Round-the-clock works have this week begun on the Bromley Heath Viaduct. Although 24-hour working had been anticipated during the course of the 33-week repair and improvement project, South Gloucestershire Council only notified nearby residents last Thursday that it was due to start on Monday (25th). In a letter, it says: “We apologise for not informing you sooner but this work is taking place at short notice to ensure the works remain on schedule.”

The council has also given the dates of future 24-hour working periods and has invited residents to a meeting tomorrow evening (Thursday) to find out more.

The round-the-clock operation for coring works and then fixing steel reinforcement is set to continue until next Wednesday (4th October).

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The 24-hour working will then continue from next Thursday (5th October) until 21st October, and again from 11th to 29th November, for a process known as hydro-demolition to remove the reinforced concrete cantilevers on the viaduct. The council warns that this is noisy work and that it is doing everything it can to minimise the impact of 24-hour working.

The southern section of the viaduct, which carries the A4174 ring road towards the Hambrook lights, has been closed since the end of July, with all westbound traffic, along with cyclists and pedestrians, being diverted onto the northern viaduct. The council has been keeping people updated on the project on a special Bromley Heath Viaduct Facebook page.

Last week it posted pictures of a 15-metre high scaffolding structure, spanning the entire width of the viaduct, which it has almost finished building. At the top is a wide platform to allow access to the bridge decking and to provide a safe working environment.

There will be an update on the progress of the viaduct works at the next Downend, Bromley Heath & Emersons Green Community Engagement Forum which is taking place at Downend Baptist Church in Salisbury Road on Wednesday 11th October at 7pm.
Students get free

Dozens of students at St Brendan’s Sixth Form College at Brislington received the Men B vaccine and antibiotics as a precaution last Wednesday.

As we reported last week, a patient who is recovering well from meningitis B had social links with St Brendan’s student George Zographou who died of the disease in August.

Public Health England has offered ciprofloxacin to the family of the latest affected young person to reduce the risk of others becoming infected.

There have been two other cases in Bristol this month and those patients are also recovering and their close household contacts have been offered antibiotics.

The immunisation programme at St Brendan’s is in line with national guidance on the management of clusters of meningococcal disease.

PHE says the wider population in the city, and those who are not identified as part of this close social contact group, are not considered to be at any additional risk and the number of infections across Bristol as a whole remains very low.

Babies are now vaccinated against Men B but it is not routinely given to teenagers.

However, with St Brendan’s drawing students from a wide area, Boots, which offers the jab privately, has been inundated with bookings in stores locally, including Longwell Green.

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The annual general meeting of the North Common Village Hall will take place there on Thursday 5th October (8pm).

Group users of the hall in Millers Drive and local residents are invited to attend.

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Men B jabs

where there is a waiting list of up to a month. The vaccination costs £110 per dose, with a full vaccination requiring a course of two doses a month apart. Boots is donating £1 to the charity Meningitis Now for every child it vaccinates.

PHE’s advice at present is that students ensure they are up to date with all of their routine immunisations. This includes the Men ACWY vaccine which protects against other strains. It is urging people to maintain awareness of signs and symptoms of meningitis and septicaemia, and to seek urgent medical advice if they are concerned about their, or another person’s health. People should be aware of the symptoms which can include a fever, headache, rapid breathing, drowsiness, shivering, vomiting and cold hands and feet. It can also cause a characteristic rash which does not fade when pressed against a glass. Meningitis can sometimes present in teenagers without many of these characteristic symptoms, and in some cases individuals have displayed symptoms similar to those associated with gastroenteritis and/or joint pain.

People concerned about any of these symptoms are advised to seek medical advice immediately by calling their GP or NHS 111. More information can be found on the NHS Choices website, from the Meningitis Research Foundation on 0808 800 3344 (www.meningitis.org), and Meningitis Now, which has a 24-hour, nurse-staffed helpline - 0808 80 10 388 (www.meningitisnow.org/)

How meningitis is transmitted

The Meningitis Research Foundation says around one in four teenagers harmlessly carry meningococcal bacteria in the back of the nose and throat, but it is relatively unusual for the bacteria to invade the body and cause disease.

Meningococcal bacteria are transmitted from person to person by close contact with others such as coughing, sneezing, kissing etc.

Usually we have to be in very close or regular contact with someone for the bacteria to pass between us. Even when this happens, most of us will not become ill because we have natural immunity.

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Anger and frustration spilled over at a meeting in Warmley last week over the way Siston parish councillors have responded to the idea of an M4 Junction at Pucklechurch with a link road passing through both parishes.

