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WITH  
ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, LEIGH WOODS  
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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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**[www.theparishchurch.com](http://www.theparishchurch.com)**

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

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Dear friends,

We watched a version of Shakespeare's *As You Like It* yesterday, relayed from London's Globe Theatre. These online versions of theatrical productions have been an enjoyable pastime recently, and I was drawn to lines spoken by Duke Senior while in exile in the Forest of Arden: 'And this our life, exempt from public haunt, / Finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, / Sermons in stones, and good in everything.' As the sun has shone, it's indeed been possible to see new life and 'good in everything' in the natural world around us, even as so much hardship and suffering continues alongside this.

Here in the vicarage, it's been a particular pleasure, not only to spent time in the garden, but to begin, finally, to get to grips with its long grass. Cutting this has been quite arduous, with a small hand mower that scatters piles of shorn grass behind it. But I've been struck by the changes in colour, sensation and feeling, as thick shaggy coverage turns to a thin sheen of grey-silver on the ground. From a distance, the lawn seems, though shorter and a little more orderly, more monochrome and even rather dull. On applying a rake or, more usually, gathering cut grass by hand while kneeling and crawling, the shards of grass appear then disperse, and suddenly the bright young shoots underneath emerge, in all their lime-green yellow light and colour, with different textures, lengths and dappling effects.

Something a little like this experience is happening, as the disciples take refuge behind locked doors in the time after the first Easter appearance. Uncertainty, fear, disbelief are all still a backdrop, when joy might be assumed to be well established. The Christian story does not understand resurrection as a magical intervention that takes away in one moment all suffering or hardship. Clearly that continued in many forms for the early Christians, and sadly, it continues today as well, in our own lives and in those of others around us. But, like the suddenly textured, dappled shoots underneath the film of grey cut grass, the risen life of the resurrection opens up and makes suddenly real our vision for a different and better way, our capacity for hope, for love, for life, for starting again, however much grey doubt can overshadow when we are vulnerable. →

But Easter gives us, steadily and quietly, that substantial reminder, breathing oxygen of hope into our spiritual and physical lungs, proclaiming that shoots of new life, new colour, new possibilities, are present, beneath that veneer of greyness and of sorrowing dullness, as the poet John Donne called it. Even alongside these doubts or uncertainty, runs a deeper vein of energy and of purpose, a new way of being which the risen life invites us to embrace. So as these weeks continue, may that hope, love purpose, go with you, whatever you are facing, wherever you are. And may we meet again soon.

With love,

*Hester*

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## In need of Prayer?

Anyone who would like prayer or a chat please give Hester a ring or email [hester.jones2@gmail.com](mailto:hester.jones2@gmail.com) / 01275 219838

**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.

We have been uploading **sermons and some services** to our Leigh Woods and Abbots Leigh Facebook page and links via email - please contact Hester or Wo if you would like a link to these.

We are considering adding a **Zoom service** and do let Wo or Hester know if this would be appreciated.

## FAMILY NEWS

**BAPTISMS:** None

**WEDDINGS:** None

**FUNERALS:** None



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](mailto:gillm.ogden@gmail.com)



LEIGH WOODS & ABBOTS LEIGH  
**COMMUNITY CINEMA**

**Hopes to continue  
in June...**

## **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CLOCK**

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Since 1870, the Holy Trinity Church Clock has told villagers the time and struck the hour. The ancient mechanism has been maintained by an annual service but recently the cogs which ring the hour gave up and the clock was silent. The services of a

horological engineer were needed and with the financial support of the Civic Society we are reminded of the hour again.



The clock has an eight day movement and until the mid

1980s someone had to climb the tower with a big key to wind it up every week. An electric self winding mechanism was then installed and the only manual correction now needed is the twice yearly adjustments for British Summer time.



*Adrian Watkinson*



**ABBOTS LEIGH**



**NHS**

*More thanks to  
Adrian Watkinson  
for this photo  
showing Abbots  
Leigh's  
appreciation of the  
NHS*

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All meetings currently on hold. Georgina is still growing plants for May 12th; that meeting won't take place, 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.

