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Welcome to the Autumn edition of Keynsham News, while we are sad to see the summer start to come to an end, we're excited for the autumn and all the things we have to look forward to over the next few months. In this issue, you can find all the latest from the Keynsham High Street Heritage Action Zone and updates from the In Bloom team as well as a chance to acknowledge this year's good citizens.

If you're interested in appearing in future issues, make sure to get in touch with the Town Council ready for our winter issue before the 21st October - we'd love to feature your news, photos and events!

For now, we hope you enjoy what is left of the summer and we will see you in a couple of months.

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The next issue of Keynsham News will be distributed in November. To feature in the next issue, please get in touch by 21st October.

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME



Well, summer will soon be far behind us, I hope you made the most of the good weather. There were some very hot spells and wet ones too.

The 2022 Music Festival, was close to its best but did suffer somewhat due to inclement weather. It was the 25th festival which is a great achievement for our town and my thanks goes to all the many volunteers who helped run it, to the dedicated team of trustees who work so hard behind the scenes to put on the best week in Keynsham every year. It was lovely to see the Futura musicians at the Temple Street Canteen, where many talented young people showed us their ability. I have been involved in the management for 23 years and it is always a treat, though as I get older, it takes me longer to recover! Thanks must also go to the Town Council who award a grant each year to the festival which covers about a quarter of the cost. The rest is raised by the trustees working with our community.

Also, once again, Keynsham in Bloom made the town look beautiful and were given their just rewards by the judges again this year. A small, dedicated group of enthusiasts make sure that our town blossoms

every year. If you want to get involved with either of these activities, please contact me and I will pass your name to those who matter.

I am pleased to be able to introduce some new staff to the Town Council team. Welcome to Katherine Sears, Deputy Town Clerk, Ian Kent, Finance Office and Alan Jenner, Assistant Town Clerk. Each brings specific expertise which means that we now have a larger team to serve our growing town with a wider range of knowledge.

We now look forward to those glorious autumn colours, the events that make this season in our town so special, the Eco Festival, Heritage Open Days, the much-appreciated Remembrance Service at the Memorial Gates and in St John's before. Enjoy being part of the special community that is Keynsham.

Andy Wait, Chair of Keynsham Town Council
andy.wait@keynsham-tc.gov.uk

Remembrance Parade 13th November 2022

On Sunday 13th November Keynsham residents will line the streets to show respect to those fallen in service.

Our annual Remembrance Parade will start at St John's Church following the Remembrance Service, then pass through the High Street to the Memorial Park gates to lay the Poppy wreaths.



More of the event and the road closures will be publicised nearer the time

KEYNSHAM IN BLOOM

As I start this article my doors and windows are wide open and, because we are West facing, there is little direct sunshine yet. Later this afternoon the patio will be sizzling so it's umbrella out and an ice cold G&T before supper. Smashing!!

Now to the important stuff.

Being clay based my soil is like cement as are many areas for which Keynsham In Bloom are responsible and this has caused headaches especially with the judging which took place on 21st July for South West In Bloom.

When all seemed lost and our containers could look like straw, once again volunteers and businesses in the High Street stood up to be counted. I have popped into the following businesses and left watering cans and bravo our containers are thriving.

Thank you to Wild About Flowers who have adopted Betty who is outside of HSBC.

Thank you to the Coventry Building Society who have adopted Colourful Camelia at the end of Charlton Road.

Thank you to Timbercraft for adopting Elizabeth and for all our KIB volunteers who are watering Ethel, Bill, Ben, Bertie and Patricia. Great work.

I was privileged on the 23rd June to join Paul Benn and Dawn Drury to judge our local garden and allotment entrants and my goodness the level of expertise was overwhelming. Such dedicated gardeners.

We took our South West In Bloom judges on a tour of many of our projects and community group entries on the 21st July. We now nervously await the results which we will collect on the 13th October in Crewkerne. All members are hoping we retain our gold standards.

Our volunteers have worked extremely hard to



An example of one lovely display outside of the library.

make our town colourful, pleasing to live and to encourage visitors via road and rail. What would Keynsham do without them?

Mary Woodman

ASP POETRY CIRCLE

Join us at the ASP Poetry Circle, on the third Monday of each month from 10.00am to 11.00am.

We meet the Libourne Lounge at Keynsham Library. Bring two or three poems to share; your own or other poets, find out more: www.asppoetrycircle.wordpress.com/

Contact Dee: wetwo@gentlyblown.co.uk

COUNCIL TO ATTEND **ECO FESTIVAL**

At the Keynsham Town Council stand at the Eco Festival on Saturday 15th October, Councillors will be giving away wild flower seeds and advice about helping hedgehogs.

The Council has already this year given away 500 small packets of wildflowers to local residents. This was such a success that we will be repeating this at the Festival. If you planted one of our seed packs this year, please visit us on the day and tell us how they did.

Our hedgehogs have been in rapid decline in recent years, over 50% since 2000. One reason is that their roaming areas to find food, shelter and mates have been reduced by garden fences

leaving no spaces for them to get through. One way to make your garden hedgehog friendly is to make it part of a Hedgehog Highway! Come and talk to us about how you do this and we can even give you a free 'Hedgehog Highway arch' for your fence!

Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Committee Cllr Alan Greenfield said, 'We want to help save and improve our natural environment in our fight against Climate Change and its effects. By all working together we can make a real difference. We hope to see you at this fantastic event again this year and please visit the Keynsham Town Council stand.'

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COUNCIL'S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR **MARY BURNARD**

Keynsham & District Talking Newspaper's Listener Liaison Officer and Founder, Mary Burnard, was recently presented with the Keynsham Town Council Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021-22 at the Keynsham Annual Town Meeting 2022 held in April and also received a donation to the work of the KTN.

Mary formed Keynsham & District Talking Newspaper in 1983. It is a free service, staffed by volunteers, which serves blind and partially sighted people from Bristol, Bath, Somerset and further afield.

She has continued with KTN for nearly 39 years and is still a reader at its weekly magazine recordings for its listeners, as well as the Listener Liaison Officer.

Since its inception, several thousand blind or partially sighted people have enjoyed listening to KTN's weekly recordings or attending the Christmas Carol Services and tea parties arranged for its volunteers, listeners and their helpers.

The Service continues to move with the times, with comedian Bill Bailey becoming patron in 2019, and the Service moving from cassette tape to USB stick in 2013. The committee is now investigating adding a new listening option via computer or smartphone.

Mike Crane, Chair of KTN, said: "We are extremely pleased to see this award from Keynsham Town Council and the well-deserved recognition for all of Mary's hard work and effort over the years. Our post-Covid plans focus on increasing awareness of the service and making sure that people from Bristol, Bath, Somerset, and anywhere in the UK know that they or a family member can sign up to the service free of charge."



Mike Corrigan, Senior Technician for KTN, adds: "In the last few months, KTN has launched a new website, which is designed to be clearer and easier to navigate, www.ktn.org.uk. Local people may also have spotted our new posters and leaflets in shops and community halls.

"We welcome new listeners to our free service, it is ideal for people who are unable to read newsprint and who want to enjoy local news and magazine items on topics including historic places, local personalities, recipes and information on changes in national benefits and entitlements."

If you or someone you know is unable to read newsprint, we would be delighted to supply them with the KTN service. If they do not have the means to play memory sticks, we can supply an easy-to-use box to play them on.

Contact: 0117 299 3021. Website: www.ktn.org.uk

KEYNSHAM HIGH STREET HERITAGE ACTION ZONE

An update on the Temple Street Public Space Improvements:

Last year we asked you what you thought of the Temple Street Improvement designs. Thank you for your feedback. It has been carefully considered by the project team and has been used to inform the designs.

An 'Updates and Next Steps' document detailing amendments made to the design in response to feedback has been published on the HiKeynsham website and a hard copy is available to view at Keynsham Town Council's office on Temple Street. Informal briefing sessions have been held with Keynsham Town Council, local businesses, residents and landowners within the Temple Street area.

One of the key design changes is retaining more of the car parking spaces outside the shops on Temple Street. The programme has also been broken down into phases with an initial focus on new planting, seating and cycle parking to be installed, to trial some of these ideas ahead of the designs being finalised for permanent works.

Public space improvement and works to be completed by end of March 2023 will include:

- **Phase 2A:** new planters, cycle parking, seating and parklets on the east side of the street.
- **Phase 2B:** new natural stone realigned pavement, upgraded lighting, improved disabled bays and preparation for future provision of a new pedestrian crossing.

Having a full detailed design for the remaining phases puts the team in a strong position to access future additional funding.

More details can be found at this link:
www.hikeynsham.co.uk/event/temple-street-public-realm-improvement-project/

Shopfront Improvement Project

Within Keynsham's High Street Heritage Action Zone (HS HAZ) Programme, up to £223,000 in funding is available as grants to deliver a Shopfront Improvement Project. We have received several great Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from landlords and businesses and we're working our way through them. We look forward to updating you on this further in the next edition of Keynsham News. More information about the Shopfront Improvement Project and how to submit an EOI can be found here:
www.hikeynsham.co.uk/home/keynshams-shopfront-improvement-programme/

Local Cultural Programme

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Heritage Open Days are taking place in and around Keynsham High Street this September. Many historic venues and cultural spaces – including churches, shops, mills, cemeteries, and ruins – will be opening their doors to the public free of charge between 9th and 18th September.

Show of Strength Theatre Company will be bringing a new Theatre Walk to Keynsham High Street, and self-led trails will be available for adults, teenagers and families to enjoy too. More information is available on www.hikeynsham.co.uk and on www.heritageopendays.co.uk.

PAST EVENTS:

Keynsham's new Local Cultural Programme has gone from strength to strength since its launch in February 2022. Recent events include:

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

In celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, an augmented reality trail was installed around the High Street. The Cultural Consortium created a film about royal memories and of our town then and now, featuring Keynsham & District Mencap Society, Abbeyfield House and residents. The film can be watched at www.bit.ly/3uFOa3n.



One of the Jubilee Beacon Trail's augmented reality characters



*The Queen in Keynsham in 1973.
Photo by Herbert Frank Tarring*

Small grants scheme



Stilt Walking on the High Street. Photo by Mike May

Keynsham Music Festival Association received funding to bring their Saturday Family Festival to the Town Centre. To the delight of passersby, daring stunts and beautiful acrobatic feats were performed in Market Walk and along the High Street.