Although Siston Parish Council has resolved to “totally reject” any route through the Siston’s protected Green Belt, open countryside and conservation area, some angry local residents feel that the councillors have failed to do enough to fight the so-called eastern option.

A consultation into the eastern option and a western option at Lyde Green is currently under way, and there have been a series of exhibitions, the last one being at Warmley Community Centre last Thursday just before Siston Parish Council met.

People are being asked to submit their comments to South Gloucestershire Council by 16th October. The feasibility study will be completed in March 2018, when it is due to be considered by South Glos councillors before the next steps are agreed.

Speaking at last Thursday’s Siston Parish Council meeting, chairman John Hunt said that a leaflet his council had produced telling people about the consultation and how to have their say had been delivered to all homes in the parish by a professional team of distributors and the councillors themselves.

And he said that if the concept scheme for an eastern Junction 18a progresses next March, then Siston Parish Council would be “at the forefront” of any opposition.

But Mary Webb, whose family own Gingells Farm at Shortwood Hill, and have
land in both Siston and Pucklechurch parishes, said she had been told at the exhibition that next March the council would be deciding which of the two eastern options to drop so they would still be left with one western and one eastern option. The eastern route, which would see a new roundabout junction on the B4465 near the overbridge north of Pucklechurch, has two suggested sub-options for a link road. Option A would be routed away from Pucklechurch to minimise the impact on the village, while Option B would be closer to Pucklechurch to minimise the impact on the natural environment. Either route would carve through the Webbs’ land to link up with the A4175 ring road. Inspired by all that neighbouring Pucklechurch Parish Council has been doing since July to help people fight the eastern option, some people in Siston parish have formed Siston Says No! which has a website – http://sistonsaysno.weebly.com/ – to keep people informed and tell them how they can object to the eastern option. Pucklechurch residents have been galvanised into fighting the eastern option through public meetings, drop-in sessions and via social media. Pucklechurch Parish Council is also planning a door-to-door campaign to urge residents to have their say before next month’s consultation deadline. Last Thursday there were calls for Cllr Hunt and his colleagues to resign, with Siston resident Zillah Savage saying a lot of local people were “extremely unhappy” with the way the parish council had performed and had lost all faith in them. The Siston residents who have forked out hundreds of pounds on banners and posters to highlight their objection to the eastern route asked the parish council to consider reimbursing them and their request was deferred until the October meeting.

New petition against Junction 18a

A petition was started last week against the idea of a proposed M4 Junction 18a. The petition, which is on the Change.org website, is targeted at South Gloucestershire Council and says that building a motorway junction through the Green Belt at any location suggested will increase traffic locally, increase pollution, increase noise, damage the environment, kill off wildlife, ruin age old villages and cost between £320m and £440m. The petition points out that there is access to Junction 18 through Westerleigh and to Junction 19 via two to three roundabouts from the ring road, and that building another motorway junction will increase traffic.

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After doing about 20 minutes’ work the man demanded immediate payment in cash. The elderly man was shocked by the amount charged and the incident was reported to police the following day.

The man was described as white, aged 25 to 30, and about 5ft 9in. He was driving a white or silver van or estate car with two ladders on the roof.

Neighbourhood beat manager PC Andy Cox said: “We’ve visited this gentleman and given him some crime prevention advice and our Bobby Van carpenter has made some improvements to his home security.

“We’d like to hear from anyone with information which could help our inquiries into this incident.”

Anyone who can help is asked to contact www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/contact, or call 101, quoting reference 5217208221. Alternatively ring the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. They never ask your name or trace your call.

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• If you’re not sure, don’t open the door.

• You’re legally entitled to a ‘cooling off’ period before work starts – and failure to provide a notice of cancellation rights is a criminal offence.

• Never give cash upfront.

• Keep your money in the bank, not at home.

• If you feel threatened or intimidated, close the door and call 999 straight away.

• If you or someone you know has been targeted by scammers or rogue traders, report it to Trading Standards through Citizens’ Advice on 03453 04 05 06.

• For more advice on how to avoid falling victim to a doorstep con, including setting up a No Cold Calling Zone, visit http://www.southglos.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/consumer-advice/doorstep-selling/

If you or someone you know is the victim of a crime and the offenders are still in the area call 999.

If you’ve had a caller you’re suspicious of then tell police by calling 101 straight away.

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1 - Easy

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**We need more variety in Keynsham**

**Dear Sir**

How disappointing to be told that the old hair salon in Keynsham (still about 20 left in the town), which is situated next to Bargain Booze, is to become... another nail bar - facing another nail bar. How does that make sense?

