Troopers Hill. An online version is available via www.troopers-hill.org.uk/waystonature.

Last year in partnership with landowner Bristol City Council, the Friends successfully completed an £80,000 project to install a play area on Troopers Hill Field, thanks to funding from Suez Communities Trust, Veolia Environmental Trust and monies allocated via the St George Neighbourhood Partnership.

Crossword

ACROSS
7 Aromatic herb (6)
8 Mixture of proteins found in wheat (6)
9 Beat (4)
10 Meagre (8)
11 Moderately slow tempo in music (7)
13 Underside of an animal (5)
15 To frighten (5)
17 Lengthwise (7)
20 Largest city in Hawaii (8)
21 Renowned Brazilian footballer (4)
23 Quiet (6)
24 Begin a journey (3,3)

DOWN
1 Restore to health (4)
2 Perplexing riddle (6)
3 Level of cooking pasta (2,5)
4 Once more (5)
5 Medical stitch (6)
6 With respect to gender (8)
12 Death of cells in the body (8)
14 Formal hearing to determine cause of death (7)
16 Begin a process again (6)
18 Large deer (6)
19 Group of related things (5)
22 Existence (4)

Keynsham

Praise for pre-school

Queens Road Methodist Pre-School, where there are 60 children on the roll, has been rated as Good by Ofsted.

The inspector said the preschool is welcoming and children enjoy their time there. She said good relationships between staff and children are evident and children are well-prepared for going to school and the next stage of their learning.

She said the manager and staff use their knowledge and experience skilfully to support them in evaluating the quality of the preschool and monitor the progress children make in their learning.
Celebrations for 125th anniversary

This year Potters Wood Methodist Church is 125 years old. The church has not always been in its current position, opposite the Star pub on Hanham Road, Kingswood, but was formerly in Moravian Road, and known locally as the Old Tin Mission.

Building of the new chapel began in 1956 and it was officially opened on 17th August 1957, the congregation marching from the old chapel to the new building along Moravian Road with the Bristol East Temperance Band.

Many local people may have memories of going to Potters Wood Church, attending the popular Sunday school or the Wives’ Club, the Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts, or taking part in the Whitsun parades. Others will remember the Girls’ and Boys’ Life Brigade and the Band of Hope.

Today Potters Wood is still an active church with plenty going on in the church building and with various clubs being held in the hall. As part of the 125th anniversary celebrations there will be a flower festival with displays reflecting on times at Potters Wood over the years.

Everyone is welcome to pop in to see the flower festival, and to stop for refreshments from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 1st July, and Sunday 2nd July from 2pm to 4pm.

On the Sunday evening there will be a Songs of Praise service from 6pm to 7pm to which everyone is welcome.

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A Bitton woman has helped to set up a new charity horse racing syndicate.

Jenny Godwin, of Harrington Close, has launched Racing For A Cause with Staverton-based trainer Michael Blake and his wife Sharon, who have helped to nurture her son Mitch’s career as a jockey. Bounty Pursuit, ridden by 19-year-old Mitch, is running to raise money for St Peter’s Hospice in Bristol and the Dorothy House Hospice at Winsley. And in his first race at Chepstow earlier this month he was narrowly beaten into second place.

The cause is close to Jenny’s heart as she herself beat cancer (Mitch rides in pink colours to support breast cancer) and because her late mum was cared for at St Peter’s Hospice.

Members are not required to pay for the cost of the horse but contribute £50 per calendar month. Once the costs are met, all the remaining money will be split between the two hospices.

Jenny said: “We have only been going for about a month and we already have enough members to cover our costs so every member that joins from now is going to make a real difference to the charities.”

Bathwick Tyres who have depots throughout the West Country have very generously supported the cause.

The prize money is split equally between the members with many pledging their winnings directly to the charities.

Sharon said: “We plan to do other events as well for the membership, such as a yard visit to see the horses on the gallops and a stud visit.”

The horse will seek to go one better at Newbury on 13th July.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun for £50 per month. Contact Jenny on 0797 074 1817 and follow Racing For A Cause on Facebook.
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Oldland Common
Praise for pre-school
Oldland Pre-School has been highly praised by Ofsted following its recent inspection.
Children’s personal development, behaviour and welfare is rated as outstanding, while effectiveness of leadership and management, quality of learning, teaching and assessment, and outcomes for children are all rated as good.
“Children thrive and benefit greatly from the very nurturing bonds with staff,” said the inspector in her report.
She said staff plan a broad range of exciting activities effectively and support children to achieve well, and that the youngsters gain key skills that prepare them well for their move to school.
As we recently reported, the pre-school, which is based in terrapins that are in a poor state, is currently looking to raise around £200,000 for new premises.

