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Paying for The Link - could you do it online?

The Link Team have considered the impact of Coronavirus on the way we collect donations for 2020. If you have already made a donation by envelope then thank you very much - it has been gratefully received and banked.

If you have yet to make your donation, you may prefer to donate electronically by Standing Order or BACs. The benefit of course of a standing order is that you can leave it in place for future years, peace of mind for you.

Below are the bank details for making your donation.

United Parish of Abbots Leigh with Leigh Woods

Sort code 40-52-40 Account no. 00010334

Could we make a plea that as a reference you give the name of the road you live on (NB distinguish Church Rd. Abbots Leigh from Church Rd. Leigh Woods!)

As previously advertised, the suggested donation for 2020 is £7.

We hope you find this initiative helpful; but cash is still acceptable if preferred

Many thanks, The Link Team

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Hester is a part-time Vicar. **PLEASE CONTACT** Elizabeth with enquiries for Baptism, Banns, Weddings etc., and news of newcomers to the parish. If you have information about those who are ill, at home or in hospital, who would like to be visited, please contact our PASTORAL TEAM, Co-ordinator Alan Shellard, 0117 974 1494, alanshellard@gmail.com

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www.theparishchurch.com

Keep up-to-date on the events and highlights of our united parish.

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Dear friends,

Following the advice about avoiding non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued a statement. They are suggesting that we put public worship on hold and become a “different sort of church” in the coming months to face the challenge of coronavirus. William Temple, one of the great Archbishops of Canterbury and York of the last century, is often quoted as saying that we are the one organisation which exists for the benefit of its ‘non-members’. In response to the crisis, we will be suspending public worship in both churches until further notice. Other activities that involve our gathering together (Lent Groups etc.) will also not happen for a season. But we shall also seek to serve all people in a new way, and so perhaps to become a slightly different sort of church.

This clearly a huge and difficult step. We are looking at how we can support one another during this difficult time and how we can find opportunities to be a part of a loving, worshipping and praying community, while not being able to gather together. More details about this will continue to be shared: please check our Facebook page and Website for new links. In the meantime, if you would like support of any kind, or somebody to speak to or to pray with you over the phone or by skype, please do give one of us an email or call (details above). We are in this together and we need to remember that God is with us.

On Sunday 22nd March, all churches in England have been called to a National Day of Prayer. At such a time as this, when so many are fearful and there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds. At 7 pm this Sunday, we have been encouraged to light a candle in the windows of our homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer. In place of our Mothering Sunday and Taizé Services in St Mary’s, we shall offer prayer in Holy Trinity, in addition to ongoing Morning Prayer, for the parish and for all affected by this situation.

In relation to prayer, we have also put together a prayer resource to engage with, in light of the news that we are unable to meet physically together. A booklet of daily prayer and reading is

available in the porches of both Holy Trinity and St Mary's. Please join us in these rhythms, so that we might be reminded of God's presence and peace; and be prompted to look outwards towards those who are the most vulnerable among us.

Please be assured that we will continue to uphold the whole church community and the wider parish in prayer.

May you know that you are loved by our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

With love and blessings for health and peace from

Hester, working remotely and alongside Wo, our wardens and wider team

In need of Prayer?

Anyone needing prayer or help is most welcome to contact

Hester: hester.jones2@gmail.com / 01275 219838 or

Liz England: Admin@theParishChurch.com / 01275 373996

Worship at Home

A booklet of daily prayer and reading is available in the porches of both Holy Trinity and St Mary's or directly from Hester - read about it in Hester's letter. Check the website and Facebook page (if you have access) also for Hester's recordings of various acts of worship.

FAMILY NEWS

BAPTISMS: None

WEDDINGS: None

FUNERALS: None

Caring for Pets

I've had a request from the Community Vets, for volunteers for helping out with dog walking, short-term fostering and cat feeding, in case of need in the future. Could any possible contact me and with permission I will forward name and details.

Hester: hester.jones2@gmail.com / 01275 219838



It is with regret we will not be meeting for a while . We will keep in contact by email,

If you want to be added to the email group please let Gill know

Time Out is a Women's group, of mixed ages, well rather older than we were when we first set up, with lively minds. We live or have connection with Leigh Woods / Abbots Leigh. We have a mixed program of meet ups about once a month. New members always welcome.