Suave Owl is a new vibrant men's designer clothes shop, which has just opened, a refreshing change for Temple Street. Let's hope people wander that far!! Also not forgetting Mdina, the latest trend for the ladies. Hoping that people still wander to Keynsham because sadly there is a big lack of variety.

The one-way system is pointless, just does not make sense. It should have been pedestrianised. Nice benches and more trees. Very much like Market Walk, all that potential and now it's become a feral meeting point outside Subway on an evening. Who on earth decides what comes to Keynsham? Hair salons, nail bars and more eateries. And Temple Street is to open up another deli, facing Subway. Just does not make sense.

A Davy

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**Yellow lines are a ‘waste of time’**

**Dear Sir**

South Gloucestershire Council has been doing a survey on parking issues in the Bridge Road area and has decided to put down double yellow lines to combat parking problems. The police have stated that they will not bother over double yellow lines unless it is a complete obstruction, so why waste time and materials to plaster the area with something that will make no difference?

I think it’s about time that departments share their issues as I have been asking questions of the council, including the chief executive, for the last 10 years and I don’t get answers.

B Venn

Kingswood

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**Mr Sas is in denial**

**Dear Stephen**

Despite the outgoing Labour Chancellor’s quip to his unfortunate successor in 2010 that ‘the kitty is empty’, Mr Sas in his letter (Issue 492) is in denial when he claims Jacob Rees-Mogg MP is out of touch for supporting an austerity programme and austerity cuts - they were inevitable.

I'm confident his ‘local decent people’ will demonstrate his misconceptions at the next election. His view of the truth regarding the political party responsible for Grenfell Tower is even more bizarre, because he did not agree with them.

Whatever respect he may have gained himself. Whatever respect he may have gained from such an open and honest approach must have evaporated within days when he turned his attention to the dramatic increase in the use of food banks. No, it had nothing to do with Universal Credit or cuts to in-work benefits. More people are using them because his Conservative Government changed the rules to allow job centres to refer people to food banks.

Religious principles are one thing but blind faith is sadly, something else completely.

Michael O’Regan

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**The fight against diabetes**

**Dear Editor**

21st September marked the birthday of HG Wells, a father of science fiction. Wells was diagnosed with diabetes in his early 60s, and in 1934 he announced the formation of the Diabetic Association (now Diabetes UK) with a letter to The Times.

Our first research grant was awarded the very next year: £50, the equivalent of around £3,000 in today’s money. Fast-forward to 2017 and we’re backing 130 research projects across the UK, worth a total of £25m.

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Since then, we have never shied away from the fight against diabetes; whether by influencing policy, driving improvements in care or funding pioneering research, together we’ve done whatever it takes to fight diabetes. We campaigned for free access to insulin, and the creation of the National Health Service. This year we started to campaign to make Flash Glucose Monitoring, a life-changing technology for many people with diabetes, available on the NHS. And this month, together, we made it happen.

But Diabetes UK’s vision is a world where diabetes can do no harm, and we are still far from achieving that. Diabetes is the most devastating and fastest growing health crisis of our time. About 4.5 million people in the UK are living with the condition, and 11.9 million are at risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. There is currently no cure. As the leading UK charity for people affected by diabetes, it’s our responsibility to lead the fight against the growing crisis. And this fight is one that involves all of us – sharing knowledge and taking diabetes on together.

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Annika Palmer
Diabetes UK South West regional head

Thanks for handing in my purse
Dear Sir
I would like to thank the person who handed in my purse when I had dropped it in the Lidl store in Hanham, saving me much worry and bother.
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Mrs P Billingham

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A man has been ordered to pay more than £1,500 after pleading guilty to waste-related offences.

Michael White, of Kelbra Crescent, Frampton Cotterell was prosecuted by South Glos Council’s environmental protection team after fly-tipped household and garage waste (including motorcycle parts, engine oil and cardboard packaging), was discovered at Henfield Road in Lyde Green on 2nd May. Evidence found amongst the fly-tip identified White, who attended the council’s offices for interview where he stated that the waste belonged to him and had been taken away by a friend but should have been taken to the recycling centre for disposal. He refused to name the person and admitted he had liability for his waste.

At Bristol Magistrates’ Court on 15th September, White pleaded guilty to two charges; one for the breach of his duty of care and the other for failing to provide information. He was fined £250 for each of the two offences, plus costs of £977.50 and a £30 victim surcharge.

After the court case the council’s Cabinet member for Communities & Tourism Cllr Heather Goddard said: “There is no excuse for fly-tipping which is why our ongoing campaign against offenders continues. It is an issue that affects our communities and harms the local environment, but could so easily be avoided as our Sort It centres are open from 8.30am to 4.30pm, seven days a week. “The duty of care to ensure the proper disposal of waste rests with everyone. If you fly-tip rubbish in South Gloucestershire, you can expect to be caught and prosecuted.”