*Acrobatics in Market Walk.
Photo by Mike May.*

More information

Keynsham High Street Heritage Action Zone is a heritage-led renewal programme that is focused on making Keynsham High Street a place where people want to live, work and play. It is a partnership project led by Bath & North East Somerset Council's Regeneration Team, funded by Historic England with match funding from B&NES Council and Keynsham Town Council. More information can be found online at HiKeynsham.co.uk

Keynsham's Local Cultural Programme is part of Historic England's High Streets Heritage Action Zones scheme. Funded by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport's Heritage High Street Fund, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's Future High Streets Fund, and the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Visit www.hikeynsham.co.uk for the latest project updates. You can also get in touch at keynshamhshaz@bathnes.gov.uk.

KEYNSHAM HOCKEY CLUB

Keynsham Hockey Club's Academy wins Avon Junior Hockey League Under 10 Plate and runners up in Under 12 Plate

The Hockey Club's Academy has had a superb season. Back in March in the Avon Junior Hockey tournaments, our U10s won the Plate Competition and the U12s were runners-up in their Plate Competition. This is the first time that Keynsham Hockey Club has won an Avon Junior Hockey League trophy!

Richard May, Academy Co-ordinator, said: "These were both superb results for our U10 and U12 teams and are a result of a lot of practice and hard work over the last few years."

Jess Murray, Chair, said: "Keynsham Hockey Club is very grateful to Keynsham Town Council who have made significant grants to the Club for many seasons; in recent years the majority of this grant has been spent on supporting the Academy." The 2022 grant is due to be spent on a goal keeper kit for our U14 teams.

Our training restarts on Friday 9th September and new youngsters are very welcome to join us then or at any time of the year. Youngsters can come for a week to give it a go free of charge before deciding whether to join. For Primary Academy, parents often stay to watch.



Enquiries about the Academy should be addressed to Richard May, Keynsham Hockey Club's Academy Co-ordinator, via academy@keynshamhockey.club or via our website www.keynshamhockey.club.

KEYNSHAM Hockey Club ladies 1st team have been promoted for the first time in 23 years.

After Covid stopped play for two years, the lifting of restrictions meant Keynsham ladies were raring to go for the 2021/22 season.

Came down to a nail-biting last game of the season for the Ladies 1st XI to secure promotion as champions of Berkeley Division 1. An amazing achievement, first time to be promoted in 23 years!

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KEYNSHAM FARMERS' MARKET

This year we celebrated an expansion of the monthly Farmers Market which has taken place on the 2nd Saturday of the month for almost two decades!

The licencing authorities have kindly permitted the market to expand along the side of the library creating a lovely shady trading area for a number of new stalls who had been waiting to join the market which had been officially full for a couple of years!

Local traders who have benefitted from this include Keynsham based Chocolatier mYSweet, Flower Farmer Sarah from Compton Dando and Keynsham based AL Plants who specialise in cultivating cactus, succulents and even carnivorous plants.

The Market itself can now cater for up to a maximum of 30 stalls and over the years has gradually grown to become a hugely popular destination bringing lots of people into Keynsham also benefitting the High Street shops and cafes.

Our very loyal customers who have been with us from the beginning will know that we have been on quite a journey to reach today's success. It all

began in a very small way when Somerset Farmers' Markets were invited to set up a small market in the Fear Institute with room for about 9 stalls. Needless to say, we soon outgrew the venue and enjoyed expanding into the area around the clock tower in the centre of town.

However, after a few years this area of the Town Centre was demolished and we were on the move again making ourselves at home in Ashton Way Car Park for a couple of years before finally being able to return to the newly developed 'Market Walk' our current and hopefully 'forever' home!

Despite all these moves the Farmers Market itself has retained the same strict criteria and integrity. The members must produce what they are selling and if they are not 'Primary Producers' (farmers) that they source locally produced ingredients in their cakes, pies and scotch eggs!

For more information about the Keynsham Farmers' Market and to find out who attends please visit our website and you can even sign up for a monthly newsletter. www.somersetfarmersmarkets.co.uk

TOILETS REOPEN IN ASHTON WAY

We are glad to announce that the toilets on Ashton Way have re-opened after being closed for 8 years. The toilets use a dual payment system in which you can use both cash and contactless.

This has been thanks to a strong campaign by Town Councillors and many local volunteers. We would like to thank Keynsham Town Council and B&NES Council for working very hard to get these facilities brought back to Keynsham. They have been sorely missed by some of the most vulnerable in the town.

KEYFORD DANCING SCHOOL

Keyford Dancing School are pleased to welcome Emma Ford to their teaching staff in September.

Emma previously trained with the School before taking a dance degree and becoming an ISTD qualified Teacher.

Emma will specialise in modern classes at the school, teaching children from 5 years through to teenagers working for higher grades and jazz awards. The Keyford Dancing School is also looking forward to embarking on a number of new exciting events to mark the coming 50th Anniversary year when a show will be staged for all pupils to take part in.



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THE ROTARY CLUB OF KEYNSHAM

Keynsham Rotary has just started a new year with the election of our President Roger Spooner, who has now taken the lead for a second occasion. The last couple of years have been very difficult for us in many ways, just as other social groups have found their programme's severely affected, by the imposed limitations on our activities. Nevertheless, we have managed to make some donations and assist deserving causes, to the extent that our funds are in need of replenishment and that will be one of our main objectives in this new year.