### **Where's The Link? Please tell your friends...**

The Link is available on the village website <http://www.abbotsleigh.org.uk/news/>.

On [www.leighwoods.org](http://www.leighwoods.org) it's an item on the Leigh Woods Society page, under Articles and Information. Also on [www.theparishchurch.com](http://www.theparishchurch.com).



### *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*

**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](mailto:gillm.ogden@gmail.com)*

### **Abbots Pool Working Party**

Due to the current COVID 19 situation we didn't have a working Party in April, and nor will we have another one until restrictions lift.

The car park at the pool has been closed to discourage social gatherings. In the event you become aware of people gathering at the pool north Somerset Council have asked that the police are called on 101 and they will send a patrol to disperse.

Keep safe and well.

*Jo Chiverton*







Summer is always the season I most look forward to. They're all there to be enjoyed of course - the promise of spring, the colours of autumn and the crisp freshness of a cold winter's morning – but summer is my favourite. I suppose it goes back to childhood and the promise of six long weeks off school. The thought of 'playing out' with your friends from (almost) dawn until dusk, wandering out of the house just after breakfast and breezily announcing that you'd be back for tea – with barely a murmur of concern from your parents.

I look forward to the long-hot days, stiflingly humid nights and the blessed relief of a thunderstorm. To the excitement of packing up your normal life for a couple of weeks and setting off to another part of the world to enjoy what it has to offer. To ice creams in the sun and a glass of wine in the garden as it sets.

In 2020 though, all bets are off. That six-week figure is no longer the length of the school holidays but the length of time we'll all have been cooped up as part of the governments anti Covid-19 measures. Less of a unit of freedom and more a yardstick of frustration.

Life is a great teacher so it is said. The last month or so has taught plenty. It has underlined the importance of community, highlighted the value that even the smallest cogs bring to the wider machine and stuck a big gold star next to the work of all essential workers - carers, NHS staff, delivery drivers, binmen (sorry – can't bring myself to use the term 'refuse collectors') alike.

It has also brought out the best in each of us. Neighbours are looking after neighbours, errands are being run, favours sought and returned.

Unfortunately for the Civic Society the continuing lockdown measures leave us in limbo over the likelihood of some of our usual events going ahead but these are minor trivialities and last-minute decisions can be taken.

Hopefully by the time the next Link is published we'll be on the way to enjoying some semblance of normality.

Until then let's not undo the hard work that we've all put in. Stay at Home. Save lives.

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

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*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

## COVID-19 Community Support Group

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

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

Mark Rayson: [mark@mrconsulting.biz](mailto: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.

The pre-virus days of quiz nights, AGMs, concerns about parking, rat runs and plans for summer parties feels a lifetime away.

Whilst we have in effect become a collection of isolated islands, there is still a community spirit. Two great examples. 1. The Covid19 Community Support Group. Many thanks to all the volunteers who have put themselves forward to help those who need assistance be it with their prescriptions, shopping or just an ear for a friendly chat. You should have received a card through your letter box with the contact details of a close neighbour if you need help. Information about the group is above and on our website [www.leighwoods.org](http://www.leighwoods.org). Special mention should be made of the brains and energy behind the support group, Mark Rayson and Gill Dixon-Rayson. 2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> example is a very special campaign calling on knitters and sewers to make a pair of hearts for the Bristol Intensive Care Unit (ICU). You may have received an email about this. Mark has sent in the following update:

*Leigh Woods resident Maria Burgess extended the appeal to Leigh Woods residents to make a pair of matching hearts. As visiting is not allowed at present the ICU places one heart with the patient on passing and the other heart is sent to the family. Well, Leigh Woods residents have been knitting, sewing and crocheting, producing around 40 pairs of hearts which Maria has delivered (see photo). Maria and the nurses at the ICU send a massive thank you to all of you for making so many beautiful hearts for the intensive care unit at the BRI.*



If you are interested in helping please get in touch with Maria on [mariaburgess@gmail.com](mailto:mariaburgess@gmail.com). You can also find information on the LWS website.