More info, or to go on email list and/or WhatsApp group, contact

Gill Ogden 01275 602657 gillm.ogden@gmail.com

Far From Heaven



...was to have been our film. Now we have to wait awhile before getting closer to Heaven!

The George

Pete Aiton is now in charge at The George and writes, "Like everyone else we are in the most testing of times, but would like to think we'll pull through, because that's what we all do!" He is determined to keep the pub going but will need your help and support more than ever.

As the pub will have to close it has introduced a takeaway menu which will be the key to the survival of the business by keeping the kitchen occupied. Collection will assist the pub best but Pete can probably call upon the support of friends within the village to help those who are self-isolating and need a delivery. Please call 01275 376985 to order.

Also now Sunday roasts - order on Saturday.

The George Inn - 01275 376985

Takeaway Menu (every weekday evening, plus Friday & Saturday lunchtimes)

Available to collect

Snacks & Sides

Chicken Wings £5.50 Onion Rings £3.50 (v) Fries/Chips £2.50 (ve)

Sweet potato fries £3.50 (ve)

Calamari £5.50 Side salad (2.00 (ve) Dirty fries £4.00

Mains

Tart of the week with a mini super salad £9.50 (v)

Beer battered fish with chips, mushy peas & tartare sauce £10.00

The apocalypse burger with cheese, fries & coleslaw on a brioche bun £10.00

The BBQ Burger with cheese, bacon, BBQ sauce, fries & coleslaw £11.50

Marinated chargrilled chicken burger with bacon, avocado, fries & coleslaw £10.50

Falafel burger with fries, mini super salad and served in a vegan bun £10.00 (ve)

Daily risotto as shown on the specials board £10.00 (v)

Red vegetable coconut vegan curry with crushed cashews & rice £10.00 (ve)

Spaghetti Bolognese with Parmesan Cheese £10.00

Stone baked pizza – call for today's specials £10.00



ABBOTS LEIGH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

All meetings currently on hold. Georgina is still growing plants for May 12th; that meeting will probably be cancelled, but she is happy for you to contact her on 01275 373644 if you would like some; she will deliver them.

For more details contact: Donna Butcher 01275 375378

ABBOTS LEIGH WI ANNUAL JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 4th April 1-3 pm. Postponed to 26 September

Items for sale may be brought to the hall between 11 and 12 on the day.

'Children's Society Boxes'

Sadly we need to avoid meeting. If you would like to arrange for a time to leave your box on your doorstep for me to pick up from a distance I would be happy to do so. (I will also gladly pick up for you a loaf of bread or pint of milk etc. on request, my health permitting). Otherwise, I will publish another notice as soon as the coast is clear for us to renew contact and empty your box then.

In the meantime it's as important as ever to keep filling your boxes!

Many thanks on behalf of the Children's Society.

Christina Taylor

christina@imagexsys.co.uk / 07765 971948 / 01275 372790



Tea Time Special

*Normally meets in the vestry at St Mary's Church Leigh Woods
at 2pm on the 3rd Monday of each month. Inclusive price of £2.50*

Clearly we won't be meeting for quite a while!

**If you are interested in being included in an email group
to keep you updated please contact Gill Ogden**

Gill Ogden 01275 602657 gillm.ogden@gmail.com

Abbots Pool Working Party

The March working party was all about drainage, the guys cleared the drains that come from Manor Road and the drains that run under the carpark. The car park has turned into a bit of a bog after the last 2 months of rain.

Clearing the drain under the car park caused a small flash flood to go down the creek and the mud washed out into the pool. A day messing around with water was enjoyed by all.



If you are well and not self-isolating please come along get a bit of fresh air and a bit of social contact from a distance. Keep an eye on the Website for any changes.

Jo Chiverton



We live in unprecedented times. Certainly, in the 50 odd years since I was ushered into the world by the midwives at Bloxwich Maternity Home in Walsall, staying indoors has never been a government recommendation.

Unless you count the 'Protect and Survive' pamphlets and public service announcements that advised painting the windows white and crouching under the kitchen table on the off chance that the Cold War had been dramatically warmed through to reach nuclear hot; growing up in the late 1970's and early 1980's meant eating Findus' appropriately nuclear-orange coloured deep-fried filled pancakes.