It was a great disappointment that our annual Plant Fair in May had to be cancelled due a failure of plant supplies, but we are working to try and re-establish the Fair next year. We will also be holding a number of events and collections during the year, so check our website to follow our programme. Our immediate priority will be to support the Children's Air Ambulance and the Aphasia Choir, Bath (Stroke Recovery Therapy) who were to have been the beneficiaries from our Plant Fair. We are also looking for opportunities to make a positive contribution to our community wherever the need for more physical assistance arises.

We are, unfortunately, now a small group of 16 members and could really do with a few more willing pairs of hands to join us in our efforts - not only locally but also responding to international needs as they arise. It is not all work and no play though! President Roger has promised us a 'fun filled' year as well, with visits to Rodmarton Manor and the RNLI College at Poole. We also have a great list of speakers lined up for our monthly speaker meetings with some well-known local names.

Like so many social groups, we are (after 68 years of serving our community) in real danger of disappearing from the local scene unless we



can persuade more like-minded people to get involved to and swell our numbers. That could be you - why not come along and meet us one evening. Just make contact and we will be pleased to welcome you as a guest,



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REPAIR CAFÉ – LET’S FIX THIS!

The monthly Keynsham Repair Café is back! This pop-up, monthly repair event, is run by a group of volunteers who get together to share their time and skills to help others in our community to fix their stuff, for free. There are now over 2,200 repair cafes globally.

Volunteer repairer, Gwen, explained: “We generally try to fix household “stuff” and clothes, to save them from landfill and save your money. Where we can’t fix it, we will try to offer advice on parts, or other places to try. We have an 85% success rate!

“Our volunteers help fix things like lamps, kettles and toasters, high street jewellery, simple laptop

and device issues, general tinkering, gluing and textiles (hand sewing and sewing machine). We don’t do microwaves (just too dangerous, sorry), darning and zips (take forever), or antique stuff – we are not like “The Repair Shop” on the TV! But we’ll take a look at most other things!

“Thanks to Keynsham Town Council for the grant they’ve provided us with. Our volunteers really appreciate the support from our community.”

Find more details: @KeynshamRepairCafe on social media, or via website <https://keynshamrepaircafe.wixsite.com/home>

Would you like to volunteer? Please get in touch! keynshamrepaircafe@gmail.com

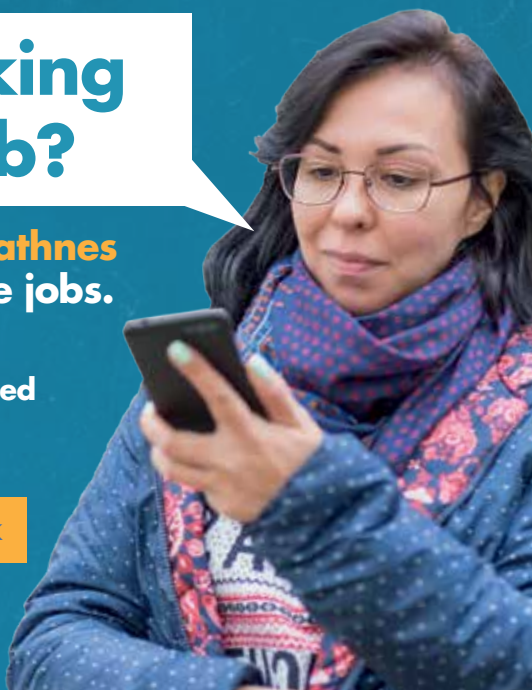
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HOPE FOR UKRAINE

In March of this year, a group of people from Carmel City Church in Brislington got together to discuss the developing crisis in the Ukraine, forming 'Hope for Ukraine - Bristol.'

Things developed quickly, and in the first week, £4500 was received in financial donations and several donation hubs were set up including some in Keynsham which were mobilised by Keynsham Town Councillor, Dave Biddleston.

On the 24th April, the first lorry reached its destination, after a 9 day journey driven through Europe. Since the first arrival of Humanitarian Aid, the Charity's contact was able to update the list of items needed to include tools, such as hammers, saws, nuts and bolts, to help the people of Ukraine rebuild what was destroyed. Gwen Edwards, organiser of the 'Repair Cafe' in Keynsham,

partnered with the Charity to promote a tool amnesty which was very successful and helped the Charity forget a new link with 'Tools for Self-Reliance' and 'Men in Sheds' in Kingswood.

'Hope for Ukraine, Bristol' would like to say a HUGE thankyou to all those who have generously helped so far. The Charity is hoping to send out a second lorry to Ukraine as soon as possible, but need it to be full in order to do so. They are asking for a final push of donations, such as food and mobility aids and a full list can be found on their social media pages, and their website - <https://hopeforukraine.org.uk>

If you are a voluntary group or a local business that would like to help, please contact the charity on info@hopeforukraine.org.uk.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