Cadbury Heath
Walking beat surgery
The local neighbourhood policing team will be on foot patrol in Earlstone Crescent in Cadbury Heath on Saturday 15th July from 10am to 11am.
Residents are invited to come and discuss any issues or queries.

James tools up for awards ceremony
James Rygor, owner of the Keynsham franchise of Snap-on Tools, has been shortlisted for a top national award.
He is a finalist in the Young Franchisee of the Year category in the British Franchise Association HSBC Franchisee of the Year Awards 2017. The finals are being held tonight (Wednesday) in Birmingham.
Snap-on Tools is a mobile van tool distribution business. There are more than 4,500 franchisees worldwide and more than 400 operating within the UK and Ireland.
James, who runs his business with support from his wife, previously worked as a mechanic, but wanted to take on a franchise when he realised he could be his own boss.
He has already won best Snap-on Tools’ newcomer for the South West in his first year of business and was recently named as the top performing South West franchisee.
James says he is now hoping to give back and inspire young people to reap the benefits of franchising for themselves.
Record entry for Chew Valley run

A record 723 runners took part in the 2017 Chew Valley 10k on Sunday 11th June.

The charity event supports a number of local organisations, including St Peter’s Hospice, Bishop Sutton School Society, Chew Valley School Society, Bath Carers Centre, the South West Neonatal charity and Blood Bikes.

It was therefore fitting that both male and female race winners, Graham Wadsworth (36:23) and Victoria Baker (40:48), ran for Bristol’s St Peter’s Hospice alongside runners supporting charities such as A Sibling’s Wish, Time is Precious and Bath Carers Centre.

St George

Appeal after woman is sexually assaulted

Police have released descriptions of two men they want to identify after a woman was sexually assaulted in St George Park.

The incident happened at about 1am on Sunday 11th June. The victim was approached by two men who blocked her path before touching her inappropriately. They then made off towards the library on Church Road.

Both men are described as black, aged in their 20s or 30s, and of slim build. One was approximately 5ft 5in and wore a red hooded top with dark coloured joggers. The other man was about 5ft 10in and wore a grey hooded top.

Anyone who recognises the description of the men, or who saw anything suspicious in the early hours of that Sunday, is asked to call 101 and provide the call handler with the reference 5217130713.
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Pay for and collect pre-booked tickets for The Music Train near the buffet bar not from the main ticket office.
This event is part of the Community Express initiative by Liz Gray and Milestones Trust which provides activities for the community.

Thousands set to enjoy festival weekend

Following a busy week of events around the town, the 20th Keynsham Music Festival reaches its finale with a full programme of events this weekend.
Nearly 20,000 people attended all the festival events last year.
The festival includes some of the best performers in the region and beyond – in a whole range of musical genres and arts, plus food, real ales, stalls and creative activities.
Memorial Park will be full of activity and entertainment on Saturday afternoon and evening, including the Festival Gala Concert and Folk Festival. A procession of Keynsham-owned vintage and classic cars will head through the High Street and into the park for a mini rally and there will be displays of traditional and folk dancing on Market Walk and on the new Dance Stage in the park.
Sunday will see a great mix of music and performances on six stages with local, national and international artists, including activist rock band LA-based Bread Over Bombs, who provide emergency food to people in crisis and have already donated to Keynsham’s Foodbank.
Just some of the many acts will be rock bands The Blush, Stone Cold Fiction and Cosmic Ninja; Baraka (World Music) and Bordello, Luna Blue and The Euphoria (Indie Rock). There will be Bluegrass from Slapface and the Hoagies, R&B and Funk from Verdisa, Hip-Hop from Kinsman, Blues from Vienna Ditto and acoustic performances from The Kookettes, Joe Carreyett and Rebecca Shelly, as well as Jazz from Charlie and Jake, the JJ Gatsby Band and Chameleonz.
Keynsham Brass Band will also be performing plus there will be a variety of dance acts.
Once again the festival will be hosting Keynsham and Saltford Lions’ fundraising Duck Race in the River Chew close to the Bandstand Stage in the afternoon.
For the full programme and timings go to http://www.keynshammusicfestival.co.uk/

Enjoy a Sunday get-together

Saltford Community Association invites people who would like some company to Afternoon Tea on the first Sunday of every month in 2017 from 2pm to 4pm.
A cuppa and cake will be served in the Avon Room at Saltford Hall.
For more information ring Julia Chandler on 0117 9837825.
Frenchay Flower Show

The 74th Frenchay Flower Show will be held on Saturday 15th July on the Common. The heart of the show will be the floral, fruit, vegetable and food exhibits in the main marquee. Photographic exhibits will be located on the ground floor of the Friends’ Meeting House. Teas provided by Frenchay and Hambrook WIs will be located in a separate marquee opposite the Friends’ Meeting House.

