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Paying for The Link

Subscriptions due at the start of 2021 - suggested donation minimum £7.

NB. Contributions for 2020 are still being accepted too!

Could you either please give your donation to your normal deliverer who will I am sure deliver it to the treasurer or make arrangements for her to collect it OR you can now make BACS payments to our newly abbreviated account name:

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Many thanks, The Link Team

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Dear Friends,

As the days continue dankly, and forecasts begin to speak of more beasts from the east towards the end of the month, I've heard more talk than in previous years, of keeping up the lights, if not the trees and decorations, until the end of the month. In high church tradition, this is always the way: the crib stays above the altar, Epiphany continues as a season, until the feast of Candlemas, the Presentation in the Temple, and the Purification of the Virgin Mary, all of which meet on one day, this year on February 2nd. Young and old are united on this occasion, where the baby Jesus is taken to the Temple for blessing and recognised by the elderly Simeon and Anna as fulfilment of long-awaited prophecy. It is a moving moment of mutual gift between young and old, before the season of abstention in Lent opens out a little later.

Over recent weeks, vaccinations have begun, and many vulnerable people, shielding for so long, are momentarily seen again. My elderly mother was certainly delighted to bump into a neighbour, as they waited: it felt like a momentary staging post in the long haul to more sociable times. Simeon blesses Jesus at this Candlemas festival, and recognises that this is the moment for which he has long dreamed. I hope these times of preparation and waiting can also be times to dream again: times to look forward to the warmth of the sun, and the blessing of greater freedom, with restrictions lifted and longer reunions again possible.

We are reverting to Zoom worship again: do please look out for notices of Lent observance, or ask Liz England or myself for further information.

Keep safe, and go well,

Hester

FAMILY NEWS

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BAPTISMS: None WEDDINGS: None FUNERALS: 27 Jan. 2021 David Chanter Holy Trinity, Abbots Leigh

16 Feb. Shrove Tuesday / 17 Feb. Ash Wednesday / Lent



No big pancake parties this year! Still, a chance to perfect our tossing technique at home, when not busy with Adrian's latest recipe (p14)...

The Ash Wednesday service will be on Zoom only - no Ashing this year. Our chosen charity for Lent is the Salvation Army.

LENT GROUPS: We are combining with All Saints' Clifton for one-hour Zoom groups at 2pm or 7pm (choose your time) on the five Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday: Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24. Please register with Hester for Zoom access. JAMES MARTIN In all seasons for all reasons is our text, and you can order a copy via Hester. £6.60.

FOOD BANK - Alan Shellard received this message:

Dear Friends at Abbots Leigh and Leigh Woods.

Bristol North West Foodbank would like to say a big thank you for your recent donation of £90.

We have been busier than ever due to the pandemic, which has resulted in a huge increase in people needing our help due to loss of income, illness, or selfisolation. We are now regularly arranging weekly and fortnightly deliveries and collections for many vulnerable clients and your very kind donation will help to continue this vital service.

Kind regards

Fay Stone (Part time Administrator)

...to which Ginny Owen (who delivers our donated goods to the Foodbank) adds: Thank you very much for your continuing generosity. Please keep up the good work by placing your gifts (no fresh food or clothes please) in the covered boxes in both porches. The boxes are emptied regularly and contents taken to the Avonmouth depot every fortnight.

Time 🕑ut

We are sharing some pictures and light-hearted news on our WhatsApp Time Out group; if you want to join in, please send your mobile number to Gill.

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 in or have connection with Leigh Woods / Abbots Leigh. We have a mixed program of meet ups about once a month. New members always welcome. If you want to join the email group please let Gill know

Gill Ogden 01275 602657 / 07809 281 542 gillm.ogden@gmail.com

<u>The Big Switch</u> <u>Christmas Appeal and Children's Society collection</u> <u>THANK YOU</u>

The two Tree lighting events at Holy Trinity and St Mary's in order to launch our Appeal for The Children's Society Collection and for church funds were well supported by those brave enough to face the cold and wet on those two evenings. Carols were sung, stars were hung and friends were able to meet, at a distance of course.

Many people commented how cheering it was to see a lighted tree in such a prominent location in our two villages and we hope that everyone who saw them felt the same!