Residents are advised to only give their rubbish to an Environment Agency registered waste carrier. Check whether the waste carrier is registered by calling the Environment Agency on 08708 506506 or by checking at http://epr.environment-agency.gov.uk/ePRInternet/searchregisters.aspx Ask for a registered trading address and contact telephone number for the trader and get a receipt.

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Local MP Chris Skidmore even wrote to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javid, in support of the parish council’s plans to protect this part of Siston Common.

But now Siston Parish Council has been informed that it actually doesn’t need the permission of the Secretary of State and that South Glos Council does in fact have the power to do the works. The parish council is now deciding how to proceed. The Week In has asked South Glos if it wishes to comment on the legal confusion.

It appears that Siston Parish Council does not need permission from the Secretary of State after all to safeguard the common land in front of the Horseshoe pub, pictured, from illegal encampments.

Hoping to protect the land before the start of the 2017 traveller season, parish councillors had attended a meeting with South Gloucestershire Council last November when they’d hoped that permission would be given to carry out works to protect the area.

But South Glos said it was restricted by the Commons Act 2006 and 1904 Scheme of Management and was unable to approve any further works to protect common land within the parish as 150 metres of the allowed 200 metres had already been used to protect nearby Siston Park from travellers.

Parish councillors were advised that an application to the Secretary of State to seek permission for the works was the only course of action available so they appointed South Gloucestershire’s design engineering team to come up with a scheme and held a consultation on the subsequent plans for a metre-high bund before submitting their application.

Call for review of ‘failed’ gypsy/traveller policy

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Call for education review

Labour councillor Gareth Manson was today (Wednesday) due to address the Scrutiny Commission to call for a review of all the factors which contribute to “disappointing education outcomes” in South Gloucestershire for students at Key Stages 4 and 5.

He hopes a review will identify why recent initiatives have not worked, what can be done to make them work and what else can be done.

Earlier this year the South West regional director of Ofsted said South Gloucestershire is his “biggest concern” because of the poor performance of its secondary schools.
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Legoland Windsor
Tue 24 Oct
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London Attractions
Imperial War Museum
Oct 5 / Nov 16
Adult £24* 60piv £23* Child £19*

MADELLA TUSSAUDS
Oct 29
Adult £44* 60piv £43* Child £35*

The Shard
Oct 1 & 8
Adult £37* 60piv £36* Child £45*

London Days Out
Sat & Sun
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Oct 8 & 9 60piv £53* 60piv £45*445

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Sun 1 Covent Garden Shopping - London £26.95
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Thurs 5 Kensington Palace (Diana Exhibition) £49.95
Thurs 5 Imperial War Museum - London £26.95
Sat 7 London London Theatre Day £159.95
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Sun 8 London Day Out / Shopping / Museums £26.95
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Saltford

**Busy year for Guides**

It’s been a busy year for Saltford Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. Faced with the prospect of a winter without heating at their HQ, they embarked on a range of fundraising activities to replace the failed heating system.

A sponsored walk to Bath, along with a grant from Saltford Parish Council and a lot of help from local firm AC Martin resulted in a brand new gas central heating system.

In June, the Guides and Brownies enjoyed their first camp for a number of years and the Rainbows joined them at Briarlands near Upton Cheyney for a day of activities together. Other outings in the year included a visit to Mindblowers in Bristol where the girls tried their hands at circus skills including unicycle, plate spinning and even a human pyramid.

The new school year has seen expansion for the group as well with the opening of an extra Rainbows unit for girls aged five to seven to meet increased demand. There is another busy year of activities planned for all ages and next summer, the Guides will even be navigating a canal boat on the Kennet & Avon.

For more information on joining Saltford Guides, Brownies or Rainbows email saltforddistrictguides@gmail.com

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Keynsham

**Help to get online**

Next week is ‘Get Online Week’ (2nd-8th October) and to mark the occasion, Community at 67 is holding a special event aimed at getting people who are not confident using the internet to do just one thing they would normally do at a shop, bank or doctor’s surgery.

The special event is on Saturday 7th October from 10am to 1pm at the centre in Queens Road. There will be plenty of support on hand for anyone who needs a guiding hand to use the internet to access services and facilities, and it’s completely free of charge. Adrian Inker, vice chair of Community at 67 said: “Almost everyone has heard about some of the ways the internet can help you save money, save time, and make life easier and more fun. But if you’re not confident using a computer, tablet or smartphone, or you’ve heard about some of the dangers of being online, it can be difficult to take that next step.