It meant Snorkel parkas, space-hoppers and playing outside on your bike – a Raleigh Chopper if you'd persuaded your parents your mediocre academic performance that year was the fault of the dreadful teachers at Joseph Leckie Comprehensive. A customised Halfords sit-up-and-beg if you hadn't.

I rode a second-hand Halfords Special.

It wasn't a time when toilet paper became the currency of panic and it certainly never meant being sent home from school because there were fears that you and your mates might be key players in the spread of a highly infectious and potentially deadly virus.

Unfortunately, times change and Abbots Leigh will not be immune to the effects of Coronavirus. Already there are some residents that are heeding government advice and drawing back from their usual lives in a bid to protect themselves and limit its spread.

'Self-isolating' is not a phrase I'd encountered before the last few weeks. It's not one I particularly want to encounter again.

There are moves afoot within our community to help ensure that those friends and neighbours with little or no choice but to spend the next few weeks in their own homes are able to get hold of basic supplies.

But in the meantime, please make the effort to talk to your neighbours and offer them support, help and advice. Some of them might not be able or capable of ordering their weekly shop on-line. They might need prescriptions picking up or an emergency supply of red wine.

If you really are struggling please don't hesitate to call me – Paul Thompson - on 07903 857 616 and I'll make sure help gets out to you.

Let's all pull together to make sure everyone that makes the Abbots Leigh community gets through this.

Oh. And don't hog all the loo roll.

*Paul Thompson, Chair, Abbots Leigh Civic Society
33, Dennyview Road 01275 373 115*

You are warmly invited to come to the

BRISTOL SAVAGES

110th Annual Paintings Exhibition

Saturday August 29 - Sunday September 13

Open every day from 10am – 4:45pm. The Red Lodge, Park Row, Bristol.

Entrance in Lodge Street. Entrance Free. All

Paintings For Sale

www.bristol-savages.org
bristolsavages@gmail.com



110th Annual
Paintings Exhibition

LEIGH WOODS SOCIETY

EVENTS

On 10 March we were treated to a very entertaining talk by long-time Leigh Woods resident Peaches Golding OBE. She told us how,, having been High Sheriff of Bristol some years ago, in 2017 she was appointed Lord Lieutenant, a first for an American. It was a fascinating insight into the demanding but rewarding work of the Queen's representative in the City and County of Bristol.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The QUIZ NIGHT on 29 April and the SUMMER PARTY are postponed until further notice.

CORONAVIRUS

Mark Rayson, of the Community Resilience Team, put out this message:

COVID-19 Community Support Group

We've heard of many lovely acts of neighbourly care in our community, which is wonderful and which we hope will continue. In addition, Leigh Woods and Abbots Leigh are setting up COVID-19 community support groups comprising volunteers who live in the area.

In Leigh Woods, the Leigh Woods Society leafleted every household asking if people needed support and for volunteers. We have had a fantastic response (about 30) from people willing to help. These volunteers will, hopefully, by now have distributed a CARD introducing themselves with their contact details for anyone who is self isolating and might need assistance, such as shopping or just a friendly chat in anxious times. Ideally the volunteers will each be responsible for an area of households very close to them.

In Leigh Woods, the support group will be co-ordinated by:

Gill Dixon: gill@mrconsulting.biz (07710 103 548)

Mark Rayson: mark@mrconsulting.biz (07768 877 191)

Both can also be contacted by landline on 0117 973 1842.

If you are self-isolating and need support please contact your volunteer in the first instance; any problems let the coordinators know. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers.

THANKS

Many thanks to Angela Probyn for the many years she has done a great job, contributing Leigh Woods news articles to the Long Ashton and Leigh Woods newsletter. This magazine, produced by the Parish Council, drops through our letterboxes 3 times a year and is a useful reminder that we are part of the Civil Parish of Long Ashton & Leigh Woods.

CONSULTATIONS

Over the past month or so, North Somerset Council has been consulting interested parties about on-street parking in Leigh Woods. The Council will now be studying the results of the survey. There has also been a separate online survey about libraries,

garden waste, street cleaning etc., with public engagement sessions around the county. One proposal is that we should pay £50 a year to have our green bins emptied. Have your say by visiting www.n-somerset.gov.uk/yourneighbourhood

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

The police, through Neighbourhood Watch, send regular messages about local crime to members via email. They also send warnings about telephone and online scams, and how to protect property. They have recently send advice about how to cope with the Coronavirus outbreak. If you would like to receive regular police emails, or the specific Coronavirus advice, please email ann@lowson.net, Leigh Woods coordinator of the scheme.