So what else? Litter Pick. We managed to slip that one in just before the shutters came down. Many thanks to everyone who showed up. In fact the turnout was so good, we ran out of roads to allocate. With regret, the haul this time was larger than the last.

Whilst our lives have gone into lockdown, the criminal community hasn't. We are advised by our Police Liaison Officer and Neighbourhood Watch team to be aware.

Parking Consultation. The deadline for our comments has passed. Many have completed the online questionnaire and written in. Let's hope North Somerset are listening. Obviously there are more important things to focus on at the moment but any news will be posted on the LWS website. [www.leighwoods.org](http://www.leighwoods.org). →



With lockdown and restrictions on our daily lives, there is massive appreciation not only for the NHS and those who work in Care but also those who help keep the wheels turning. The bin men, the guys on the recycling waggon, the postie, Majid our local DHL deliveryman and for those who have their milk delivered (Milk&More if you are interested) the milkman (or woman). Our lives would be a lot less comfortable without them. A big thank you.

Hopefully before too long the restrictions will gradually be lifted. When they are, we will be telling you about the new date for the LWS AGM and other dates for your diary.

Finally. For most of us, the virus is an inconvenience, but for others it has affected the health of friends, relatives, neighbours, themselves. For those of you in Leigh Woods and beyond who are involved with helping the fight against Covid19 and caring for the vulnerable, a big thank you.

*Thanks to Ian McKay for the cartoon!  
The LWS.*

### Co-isolation

*To The Times*

This virus has a lot to answer for. I have this strange man hanging about the house. He says he lives here.  
*Mary McMillan, Haddington, East Lothian*



## 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.

## [abbotsleighwildlife.com](http://abbotsleighwildlife.com)

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**Short videos, made locally, to inspire one and all...**



While, in the human world, spring and the economy was grinding to a halt... 'Spring cannot hold back': filmed in Torr's garden.

**Contact:**

[info@abbotsleighwildlife.com](mailto:info@abbotsleighwildlife.com) / 07771 963504

**Online:**

[www.abbotsleighwildlife.com](http://www.abbotsleighwildlife.com) view this newsletter and any links online.

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## ABBOTS LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Application Records					<a href="#">Contents</a>
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 <sup>st</sup> 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>	<b>Approved</b>	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 grounds-man 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>	<b>TBC</b>	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.	<b>No objections.</b>	<b>TBC</b>	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.	<b>No objections.</b>	<b>TBC</b>	Anna Hayes

### Annual Parish Meeting

The need to hold this meeting has been cancelled by the Government for this year.

### 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 for both residents' and my own health, to avoid spreading any viruses. My e-mail is [donald.davies@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30pm either in the John Butler Room in the Village Hall, or more likely through a video link. The Agenda and Minutes are available on the Village Website.

**Abbots Leigh Parish Councillors** **Simon Talbot-Ponsonby** (375250) Chair, Cycle & Footpath 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.

## THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Although the Neighbourhood Plan is finished and now ready for comment Covid 19 has delayed the process. The local consultation process has been extended – until the autumn or maybe longer. In addition the Government has delayed all elections and referenda till May 2021.

Nevertheless North Somerset Council are moving ahead with their long-term 2038 Local Plan and we are engaged. It is very good that we have our own plan ready to input to that process and we need to show that local opinion is in favour or against the proposals in the Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan is available on the Village website together with a short summary.

### PLEASE HAVE A LOOK AND MAKE A COMMENT

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?

Even if you have never been able to assist with Plan so far, this is the time when you can really be useful. Don't say you have no time to spare.

You can comment by e-mail to [nhoodplan@btinternet.com](mailto:nhoodplan@btinternet.com)

*Murray Stewart*

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## Recycling and Rubbish:

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



Recycling levels during the current Corona Virus emergency are much higher than usual. Please help the crews by making sure that your recycling is sorted. All waste and recycling is currently being collected, but should there be a problem with crew availability the green waste collections will be the first to be suspended.

The Recycling Centres are currently closed. Please keep your large items for recycling until they are reopened.