“At the event, we will be showing people what the internet can be used for, including some basic tasks such as shopping or finding information to the more exciting aspects, such as how they can speak to people across the world using Skype or with Google Earth look at the house they grew up in, wherever that is in the world.”

Community at 67 also runs a weekly internet cafe every Friday morning, operated by volunteers who provide one-to-one support.

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Priston

10th anniversary success for festival

Priston was awash with colour, music and dance last weekend for the village’s 10th annual festival.
The main village green stage showcased a dozen different soloists and bands while the smaller café area stage was also busy. There were workshops and gigs in the pub, church and village hall and a children’s tent, and on Sunday, more than 70 Morris dancers thronged the village green.
The festival has grown over the years and now attracts people from quite a wide area – even getting a mention on the Cerys Matthews show on BBC Radio 6 Music this year.
It truly is a community effort, with about 100 of the villagers and others being involved one way or another and without whose help and support, the festival could not take place.

Saltford

Care home hosts fundraising fete

Staff, residents, relatives and the local community came together at Kingfisher Lodge Care Centre to enjoy a summer fete on 9th September.
Activities throughout the day included live entertainment by Andy Tee, tombola, games and gift stalls, and money raised went to Keynsham & Saltford Dementia Awareness and the Alzheimer’s Association.
Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn has ridiculed the delay in electrifying the Great Western Railway line between Bristol and Bath. Millions of pounds have already been spent on preparing this stretch of the line for electrification but last year the Government controversially announced a “deferral” of work west of Chippenham. The Rail Minister said the overhead wires would not be installed west of Chippenham in order to save money which could be spent “elsewhere” on the network.

Transport Secretary Chris Grayling went on to say that with new bi-mode (diesel and electric) trains being delivered soon, there would be no significant gain from completing electrification. Mr Corbyn was asked in an interview with the BBC’s Sunday Politics West show, screened at the weekend, whether the electrification process should be completed between Bristol and Bath. He lambasted the Government’s decision, saying: “It is ridiculous to have that gap and it is going to become the butt of humour for decades to come. “The idea you electrify to Bath and then stop short of going to Bristol – what does it say about Bath and Bristol? Come on, it’s not very far. Let’s electrify that bit.”
World’s first IVF baby to open new shop

The world’s first IVF baby, Louise Brown, will officially open a new shop in Church Road that helps parents on a budget buy everything for their baby. Born In Bristol is the first retail venture of former local nursery nurses Georgina Pring and Lisa Turner and will supply pre-loved baby essentials as well as some new items.

Louise Brown, who was born in 1978, was the first ever person born through IVF, with her parents Lesley and John Brown travelling from Bristol to Oldham to receive the pioneering treatment, which is commonplace today. She will be officially opening the shop on Saturday 14th October (11am) and anyone visiting can buy signed copies of her book, which tells the story of her world-changing birth and the worldwide reaction. Louise worked with Georgina and Lisa as a nursery nurse after she left school.

St George

Sarah’s
Short Cuts
Barbershop

NO APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY

Gents £14; Boys 12 & under £10; Boys 13 to 15 £12; Boy’s Restyle £16; Gents Restyle £19; Clipper Cut (1 grade) £12; Clipper Cut (more than 1 grade) £14; O,A,P (over 65) Mon/Tues £7.50, Thurs/Fri £8.50, Sat £10; Beard Trim £5; Sunday Cuts all £17; Re-styles will cost more

Mon, Tues, Fri 9am - 5.30pm; Thurs/late night 10am-7.30pm; Sat 8.30-3.00; Open Sundays 10am-2pm. Closed Wednesdays.

Far end of the High Street, opposite Keynsham Church
No. 9, Station Road, Keynsham, Bristol BS31 2BN

Keynsham
Free hearing checks

The Royal National Institute for Deaf people (RNID) is organising free hearing checks at Keynsham Library and One Stop Shop on Market Walk next Friday (6th October) and on the first Friday of subsequent months.

A volunteer from Action on Hearing Loss will be present between 10am and 1pm to talk to you if you have any concerns about your hearing or that of a member of your family.

If you are not able to get to the One Stop Shop, the RNID also has a service where you can text yourself over the phone. Simply call 0844 800 3838 (local rate) or visit the website www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/hearingcheck

Timsbury
Talk on South Africa

Next month’s meeting of the Timsbury Natural History Group will hear about John Martin’s recent trip to the South Cape and Kruger National Park in South Africa.

The meeting takes place at Conygre Hall, Timsbury on Monday 16th October at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome (£3) and refreshments will be served.