TICK REMINDER

Spring is the time when ticks become active again, hungry for blood. Since there have been cases of Lyme Disease in our area, it is recommended that we take precautions when walking in long grass or through bushes. See www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease

SUSPENSION BRIDGE VAULTS TOUR

On Saturday 14 March a few Leigh Woods volunteers were taken down to the vaults underneath the Leigh Woods abutment, while being photographed for a new website. The Visitor Centre offers regular tours of this very interesting part of our local landmark.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

20/P/0174/FH Southwood Lodge, Bannerleigh Lane, BS8 9HJ

1-storey front porch. Officer: Janet Jones

20/p/0227/TPO Trees. Avonhurst, Church Rd., BS8 3PG T1 – Pine: Remove lowest

2 lateral branches. T2-Pine: Fell. Officer: Jason Cox

Abbots Leigh Covid 19 community volunteers

A number of volunteers throughout Abbots Leigh are being coordinated to cover groups of neighbours along roads across the Parish. The purpose is to ensure that people have someone to contact should they need help with anything such as picking up shopping, posting mail, urgent supplies or just to talk to someone when they are having to self isolate. Leaflets are being distributed to each household giving a local neighbours contact number so that a wide network can be established. Different groups may liaise through different ways whatever suits people's preferences. If you have not heard anything or want further information contact Mel King on 07876 502951 or Simon Talbot-Ponsonby 07973 147017 or 01275 375250.

The Green outside Holy Trinity Church

The Parish Council are investigating ways to repair the green where vehicles are driving over the kerbs whilst turning outside the church. The area is not part of the public highway controlled and maintained by North Somerset Council. As space is restricted when cars are parked outside the church, the Parish Council are investigating the option of having minor alterations made to the kerb line of the island to avoid the grass being ploughed up.

Old School Field - Abbots Leigh

The Parish Council will be installing a dog waste bin in the school field which will be emptied fortnightly or more if necessary. Please remember to keep your dog on a lead and clear up after it when in the school field as young children play there.

ABBOTS LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Application Records					
Applic'n no. Date rec'd Target Date	Applicant & Address	Proposal	Parish Council View	NSC status	Officer
19/P/1715/FUH 12-Aug-19 20-Sep-19	21 Church Rd, BS8 3QP	Remodel & extend existing bungalow to create addnl storey at 1 st floor. Demolish adjoining bungalow. Rebuild to create 2 storey det. house	<i>Following receipt of amended plans, NO OBJECTION in principle but PC recommend steeper pitch on both roofs.</i>	Approved	Terry Karampini
19/P/1949/FUL 23-Sep-19 9-Dec-19	Land at Kingcott Farm, Beggar Bush Lane	Create addnl rugby pitch & training grids. Erect groundsman facilities in connection w approved rugby training facility (Ref 18/P/5161/FUL - varying permission 16/P/2607/F)	<i>Following receipt of amended plans - NO OBJECTION.</i>	TBC	TBC
19/P/3042/CQA 16-Dec-19 31-Jan-20	The Cowshed, Glen Farm, Sandy Lane, BS8 3SE.	Prior approval, change of use of agricultural bldg to Dwelling house with operational devt.: insert windows and doors.	No objections.	TBC	Judith Porter
19/P/3075/FUH 6-Jan-20 5-Feb-20	2 Glen Cottages Sandy Lane, BS8 3SE.	1.5 storey side extn to give gd floor accessible annexe rooms & 1st floor bathrm & bedrm.	No objections.	TBC	Anna Hayes

Annual Parish Meeting

Government legislation has been drawn up to enable these meetings to be cancelled or postponed until the current crisis has passed. Therefore the meeting usually held in May has been cancelled for the time being.

Donald Davies, Pill Ward Councillor, N Somerset Council

My contact details are below, for those who need them, but I shall be suspending face to face surgeries until further notice both for residents' and my own health, to avoid spreading any viruses. My e-mail is donald.davies@n-somerset.gov.uk.
and my phone number is 07900 097671.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS The Parish Council normally welcomes residents at council meetings, usually held on the third Monday of each month. The law requiring these has been relaxed on account of the pandemic. We may be holding these meetings online over the next few months. If you wish to raise anything to be discussed at the meetings please contact Julie Smart, Clerk to the Parish Council, in advance of the meeting. The next meeting will be held **Monday 20th April** at 7.30pm either in the John Butler Room in the Village Hall, but more likely to be through a video link. The Agenda and Minutes are available on the Village Website.