- **Monday 22nd August 7.30pm** – Planning and Development Committee in the Baptist Church
- **Wednesday 7th September 4pm** – Events, Arts, Tourism & Heritage Committee in the Town Council Office
- **Monday 12th September 7.30pm** – Planning and Development Committee in the Baptist Church
- **Tuesday 13th September 6.30pm** – Finance and Policy Committee in Baptist Church
- **Tuesday 20th September 7.30pm** – Town Council in The Space
- **Tuesday 27th September 4pm** – Events, Arts, Tourism & Heritage Committee in the Town Council Office
- **Monday 3rd October 7.30pm** – Planning and Development Committee in the Baptist Church
- **Wednesday 5th October 4pm** – Events, Arts, Tourism & Heritage Committee in the Town Council Office
- **Tuesday 11th October 6.30pm** – Finance and Policy Committee in Baptist Church
- **Tuesday 18th October 7.30pm** – Town Council in The Space
- **Monday 24th October 7.30pm** – Planning and Development Committee in the Baptist Church
- **Wednesday 9th November 4pm** – Events, Arts, Tourism & Heritage Committee in the Town Council Office

KEYNSHAM CRICKET CLUB



The junior section at KCC has seen significant development and growth in 2022. Splitting Friday night training into separate softball and hardball sessions has enabled us to maximise on playing space and increase membership by 30%, bringing cricket to 182 children in the local area.

In addition to the successful introduction of Women's cricket the junior section has proudly setup our first all-girl squad. For perspective, in 2021 we had 5 girls playing across the section, we now have 33 girl members reinforced by a significant waiting list.

The expansion of junior cricket wouldn't be possible without the ongoing support of our parent and helper volunteers. The 2022 coaching team consists of 33 individuals, 9 of whom have completed ECB coaching qualifications, this commitment is key to the operation and development of the junior section.

This support has enabled KCC to enter 5 hardball teams into the Bath & District Youth Cricket League across the various age groups. In addition, our Under 9 softball squad have represented KCC at several local festivals over recent weeks giving the group their first experience of competitive cricket. We are now working towards ending the season with our own junior softball festival, provisionally scheduled for Sunday 28th August.

KCC started Women's cricket this season. From nothing, there has been a fantastic response and 30 Women signed up, most with no cricket experience, and some with no cricket knowledge!

They have been coached by a number of volunteer coaches. The talent on show has been excellent, so the women were entered into a number of Cricket Softball Festivals. Many of the Women were extremely anxious about playing other teams. However, they have excelled themselves and won more matches than they've lost, often against more experienced teams, and most importantly having a lot of fun. KCC hosted its own Festival in July, inviting 4 opposition teams. This was very successful with Prosecco awarded to players who performed a "Prosecco moment" as judged by the umpires! Further Festivals are planned in August, and it's hoped that KCC Women's cricket will continue to grow next season.

The mens section are fielding 4 teams over the Summer like usual, with the 1st XI having a successful season and fighting for promotion, teams are enjoying a flurry of wins in front of the growing number of supporters at the Frank Taylor Memorial ground, which is showing off it's spacious new patio and viewing area.

For more information please visit:
www.keynshamcricket.com

KEYNSHAM ECO FESTIVAL

Following on from the success of the Eco Festival in 2021, Churches Together in Keynsham and Saltford, in conjunction with Keynsham Town Council and the Keynsham Cultural Consortium, will be arranging a similar event in October 2022. This year there will be an emphasis on food sustainability, security and waste, an issue increasingly important with the pressure on food and energy prices.

On Wednesday 12th October from 7pm there will be a workshop in Temple Street Canteen called “More Taste, Less Waste” – helping us to eat while saving time, money and energy. On Thursday 13th October two workshops for pre-schoolers will be held in Temple Street Courtyard, encouraging them to have fun with vegan food. Two Rivers School will also host an Eco Challenge for two children from each of the participating local Primary Schools.

To assist us in growing our own there will be another workshop on Thursday 13th October entitled “Growing in Small Spaces”. On Friday 14th October at 10am and Sunday 16th October at 4pm there will be a two-hour local walk entitled “Foraging for Beginners”. At 7.30pm The Space will host “An Evening of Food Expert Talks” followed by questions and answers – more information on the participants will be available in due course.

Eco Festival Day will be Saturday 15th October, offering stalls and exhibitions in The Space and Market Walk from groups, organisations and businesses. Displays and prayer spaces will be held in the Methodist and Baptist Churches. There will also be an Eco Cake Cooking Competition in The Space judged by Guiseppe Dell’Anno (British Bake Off Winner 2021).

On Sunday 16th October there will be an Eco Service at the Methodist Church and in the afternoon at 2pm a presentation entitled “Active Hope: A Work that Reconnects”.

33% of the World’s carbon emissions are generated by the food production industry and in the UK we throw away 33% of our food. It is therefore possible to reduce our emissions and energy bills considerably by reducing food waste. The carbon associated with the amount of food we destroy is the equivalent of that produced by 20% of the cars on the UK’s roads. Our annual wastage is enough to fill Wembley Stadium 8 times or the Royal Albert Hall 90 times.

Each day in the UK we throw away 20 million slices of bread, 4.4 million potatoes are binned daily together with 970,000 onions, 2.7 million carrots and many other vegetables and fruit. While our favourite meat is chicken, we still end up throwing out 120 million of them each year. We really do need to take action and the Eco Festival aims to help people make a difference.

As I put the final touches to this article the temperature outside of my window is 35 degrees something previously not experienced in this country. We all clearly need to respond to the challenges of climate change, so set aside some time to come along to some of the events and see what you can do to respond to this challenge.

Mike Barrow

Keynsham Eco Festival is part of Keynsham’s Local Cultural Programme, a strand of Historic England’s High Streets Heritage Action Zones scheme.