To find out more call Martin Hunt on 01761 433234.
Man jailed for murdering his stepdad

A man who bludgeoned his stepfather with a hammer has been jailed for life for murder. Martyn Ford, 38, of no fixed address, will serve a minimum term of 20 years and four months.

He appeared at Bristol Crown Court on Friday and admitted killing Ian Baker, 58, whose body was discovered by neighbours at his house on Hungerford Road, Brislington, on 4th June.

A large-scale investigation was subsequently launched by Avon & Somerset’s Major Crime Investigation Team and Ford was arrested the following day.

A post-mortem examination later found Mr Baker died as a result of severe head injuries. Detective Sergeant Neil Meade said: “This was a brutal murder in which an innocent man lost his life after being violently bludgeoned with a hammer. Specially trained officers have been supporting Mr Baker’s family throughout the duration of this awful ordeal and I hope they will now be able to take further comfort with the judge’s sentence.

“Nothing will ever bring Mr Baker back but hopefully they can move on with their lives knowing Ford will spend the next 20 years in a prison cell.”

Fishponds

Appeal after distressed woman is found

Police are appealing for the public’s help following an early morning incident in the Fishponds area.

On Monday 14th August, shortly after 5am, a woman woke up lying in the road. She says she has a hazy recollection of what happened but remembers a white van and then waking up in the street and knocking at a nearby house for help.

Police are keen to piece together what has happened and would like to hear from anyone who remembers seeing a woman, who might have appeared confused, on that day.

A spokesperson said: “We would particularly like to hear from anyone who may have seen a white van in the Fishponds Road or Stapleton Road area of the city around 5am.

“We are also keen to trace a man who may have stopped and assisted the woman in the street.

“If you believe you have information to help our enquiries, please call us, quoting reference 5217185532.”
The annual harvest auction held at the Upton Inn at Upton Cheyney last week in aid of the Bitton & Oldland branch of the Royal British Legion raised £1,186. The auction is always well supported by the community. The organisers thank the landlord and his team, auctioneer David Hawking, and Oldland Brass for the music before and during the Harvest Service which was conducted by the Rev Richard Humphrey.

Holy Trinity Church has been awarded an £84,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for repairs to its vestry and for a heritage project.

The project aims to carry out urgent structural repairs to the ‘At Risk’ Grade II* church to ensure that it remains open and available to local people and visitors. It will create opportunities for engagement with the heritage and architecture for all, especially school-children, and will allow greater use of the building by students of heritage, campanology, music, drama and location filming.

Work on the heritage project will start in early autumn and the repairs will be done during the winter months. There has been a church on the site since the 11th century. The current building was constructed in the 14th century with the tower added a century later. Rosemarie Bailey, Parochial Church Council treasurer, said: “We are very grateful to have received this generous support thanks to the National Lottery players. The repairs will serve as a good example of church restoration and we are delighted that the church’s heritage will have more detailed publicity in future.”

Nerys Watts, head of HLF South West, said: “Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players, we’re delighted to support this project which will secure the future of Holy Trinity Church and share its heritage with the community which it has stood at the heart of Newton St Loe for centuries.”

The East Bristol Intermediate Care Centre based in Summerhill Terrace has been rated as Good overall by the Care Quality Commission. Inspectors visited in July and the report was published earlier this month. At the time of the inspection the reablement service was supporting 40 people by providing care and support in their own homes.

The Forest of Avon Trust is running three courses next month aimed at providing teachers, nursery leaders and support workers with forest and outdoor education skills. From basic skills and first aid training through to a Level 3 Certificate in Forest School Leadership, the courses take place at the charity’s headquarters at Kings Weston House in Bristol and, for the leadership course, at Tintern in the Wye Valley. The Introduction to Forest School Principles takes place on 9th & 10th October and explores a range of activities to use with groups. The first aid course on 18th & 19th October is specially tailored for those working outdoors with groups of children or adults. The Ascentis Level 3 Certificate course runs from 23rd to 27th October in Tintern and will require a further three days of training on dates to be agreed. This course covers everything from woodland management, site maintenance and risk assessments to the safe use of tools and species identification. Trainees are also taught practical skills such as fire-lighting, campfire cooking and knife-work. For more details on all of these course and bookings visit www.forestofavontrust.org

The annual harvest auction held at the Upton Inn at Upton Cheyney last week in aid of the Bitton & Oldland branch of the Royal British Legion raised £1,186. The auction is always well supported by the community. The organisers thank the landlord and his team, auctioneer David Hawking, and Oldland Brass for the music before and during the Harvest Service which was conducted by the Rev Richard Humphrey.
Mobile speed camera locations

Here are the locations in our area that police mobile speed cameras are targeting this week (starting 25th September).