Abbotts Leigh Parish Councillors Simon Talbot-Ponsonby (375250) Chair, Cycle & Foot-path Network/Highways/Verges/Recycling & Rubbish/ Skittle Alley/Communications/ Website. **Martin Walker** (219530) Vice Chair/ Public Footpaths/ Old School Field/ Open Spaces/ Abbots Pool/ Transport Links. **John Butler** (373446), Village Hall /Public Relations/Street Lighting. **Murray Stewart** (372878) Community Groups/ Neighbourhood Plan/ Abbots Leigh Charities/ Civic Soc. Liaison. **Robert Narracott** (375619) Planning/ Conservation Area. *Clerk to the Council:* **Julie Smart** (374442) who works out of the Resource Centre in Pill. Secretariat/Insurance/Police Coordination/Village Orderly.

AT LAST !!

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Plan is finished and (subject to the good health of design and printing helpers) is now ready for your comments during a consultation period of six weeks, originally from April 6th to 15th May, but possibly to be extended.

A short summary is enclosed with this copy of the LINK.

The Plan will be on the Neighbourhood Plan page on www.pillanddistrictplan.org
If you feel like looking at the whole Plan there will be several copies in the telephone box opposite the George. Borrow a copy for a day but do return it quickly for others.

PLEASE MAKE A COMMENT - probably on-line!

Are there bits you like? Is there something missing? Would you add anything?
Do you object to any of the ideas? Can you give us your support?

You can comment by e-mail to nhoodplan@btinternet.com

Alternatively drop a comment into the PLAN BOX, also in the telephone kiosk.

Murray Stewart

Recycling and Rubbish:

Check North Somerset council website under waste and recycling for your next collection.

North Somerset Council have decided to introduce a £50 annual fee per bin for green waste collection later this year. North Somerset is the only Council in the region that currently does not charge for green waste collection. A consultation on the way to implement this is in progress until the end of April.



Recycling Tips

Recycle all metal items

...such as old cooking utensils by taking them to the recycling centre near Portishead (closed on Tuesdays). They will not be taken by the kerbside teams, they only collect household metal packaging such as foil, tins, cans, lids from jars & foil trays.

Food waste

The average family throws away about £700 worth of food waste a year; most of it ends up in landfill. Please put your food waste into your food waste bin rather than your black wheelie bin. All food waste collected is sent to an anaerobic digestion plant in Weston-super-Mare, which generates electricity and produces fertiliser.

Plastic Bags

...can be recycled at a number of larger supermarkets including a lot of food packaging & magazine wrappers which are not biodegradable. Store the plastics in a plastic bag by your recycling bins and take it with you next time you go for a supermarket shop.

Use clothes longer

The average life of new clothes is only 3.3 years. Only 10% to 20% of clothes given to charity shops are sold in second hand stores. The rest is sent overseas.

Clothes recycling

Help local charities raise cash. There are two clothing banks in Pill where bagged clothes and shoes can be left: the Fire Brigade Benevolent Society, by the Fire Station and the Western Air Ambulance behind the resource centre.

Pill and District Solar Streets

The parishes of Abbots Leigh and Pill & Easton-in-Gordano have declared a climate emergency, as has North Somerset District Council.

The two parish councils are working in partnership with a South West solar Photo Voltaic (PV) panel installer, IDDEA, to provide discounted solar panel, battery storage and electric vehicle charging point installations in the area. IDDEA have been running a successful Solar Streets initiative in Frome and a number of other locations. This is made possible by their being able to carry out a number of surveys and installations concurrently in the same area. This can cover Leigh Woods as well

An interesting information meeting was held in the Pill Community Centre on 12th March explaining the benefits and how they can offer cost savings through bulk purchase. If you want further information contact IDDEA on 01380 726999 or info@iddea.co.uk or their website www.iddea.co.uk.

Possible Conservation Areas - Abbots Leigh

The Parish Council are exploring the possibility of introducing one or more conservation areas in Abbots Leigh. Consultations will be carried out as ideas develop.