## Recycling Tips

### Recycle all metal items

...such as old cooking utensils by taking them to the recycling centre near Portishead when it reopens. They will not be taken by the kerbside teams who only collect household metal packaging such as foil, tins, cans, lids from jars and 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.

## QUIZ

*Quiz aficionados suffering withdrawal symptoms may enjoy these challenging questions kindly submitted by Christopher Sharp.  
Beat the editor: he scored three!!  
Answers below.*



1.	What did General Wolfe achieve on 13 September 1759?
2.	What novel by Virginia Woolf starts: "'Yes, of course it's fine tomorrow,' said Mrs. Ramsay. 'But you'll have to be up with the lark,' she added"
3.	What was the name of the wolf dog, the principal animal character in Jack London's 1906 novel
4.	What was the name of Tom Wolfe's novel satirising the 'Masters of the Universe' of Wall Street?
5.	When was it published?
6.	When did the Wolf Cub programme start
7.	The last wolf in Scotland is said to have been killed in 1680. In what century was the last wolf in England killed?
8.	When did Wolves (Wolverhampton Wanderers) last win the FA Cup
9.	For what political party was Steven Woolfe an MEP?
10.	Following what episode did he resign from the party in 2016?
11.	For what was Kurt Wolff famous, despite his death aged 22?
12.	What was a Thylacine?

## Abbots Leigh 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.

1. Attacked Quebec by leading his men up the Heights of Abraham taking the French defenders by surprise. 2. To the Lighthouse 3. White Fang 4. The Bonfire of the Vanities 5. 1987 6. 1916 7. 14th century 8. 1960 9. UKIP 10. He was injured in an altercation with a fellow party member. 11. He was one of Germany's highest scoring WW1 fighter aces. 12. The Tasmanian wolf (extinct in 1936)

## **FOOD BANK - MORE NEEDED THAN EVER**

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.

The position there is grim. All of their collection stations have been forced to close and donations have dwindled to a trickle. The hub at Avonmouth is trying to put together 1000 parcels for people and families who are having to self-isolate.

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

**There are boxes in the porches of both Holy Trinity and St Mary's** for the collection of items. They are regularly checked, emptied and taken to the Food Bank once a month.

*Alan Shellard*

## **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](http://www.theparishchurch.com)

## **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.

## **HOLY TRINITY FLOWERS**

Thank goodness for the spring!

We were sorry not to get together to arrange flowers for Easter. Hopefully everyone could get outside and enjoy the daily changes in their gardens. Thank you as always to the people who help and hope we can resume our duties in the not too far distant future.

Keep well everyone!

*Barbara and flower team*

## **Abbots Leigh Old School Field**

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 walking through. A new basketball net has been ordered.

**Abbots Leigh Village Hall** is currently closed.

## Swifts are, to many people, the true birds of Summer

Thanks to Bob Buck for reminding us of summer joys to come!

St. George's Flower Bank  
Local Nature Reserve <http://flowerbank.org.uk>



Soon they will be returning from their winter in Southern Africa to add that something special to our skies.

Watching them will help pass the time if you're not able to get out and about. Just in case you aren't sure of how to identify them I've attached a chart. Also check out the 'Swifts in Pill & Easton -i-G' Facebook page and share your sightings.

Swifts numbers are declining so it makes a great difference if you can help record them around your home

- <https://swiftsurvey.org/Rspb/Home/Index>

**They've made it again,  
Which means the globe's still working, the Creation's  
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From *Swifts* by Ted Hughes

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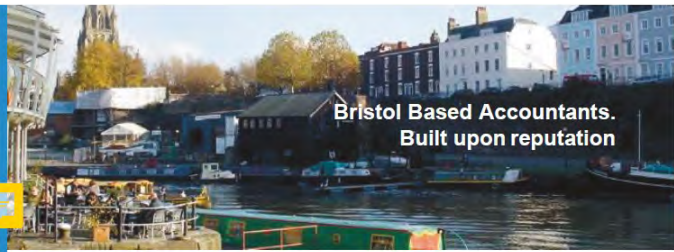
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