Bath & North East Somerset:
In Saltford on Manor Road and Norman Road; on the A431 Kelston Road; in Keynsham on Albert Road, Rock Road, Queens Road and Coronation Avenue; on the A37 Pensford Hill.

South Gloucestershire:
On the A431 Bath Road at Swineford; at Mill Lane, Barry Road and High Street in Oldland; in Hanham on Abbots Road and Whittucks Road; in Longwell Green on Court Farm Road; in Cadbury Heath on Parkwall Road; in Warmley on Tower Lane; in Kingswood on Court Road; on Blackhorse Road in Mangotsfield, on the A4174 Avon Ring Road near Junction 1 of the M32 and on the A417 at Bromley Heath.

Bristol:
In St George on the A420 Bell Hill Road/Two Mile Hill Road, on Air Balloon Road, Nags Head Hill and Hillside Road; in Brislington on the A4174 Callington Road, Hungerford Road, Talbot Road, Allison Road and Wick Road; in Stockwood on Stockwood Lane, Sturminster Road and Ladman Road; in Whitehall on Gordon Avenue, and on Blackswarborough Road in Redfield.

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Standing ovation for performance poet Lemn Sissay

If Something Dark is a poem that needs to be performed, it has to be the poet who performs it.

A sold-out audience in The Space in Keynsham last Friday was privileged to experience the charm and charisma of Lemn Sissay (MBE, Chancellor of Manchester University, etc.) performing Something Dark, a long poem which is an account of his search for his family in Ethiopia and the Gambia after a childhood in England of unscrupulous foster parents and care homes.

Only the poet himself can describe these dark times and quest for identity with humour, passion and sensitivity.

This show, brought to The Space by the enthusiasm of Larissa Roberts, who previously brought the film Love Thy Nature to Keynsham, will surely serve further to put Keynsham on the map as a place for arts and cultural events of the highest quality. The performance was one of just 15 shows in a UK autumn tour, and a considerable boost to the kudos of Keynsham as an arts venue nestled in between its two bigger and illustrious cousins.

The performance of the piece lasted a riveting hour and was followed by a further hour of audience question-and-answer discussion with the poet. It was clear that many of the audience had questions which related to both the poet’s and their own family issues.

Something Dark is now on the A-level English Literature reading list and clearly says a great deal about issues of childcare and welfare. The standing ovation for Lemn Sissay was a credit to the Keynsham audience.

Events at The Space over the autumn include the second Comedy Club evening on October 6th, following last month’s highly successful first show, a concert of country-flavoured rock by the locally popular Phoenix River Band on October 20th, and the promise of a special concert by the unmissable Gavin Osborn to locally preview his new and successful Keynsham-based album Echo Bridge.

Ric Davison
Keynsham Arts Consortium

Famous visitors drop in at Bitton and Warmley

‘Sir Winston Churchill’ and ‘King George VI’ were seen out and about at the annual 1940s event hosted by Avon Valley Railway at the weekend. There were displays of military vehicles in the car park at Bitton Station, vintage bus rides to Warmley Signal Box, where this picture is taken, and a display of the former Somerdale factory Sentinel locomotive which is being restored at Avon Valley Railway. There was also 1940s style entertainment.

More than 6,000 children take part in reading challenge

More than 6,000 children took part in the Summer Reading Challenge 2017 run by South Gloucestershire Council. This year’s ‘Animal Agents’ theme featured a host of clever creatures and furry friends specially trained to use their skills and natural instincts to unravel mysteries.

To complete the challenge and collect their medal and certificate, children read six books whilst solving clues along the way. In addition, 70 people volunteered to support children taking part in the challenge by listening to them talk about their books and helping with activities in the library.
## Local Planning Applications