Abbots Leigh Village Spring Clean & Litter Pick



Following advice from Keep Britain Tidy we sadly had to cancel the litter pick and may hold one in late September. In the meantime as you will have more time as we will not be doing so much socialising, please consider collecting some litter when you are out taking your

exercise and taking it home and putting it in your bin. If you would like to borrow a litter picker please contact Simon Talbot-Ponsonby.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

The APCM scheduled for Sunday 26th April, 11.45am at Holy Trinity, Abbots Leigh has a new deadline in October so present roles continue till then.

WELCOME PACK

New to the parish? Know of new arrivals? For a Welcome Pack, contact **Leigh Woods:** Lesley Nash 0117 973 4168 / **Abbots Leigh:** Nicola Stinchcombe 01275 374523 or Nicky Walker 01275 374177 - or see Parish Website:

www.theparishchurch.com

In response to an S.O.S from the N.W.Foodbank I delivered a large consignment of foodstuffs and toiletries to Avonmouth last week which had been donated to Holy Trinity and St. Mary's.

So please keep donations coming to both Churches and I will ensure they get to Avonmouth.

SING

Yes there is fear.
 Yes there is isolation.
 Yes there is panic buying.
 Yes there is sickness.
 Yes there is even death.
 But,
 They say that in Wuhan after so many
 years of noise
 You can hear the birds again.
 They say that after just a few weeks of
 quiet
 The sky is no longer thick with fumes
 But blue and grey and clear.
 They say that in the streets of Assisi
 People are singing to each other across
 the empty squares,
 keeping their windows open
 so that those who are alone
 may hear the sounds of family around
 them.
 They say that a hotel in the West of
 Ireland
 Is offering free meals and delivery to the
 housebound.
 Today a young woman I know
 is busy spreading fliers with her number
 through the neighbourhood
 So that the elders may have someone to
 call on.
 Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques
 and Temples
 are preparing to welcome
 and shelter the homeless, the sick, the
 weary

All over the world people are slowing
 down and reflecting
 All over the world people are looking at
 their neighbours in a new way
 All over the world people are waking up
 to a new reality
 To how big we really are.
 To how little control we really have.
 To what really matters. To Love.
 So we pray and we remember that
 Yes there is fear.
 But there does not have to be hate.
 Yes there is isolation.
 But there does not have to be loneliness.
 Yes there is panic buying.
 But there does not have to be meanness.
 Yes there is sickness.
 But there does not have to be disease of
 the soul
 Yes there is even death.
 But there can always be a rebirth of love.
 Wake to the choices you make as to how
 to live now.
 Today, breathe.
 Listen, behind the factory noises of your
 panic
 The birds are singing again
 The sky is clearing, Spring is coming,
 And we are always encompassed by
 Love

Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able
to touch across the empty square.

Sing.

(Published in 'Assisi Anglicans'
March 2020)

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111 **POLICE** Local Police (Nailsea): 101
Our Local Beat Officer is PC Justina Lewis, a local resident. With her are Connor Aitkin (PCSO 9382) and Kate Turner (PCSO 7948). Contact them on local non-urgent matters on 101 (give their collar number).

If anyone wishes to volunteer for Community Speed-Watch they can contact PC Lewis at Justina.Lewis@avonandsomerset.police.uk

They cover **Abbots Leigh, Leigh Woods, Dundry and Long Ashton.**

Thanks to Justina Lewis who updates us with the following news:

The police are having a shake-up of their team at the end of March, losing all their PCSO's to pastures new. Here, we welcome Connor Aitkin, injecting new (and young) blood into the team. Connor will mainly be covering the Pill side of the beat whilst Kate Turner, who has been a CSO for some 15 years, will be taking over the Long Ashton side with some overlapping by both. So far this year, we have only had 10 residential burglaries across the beat (often a main concern; by far the biggest issue on the beat is violence - often domestic or alcohol fuelled when between strangers. Also there has been a small spate of unrelated dog bites on the district; here is some information on the subject:

Dogs dangerously out of control (Section 3 Dangerous Dogs Act 1991)

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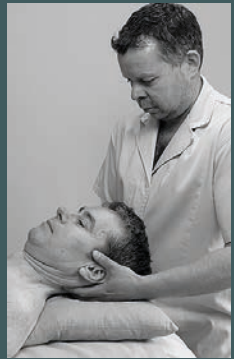
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