There will be entertainment from the Bristol Starlight Cheer Squad, Marshfield Brass Band, the Cleeve Singers and Morris dancers. At the Village Museum, there will be a vintage car show and vintage buses will ferry people between there and the showground.

There will be plenty of other attractions including a model railway, alpacas, hedgehogs, beekeepers, children’s amusements, books, plants and bric-a-brac stalls.

At the end of the afternoon the show awards will be presented and there will be an auction of donated produce. The event begins at 12.30pm and finishes at 5pm. Admission is £2.50 with accompanied children under 16 free.

For a schedule visit http://frenchayflowershow.com

Summer ceilidh on the farm

Bitton Village Residents’ Association is organising a summer ceilidh at Manor Farm in Upton Cheyney on Saturday 8th July from 6.30pm. The ceilidh will feature the Jellied Reels and the Jazz Beanz. Tickets are £15 for adults and £5 for children, with a family ticket costing £35. A barbecue is included and there will be a cash bar.

For tickets call Josette on 07753 460724.

Pick-Nic in the Park

The annual community fun day organised by the conservation group who look after the ancient Barrs Court Moat will take place on Sunday 9th July. MOATivation invite people to bring a picnic and come down to the moated park at Stephens Drive from noon.

Attractions will include a bouncy castle, face painting, spots and crafts, and people are invited to join in the annual litter picking competition.

Players to perform in garden

To celebrate their 50th anniversary, The Oldland Players are creating a very special outdoor production of Around the World in 80 Days in the garden at Cully Hall Farm, Ryedown Lane, Bitton, from Wednesday 12th to Saturday 15th July at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 each available by calling 0117 9329743.

Chairs will be provided and people are welcome to bring picnics and blankets.

Guided walk by river

The next guided footpath walk jointly organised by Bitton and Hanham Abbots parish councils is on Sunday 2nd July.

Meeting at 2.30pm in Common Road by Hanham Common, this will be a picturesque riverside walk to Conham and back. It is a flat walk until the climb up Troopers Hill if time permits.

The walks are open to all ages but those under 16 years should be accompanied by a responsible adult. Paths vary in condition. All include stiles or gates. If you bring a dog, you will be responsible for keeping it on a lead where appropriate.

Contact Clive on 07434 869429, or email clive@brett.org.uk to find out more.
Swineford

Phone monopole bid

Vodafone and Telefonica (O2) have now officially given prior notification to South Gloucestershire Council of their intention to install a 17.5m high monopole with two microwave dishes and two equipment cabinets on land near the Swan pub in Swineford.

They say there were a “small number” of objections received during an earlier “community consultation”, based on property values, visual impact and health and safety concerns.

Although Bitton Parish Council was consulted, local people heard about the consultation from word of mouth, rather than being contacted officially themselves.

Bitton Parish Council, which raised concerns during that consultation, was meeting on Monday this week to discuss the application (reference PK17/2499/PN1.)

Mangotsfield

Good report on primary school

Barley Close Community Primary School has received a Good Ofsted rating.

At the previous inspection two years, inspectors said the school needed improvement.

The latest report was published 12 June following a visit from the education watchdog in May.

The inspectors said headteacher Jo Williams provides effective and determined leadership and that leaders have raised expectations across the 386-pupil school and brought about significant improvement since the previous inspection.

Governors are said to know the school and play an effective and active role in supporting school leaders and initiatives.

The report says the quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good with the current teaching of reading particularly effective.

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England call-up for bowling club members

Jo Lau and Vincent O’Dornihan have both been picked to play for the England Short Mat Bowling Team, another brilliant achievement for Wellsway Short Mat Bowling Club in Keynsham.

Following on from their success at Wellsway School Sports Centre the club now have another venue at the Scout Hut in Ashton Way.

The club are looking for new members so if you have a few hours to spare on a Thursday afternoon from 1.15pm to 4.15pm you are invited to give it a go, whatever age or gender and with or without experience.

Equipment is provided and coaching is available.

The first 20 new members will be offered free membership. For more information call Dave Sawyer on 01225 872780 or just call in to the Scout Hut on a Thursday afternoon (there is free parking behind).