It is funded by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport’s Heritage High Street Fund, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government’s Future High Streets Fund, and the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Find out more at hkeynsham.co.uk.

KEYNSHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL

Following months of uncertainty, we were able to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our festival. It's thanks to the many volunteers who give so freely of their time that the festival continues and is such a community success.

Despite the torrential rain on Saturday, you came out to enjoy all the events and activities we were able to put on. We thank you for your support.

The festival week was full of variety as usual – from Ziggy Stardust, swing band, choir, opera, comedy to reggae and more – making sure there was definitely something for everyone!

One of the highlights of the week was the Futura Academy evening which, due to the rain, was held inside Temple Street Canteen. Students from

Wellsway and St Bernard Lovell performed to a packed audience demonstrating that the festival is assured of talented performers for many years to come.

Saturday morning saw the festival take some international street performers into the High Street and Market Walk for the first time. Following some amazing performances, torrential rain meant a hasty retreat to the Park and the safety of the Big Top!

New for this year was the Wellbeing Village – an opportunity for visitors of all ages to sample taster activity sessions. Our thanks go to Rob Reid (aka YogaDad) for helping us to organise the Village.

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Later during the afternoon, it was a real relief to see the sunshine and visitors start to arrive in time to see the family activities and performances from Jo Jo Sparkles, Circomedia, KLOGS and Boom Circus etc. Folk music was performed all day until the Keynsham Orchestra put on their customary gala concert which was then followed by a good old knees up with Folklaw.



The weather was better on Sunday, and with the Memorial Park packed it was business as usual – four music stages, a dance stage and more performances from Circomedia students.

Following a couple of years of only being able to fist bump, being in the Park celebrating 25 years felt like a long-awaited warm hug! Thank you to everyone who came to make it a success.

The organisers would like to thank the Town Council and the many local businesses for their continued support of the festival in so many ways.

We would also like to thank all the venues we used and to the wonderful Wombles who help us make sure the Park is returned looking better than when we started. The Wombles say the amount of litter left this year was the least ever so, thank you

visitors, we really appreciate your help.

Due to a range of factors, putting on the festival this year has been a huge financial challenge. Continually rising costs, out of our control, has required us to take a long look at what is realistically achievable next year. Whatever we decide, you can be assured there will definitely be a festival!

If you feel you would like to be involved in the festival – in whatever capacity, please do get in touch. You will be made to feel most welcome.

Mike May

Chair, KMFA

Keynsham
Winter Festival

It's hard to think about Christmas right now but planning is in full swing for the Keynsham Winter Festival by our EATH (Events, Arts, Tourism & Heritage) Committee.

On 25th November from 6pm come join us in turning on our Christmas Lights and decorating our new Living Christmas Tree in Keynsham Memorial Park as part of the Queen's Jubilee Canopy, so our theme this year will be **Christmas Trees!**

If you would like to support the event or would like any further information, please email Katherine Sears at deputytownclerk@keynsham-tc.gov.uk or call 0117 9888683

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

DEFIBRILLATOR WORKING GROUP

One of the most useful tasks that I've been involved with this year has been trying to create a definitive understanding of what our town has in terms of working defibrillators. We were approached by a number of organisations who asked for training and for defibrillator machines and we began to consider the importance of a local map of existing defibrillators and of ascertaining what condition they might be in.

Once we'd managed to say the word 'defibrillator' with a degree of fluency, we set about identifying the ones we had and considering where might be appropriate for others to be situated. It's an important consideration as, according to the excellent training we received from the Air Ambulance experts, there is a very short window

of 8 minutes to begin resuscitation. We would hope to get to a point where every Keynsham resident would be able to access one within that short time frame.

We managed to secure a budget of £8,000 from the Town Council and support equipment and funding towards training. We have identified defibrillators that are being well maintained and others, such as the Royal British Legion, where they have gone missing.

CLlr Dave Biddleston,

on behalf of the Defibrillator Working Group.



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JUBILEE PICNIC IN THE PARK

A SUCCESSFUL DAY

Keynsham Town Council would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to our community organisations, entertainers and you, the public, for making our Jubilee Picnic in the Park such a fantastic day. It was such a wonderful way to celebrate such a momentous occasion.

We were so lucky with the weather, which despite threatening to rain, turned out perfect.

Our booked performers, Magpie and The Shiny Things, Ruby Jazz, The Woods and Keynsham Brass Band entertained the crowds with some excellent music covering many decades of years.

Jo Jo Sparkles kept our little ones entertained with her magic tricks and the Alice in Wonderland Theatre Group kept us all amused with their antics. Luckily, the naughty deck of cards did not paint all the trees in the Memorial Park red or we would have been in trouble with the Parks Department! We do not think anyone managed to keep up with the white rabbit as he bounced around the park with Alice in hot pursuit. Talking of bouncing our Space Hoppers were a huge success and enjoyed by many.

We hope that you enjoyed the day as much as we did!



30 YEARS OF DEDICATION

THANK YOU VIVIENNE MCDONNEL

Vivienne McDonnell has reached a milestone in her career which few can boast of.

Keynsham Town Council was set up in 1991, following the dissolution of Wansdyke Council, just a year later, Viv joined the team as a Secretarial Assistant, progressing over the years to Administration Officer. Since 21st July 1992, she has dedicated her working life to the Council and over the last 30 years, has built up a wealth of knowledge of the local area and the workings of the Council.