### Decisions

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<td>34 Chandos Road, Keynsham, BS31 2DB</td>
<td>Erection of two storey and single storey rear extension.</td>
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<td>33 Boyd Road, Saltford, BS31 3AU</td>
<td>Erection of single storey front porch and two storey side extension.</td>
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<tr>
<td>56 Whittington Road Bristol BS16 2PU</td>
<td>Proposed 3no. bed single dwelling house</td>
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<tr>
<td>30 North Devon Road Bristol BS16 2EU</td>
<td>Proposed use of property into a shared dwelling house. Large HMO for seven people</td>
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<tr>
<td>90 Selborne Crescent Bristol BS15 2PR</td>
<td>Proposed three-bedroom dwelling with associated works.</td>
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<tr>
<td>99 Court Farm Road Bristol BS14 0EE</td>
<td>Proposed two storey extension to side and porch to front.</td>
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<tr>
<td>15 Worcester Close Bristol BS16 3PW</td>
<td>Erection of a two-storey, 3-bedroomed, detached house.</td>
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<tr>
<td>13 Heathcote Road Bristol BS16 4DQ</td>
<td>Erection of a part single and two storey rear extension, single storey, side extension and porch. Side extension at first floor level and single storey, rear extension.</td>
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<tr>
<td>148 Burchells Green Road Bristol BS15 1DX</td>
<td>Rear two storey extension and to raise the roof (in line with both neighbouring dwellings), proposed roof extension and create access from the house to the garden.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chapel Cottage 305 Crews Hole Road Bristol BS5 8BQ</td>
<td>Demolition of garage and erection of two storey three-bedroom dwelling with integral garage Two storey side extension Creation of additional vehicular access.</td>
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<tr>
<td>336 Church Road St George Bristol BS5 8AJ</td>
<td>First floor dormer extension.</td>
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<tr>
<td>24 Craydon Road Bristol BS14 8TR</td>
<td>Erection of a two storey rear extension.</td>
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<tr>
<td>10 Victoria Road Warmley BS30 5LD</td>
<td>Domestic single storey front extension.</td>
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<tr>
<td>10 Home Field Close Emersons Green BS16 7BH</td>
<td>Erection of entrance canopy to front elevation and erection of porch to rear side elevation. Improvement to existing disabled access ramp to include glass panelling, removal of external chimney stack and installation of external air-conditioning unit.</td>
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<td>15 Victoria Road Hanham BS15 3QI</td>
<td>Change of Use from shop (Class A1) to mixed use for shop, restaurant and hot food takeaway</td>
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<td>The Cave 77 Hill Street Kingswood BS15 4HA</td>
<td>Erection of a two storey rear extension.</td>
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<td>5 Orchard Road Kingswood BS15 9TQ</td>
<td>Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension.</td>
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<tr>
<td>4 Greenore Kingswood BS15 8ER</td>
<td>Alterations to roof to facilitate loft conversion.</td>
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<tr>
<td>3A Morley Road Staple Hill BS16 4QS</td>
<td>Erection of a two storey rear extension and alterations to roof to facilitate loft conversion.</td>
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### New Applications

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<td>Conversion of one 3no. bed dwelling into two 3no. dwellings.</td>
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<td>87 Grange Road, Saltford, BS31 3AQ</td>
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<td>2 Walnut Close, Keynsham, BS31 2RP</td>
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<td>4 Chestnut Walk, Saltford, BS31 3BG</td>
<td>Erection of a 2 storey side and single storey rear extension and alterations including attic conversion to replace existing garage and side extension.</td>
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<tr>
<td>21 Pilgrims Wharf Bristol BS4 4HX</td>
<td>Proposed loft conversion including addition of roof windows.</td>
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<tr>
<td>29 Kimberley Road Bristol BS16 5AE</td>
<td>Erection of two storey building containing two x 2-bed flats and associated works.</td>
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<tr>
<td>28 Uplands Road Bristol BS16 4JY</td>
<td>Single storey rear extension.</td>
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<td>79 Kingsway Bristol BS15 8AJ</td>
<td>New garage to replace existing.</td>
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<tr>
<td>97 Two Mile Hill Road Bristol BS15 1BL</td>
<td>Erection of detached building containing two maisonettes, with landscaping, bin and cycle storage.</td>
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<td>135 Kingsway Bristol BS5 8NQ</td>
<td>Creation of vehicular access and parking area within front garden area.</td>
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<td>46 Westcourt Dr Oldland Common BS30 9SB</td>
<td>Erection of a single storey front and a single storey rear extension.</td>
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<td>29 Cleeve Hill Downden BS16 6ET</td>
<td>Erection of a single storey front extension.</td>
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<tr>
<td>212 High Street Hanham BS15 3HJ</td>
<td>Demolition of existing building and erection of 3no. dwellings with associated works.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 Sally Barn Close Longwell Green BS30 9AN</td>
<td>Erection of a single storey side and rear extension.</td>
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<td>4 Elm Road Kingswood BS15 9SP</td>
<td>Erection of 1no attached dwelling, with access and associated works.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Land at Court Road Kingswood BS15 8PX</td>
<td>Erection of a single storey rear extension to existing dwelling.</td>
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<tr>
<td>24 Burley Grove Mangotsfield BS16 5QA</td>
<td>Erection of 2no dwellings with access and associated works.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Grove Farm Coxgrove Hill BS16 9NL</td>
<td>Demolition of existing garage. Erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extensions.</td>
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<td>12 St Helens Drive Wick BS30 5PS</td>
<td>Demolition of existing stables and erection of replacement stable block.</td>
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