Meanwhile negotiations are under way for bowling sessions on Tuesday afternoon from 1.45pm 4.15pm and on a Saturday morning from 10am to noon. If you are interested call the number above.

B&NES Library service volunteers needed

Do you have a few free hours per month? B&NES library service always has opportunities for volunteers. These include choosing and then delivering books to their housebound readers, helping during the summer with the children’s Summer Reading Challenge and also assisting with the under 5s story times and Baby Bounce and Rhyme sessions.

If you are interested, someone from the library service will arrange to meet up with you, have a friendly chat and complete a short form which asks for two referees.

Contact Mike Plows either by email at mike.plows@vol-centre.org.uk or call 0781 556 4726.

Kingfisher Lodge Care Centre welcome you to attend our free events in July

Would you like to know more about Dementia?

Phil Harper from Barchester Health care will be delivering a presentation about Dementia Awareness

Wednesday 12th July 2017 at 18:30

Pippa Page from The Research Institute of the Care of Older people (RICE) will be delivering a presentation about research being conducted locally regarding care of the elderly and how you can get involved.

Tuesday 18th July 2017 at 18:30

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Residents are being asked to take part in a five-minute survey to say what they think about the council’s StreetCare services. The StreetCare department provides a wide range of services, including waste collections, maintaining roads and pavements, street lighting and winter maintenance. The council says the responses to the survey will help it improve the services it provides.

The survey, which you can find on the council’s website under Consultations, asks people what they think about the state of the roads, street lighting and traffic calming, and the condition of footpaths and pavements, grass verges, parks and open spaces.

Residents are also asked how well the authority deals with high winds, flooding, snow and ice, and how satisfied they are with waste collection and Sort It centres.

If you do not have access to a computer you can ask for a copy of the survey from your local library or One Stop Shop and return it to any library or use the Freepost address on the survey. By taking part you can be entered into a prize draw to win a £100 shopping voucher.

The survey closes on 7th July. The results will be published at the end of August.

St Keyna Primary School is very proud of its well-resourced Little Gems Nursery in its brand new purpose-built classroom.

The nursery is set in an attractive play area, including a small woodland, offering many opportunities for outside learning.

As part of a successful primary school, the nursery, which is led by a qualified teacher with many years of experience in Early Years, is able to offer a smooth transition into the Reception year.

If you would like to find out more about Little Gems, call 0117 9863852 to book a visit on the open morning on Thursday 13th July between 9.15am and 10.15am. If you are unable to make this time, call and arrange an alternative date.
Fishponds

Steiner Academy told to improve by Ofsted

The Steiner Academy in Fishponds has been told by Ofsted that it must improve.

It was the first time the school, which opened in 2014, had been inspected.

It has 268 pupils aged from four to 16 and is part of a group of Steiner Academies, state-funded schools that build on the ideas of Steiner education with a commitment to diversity and accessibility.

Ofsted said that the school, which is based on the St Matthias Campus, ‘Requires Improvement’ for effectiveness of its leadership and management; the quality of teaching, learning and assessment; personal development, behaviour and welfare, and outcomes for pupils. Early years’ provision, however, is rated as ‘Good’.

The inspectors found that disadvantaged pupils and those who have special educational needs and/or disabilities do not make similar progress to their peers in some subjects, although they acknowledged that provision has improved so students are now in a position to make better progress.

The report said some teachers do not consistently match work to the needs of pupils and some pupils do not demonstrate consistently positive attitudes to learning.

Among other concerns were that time is not always well used to ensure pupils make rapid progress, not all pupils are punctual to lessons and attendance overall is too low, with too many pupils persistently absent. The report also highlighted that exclusions are above average.

On the positive front, Ofsted said leaders and governors are taking the right action to improve aspects of the school’s work, such as teaching, assessment and behaviour. The inspectors said that the curriculum supports pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural education well and that leaders are taking advantage of the support they receive from external advisers to improve the quality of teaching, learning and assessment.

Also highlighted were the positive relationships, based on mutual respect, between staff and pupils, the good provision in the early years and that the Steiner ethos and curriculum develop pupils’ craft skills, imagination and creativity.

Commenting on the Ofsted report on its website, the school said: “The views of parents and carers, via Parent View, played a significant part in the inspection. Thank you to everyone who made their views known. “The school continues to grow and flourish. As we welcome a new principal in the coming academic year, the time is right to look forward, work together and ensure that Steiner Academy Bristol achieves its full potential. Many thanks to everyone for your support, belief and positivity on this rewarding journey.”

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