She has supported many families through difficult times with her work with the cemetery and funeral arrangements, her caring nature has been invaluable for these families.

We are very lucky to still have her on our staffing team and we thank her for all her hard work over the last 30 years.



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COUNCIL GRANT FOR **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT KEYNSHAM**

Thanks to a donation of £750 from the annual Keynsham Town Council grants awards a local support group are going to be able to double their availability to those they support.

Bereavement Support Keynsham have been and will continue to run drop in sessions for those suffering bereavement. This original session since their establishment in February of this year is on the fourth Monday of every month.

Now that they have fresh additional funding, they are also going to offer a tea time early evening drop in session from 5.30pm until 7pm on the first Wednesday of every month beginning in September.

Founder of the group Alan Hale told us “The grant from the Town Council will now enable us to deliver an additional teatime / early evening session for those who are suffering bereavement but who are unable to attend our afternoon session due to work commitments or perhaps caring commitments during the working day. We have found that there is certainly a need within the community with attendance at our afternoon session being ten and above at every session bar one. It will also mean that we will be able to include our very patient reserve volunteers in the operational side of the group.”

The ability to deliver an additional session has coincided with all of the volunteers receiving bereavement facilitation training from Dorothy House Hospice, Winsley to help and support them in their role.

The group meet at the Keynsham Baptist Church Hall, High Street, Keynsham, though it is not a church related group. It is a drop-in session and therefore no booking is required, just turn up. There is not a need to be there at the very start, just attend when convenient for you and equally you do not have to stay until the end unless you wish to do so. There is also no limit on the number of sessions you can attend. Currently the afternoon meeting is on the fourth Monday of every month between 2pm and 4pm. The additional session between 5.30pm and 7pm will be on the first Wednesday of the month beginning on September 7th.

The aim of the group is to offer a safe place for those suffering bereavement to attend where they will find an empathetic ear with the ability to off load their concerns or to converse with other bereaved people who are there or to listen or to just sit quietly.

Alan Hale concluded “Whilst titled Bereavement Support Keynsham the group do not challenge anyone walking through the door as too where they live. If they feel the group might help then we will welcome them.”

The sessions are free and tea, coffee, cold drinks and biscuits are provided.

For any further information or support please contact Alan Hale on 07776 493221

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Butterflies-Haven has been supporting children/young people and their families affected by Autism since 2007 from our base in St Francis Church, Keynsham.

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We have extended our range of support to parent

and carers. In conjunction with Bristol Autism Support, we plan to hold a regular coffee morning in Keynsham, giving parents and carers the opportunity to share experiences and advice.

We welcome new members; a diagnosis of Autism is not necessary. Why not try a taster session. For more information, please visit our web page www.butterflies-haven.com, call Alison on 07510 075737 or email butterfliesnetwork@hotmail.com

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Children's Centre Courses

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Ready Steady Talk Communication & language development for babies 18 months to 3 years, with their parents/carers

Our Time, Our Space Antenatal arts group for women experiencing low mood, anxiety or depression in pregnancy

My Time My Space Postnatal arts group for women experiencing low mood, anxiety or depression in first year after birth

Step by Step Supports families of a child with additional needs

Step into Step Supports families of a child with additional needs, and is due to start school

Theraplay Families Time to think, about your relationship with your child & discuss current challenges

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We are however, particularly interested in hearing from anyone with an interest, skills, experience or understanding in any of the following areas:

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IAN KENT



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Q. What does your job at the Council involve?

I oversee the Council's finance function, as well as leading a number of digitalisation and modernisation projects. We have some big plans to help residents access Council services in new ways. I've worked in accounting, audit and taxation for over ten years in the private sector so I'm looking forward to bringing some of that experience to the Council and helping to keep the books balanced.

Q. What are the most enjoyable aspects of working for the Council?

Every day is different and you never know what you may get involved in. As a small team, we support each other with any Council projects that are happening, so whilst my main role is within finance, I'm never far from jumping up from my desk to get stuck in.

Q. What has been your most memorable experience "on the job" to date?

I particularly enjoyed helping out at the recent Platinum Jubilee event. The day was a great success and it was fantastic to see the town come together for a big celebration.

Q. Away from work what are your hobbies/ interests?

In my spare time, I'm generally watching or playing sports. I play in the Clifton Softball League most weeks and periodically play touch rugby. I have a season ticket at the Bristol Bears and try to attend any Gillingham FC games I can get to.

Q. What are your favourite aspects of Keynsham?

I am a huge fan of the green spaces in Keynsham, be it Memorial Park or the flower beds all around the town. It's also great to be able to access the fantastic countryside around Keynsham so easily.

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GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS 2021 – 2022

At the Town Council's Annual Town Meeting on 21st April, Keynsham Town Council were pleased to award the following residents Good Citizen Awards.

Wilf Harrison and Tony French were awarded Good Citizen Awards over 25 years for their many years of voluntary service with Keynsham Scouting organisation. Jim Bernard also received a Good Citizen Award over 25 years for his outstanding contribution to Keynsham community projects.

A Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded to Adrian Inker, for the year 2020- 2021, for his outstanding contribution to the community of Keynsham, while Mary Burnard received A Lifetime Achievement Award for the year 2021 – 2022 for her outstanding contribution to Keynsham Talking Newspaper, see her full story on page



Wilf Harrison



Tony French



Jim Bernard



Adrian Inker



Mary Burnard

YOUTH MAKING CHANGE

KeynshamNow represents the voice of the young people of Keynsham.

Any young person between the ages of 11 and 20 can join. The month of July was a busy one for us. We had a stall at Keynsham Music Festival and raised £115.00 for Off The Record, a charity which supports young people with mental health issues. We also met the B&NES Cabinet at the Guildhall in Bath where we raised issues concerning young people with B&NES decision makers.

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month to discuss issues that are important to young people of Keynsham. Young people run the

meetings and everything we do has to be agreed by the group. Young people learn how decisions are made locally, how to influence the council, how to debate and how to campaign. Two of our members are now Keynsham Town Councillors.

If you know of a young person who has strong opinions but doesn't know how to voice them, why not come to KeynshamNow. We can learn from each other. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, in The Space at 5.30pm. There is no charge for the young people and there is food. For more information look on social media or email waithere91@gmail.com



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KEYNSHAM WALKERS ARE WELCOME

With the lessening of restrictions after Covid, Keynsham Walkers are Welcome are back in action with a few walks already under our belt this year.

Assisted by a Town Council grant, we have arranged a Walking Festival for the last weekend in September. As this is our first one for a couple of years, we have erred on the cautious side with only 4 walks over the weekend.

Friday 23rd Sept 6.00pm at St John's Church – We are teaming up with the Keynsham & Saltford Local History Society for a short walk around the town centre picking out places of historical interest. Duration 1.5 Hrs

Saturday 24th Sept 10.00am at the Memorial Park gates – This is a 5 mile walk around Compton Dando and Burnett and back to Keynsham walking along both sides of the River Chew. There will be a refreshment stop on this walk. Duration 3 Hrs

Saturday 24th Sept 1.00pm at the Memorial Park gates – This is a shorter 2 mile walk to Chewton Keynsham and back for those who just like to amble. Duration 1.5 Hrs

Sunday 25th Sept 12.00 noon at the Memorial Park gates – We join the BBC Children in Need Countryfile Ramble for a 4.5 mile walk towards Hanham, past Hanham Court and skirting the woods, then back to Keynsham. There will be a refreshment stop on this walk. Donation towards

the charity would be appreciated. Duration 3 Hrs

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Please visit the Keynsham Walkers are Welcome website for details of other planned walks.

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COMMUNITY AT 67

Community at 67 has received a grant from Quartet Community Foundation to replace the laptops at the centre.

Community at 67 runs a range of activities where the computers are used and they will make a major difference to these groups.



On Mondays, the Community at 67 code club meets for young people in years 4 – 6 from 4.30pm – 5.30pm. This is run by experienced computer volunteers and helps children understand the basics of computer programming through helping children design their own simple games.

One parent, whose child attends, said: “It has proved to not only be a great source of knowledge and inspiration for his computing skills, but an invaluable part of his social life and independence as a young man, living and growing up in Keynsham.”

On Friday, 9.00am – 1.00pm, the centre runs an IT café for anyone who needs help with IT, from beginners to someone who does know something about IT but needs help with a particular issue.

The group is run by a patient team of volunteers who will help people over a cup of coffee. With such a reliance of people needing access to digital resources, this group provides essential help to people who enable them to make the use of IT and the internet.

A couple who regularly use the centre, said: “When my husband and I bought a computer we asked if there was anywhere we could get instructions in its use. We had no computer knowledge at all. Someone recommended Community at 67. So, we went round to them and we were pleasantly surprised as to how willing they were to help and still do. There is no way we could have managed otherwise. Over the years, we have made great friends at the centre and that means a great deal to us.”

Ron Sheppard, a trustee who helps run the IT sessions, said: “We are very grateful to Quartet Community Foundation for the generous grant which will enable us to give the users at Community at 67 the best possible experience of using IT – whether they be adults or children. We know how daunting IT can be for some people, but our volunteers are always on hand to help and people can come back week after week for support. We are also pleased that the old laptops will be taken to Zambia for use within a community project.”

Suzanne Rolt, CEO at Quartet Community Foundation, said: “Quartet has always seen the importance of supporting local grassroots charities. Covid has had a major impact on the work of many community hubs like Community at 67. We’re so pleased to be able to offer some help – this is only possible thanks to the generosity of our fund holders.

“Keynsham is a great place to live for many people but there are hidden problems. Digital exclusion

is a major one. I'm so pleased this funding can help Community at 67 to support local people to get online and learn more about IT, all in a social environment over a coffee. The coding club offers not only digital skills but also helps build essential life skills, such as problem solving. This will benefit young people now and in the future."

Café at 67

We run a popular café every Thursday 9.30am - 12.30pm run by volunteers, why not drop in have a chat and great coffee.

Mums at 67

At the same time as the café, the Keynsham Mummies Support group runs, the groups offers support to mums. Being a mother is a difficult job and the group support mothers through sharing experiences. Children welcome!



Craft at 67

Community at 67 has a thriving craft group who share crafts and also meet to learn new crafts, at one of the sessions, the group had a session on tile painting and produced some stunning results.

For details of any of the above activities, see www.community-67.org or give us a ring, 07737 742300

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