People's generosity over the Christmas period has enabled us to send a significant sum to The Children's Society in lieu of our Christingle collection as well as allowing the Parish to replace some of the income lost from the year's (non-) events. A very big thank you to everyone who made a donation, bought a star, bought a raffle ticket or just turned up to sing a few carols. You all made a difference.

Looking onwards to the first part of 2021 it is clear that the renewed lockdown will continue to have a very adverse effect on the two churches' income. Currently our deficit is running at £7000 per year directly due to severely reduced cash collections at services, wedding, baptism and funeral fees, and our inability to run as many fundraising events as we would do in a normal year. As a result, we have taken the decision to keep the Appeal open to give those kind parishioners who may not have had the opportunity to donate, a chance to contribute. We know that many of you feel that our churches are important for our communities and please rest assured that we shall resume our full range of activities as soon as the restrictions are eased.

We have to date donated £300 to The Children's Society from the initial Appeal results but hope to be able to give more when the final Appeal total is realised.

If you wish to donate please see details below:

By BACS: UPALandLW Sort code 40-52-40 Account no. 00010334 REF CHAP Cash or cheques to Liz England (Administrator)36 Church Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3QP Or Siân Narracott (Treasurer) Trinity House Harris Lane Abbots Leigh BS8 3QX

If you feel that you would like to make a regular donation may I direct you to our Parish Giving Scheme which allows you to make a donation at your chosen interval. It is a simple process to sign up online if you follow the link below:

https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/abbots-leigh-w-leigh-woods-abbots-leigh/

but if you prefer paper forms to complete or need help please contact Siân (01275 375619).

<u>One last item</u>– if you would like to be kept in touch with Parish events and would like to have your name added to our database - please get in touch with Liz England at admin@theparishchurch.com

THANK YOU

Holy Trinity Flowers

Time on your hands? Fill it with POPPIES - knitted, crotchet, clay, glass, papiermâché etc...to be displayed in/outside the church for Remembrance Sunday.

Get crafting! When life settles down I will arrange a collection point. I look forward to seeing your efforts.

Barbara Baber

ABBOTS LEIGH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE Contents



A belated 'Happy New Year' to everyone.

We are keeping in touch with everyone by email and phone. I have been sending e-cards to members to try and bring a smile to their faces. I delivered a 'goody' bag to each member in December and it was lovely to see everyone from a 'safe' distance. Such good news

that several members have had vaccinations and the rest of us are waiting patiently. Hope to have a meeting later in the spring, but will have to just wait until all is safe

Stay safe and healthy

Donna

Donna Butcher 01275 375378

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CIVIC SOCIETY

Abbots Leigh Civic Society AGM - 7pm Wed. 17 February

The Annual General Meeting of the Civic Society will be held by Zoom at 7pm on Wednesday 17 February. The Agenda will be published on the website one week beforehand, and the Zoom details circulated by email to all those on the Village email distribution list. If you are not on the email distribution list please email

webmaster@abbotsleigh.org.uk for details of the call.

L ockdown again. Frustratingly, just as we hoped to write off 2020 and look afresh to 2021. Shortly before this latest spell my wife Tess discovered some old newspapers padding out a picture frame she'd bought from a charity shop. They included a copy of the Sunday Times dated 25th of August 1973. The Bank Holiday weekend.

For those with a news and journalistic bent it's a fascinating read. Stories that have yet to lodge in our psyche litter its pages. Train robber Ronnie Biggs has fled Australia; Chile's President Allende is dealing with unrest, unaware that General Pinochet's coup will overthrow him in days. There are stories about Rhodesia, the IRA and a prescient tale of a fibbing US president.

But on page three the headline 'Where lollipop men fear to tread' demands attention. Retro 1970s sexism aside, the story talks of a Somerset village struggling with the weight of traffic and its failure to find anyone brave enough to take the role of crossing co-ordinator.

The village was a pre-Avonmouth Bridge Abbots Leigh, with traffic funnelled into Bristol and back out along the A369 to re-join the M5.

The article tells of traffic jammed in a 9-mile bottleneck. It must've been horrendous but in summer '73 the solution was literally on the horizon.

Almost 50 years later the vaccine has become our bridge. A fix to current woes that is so tantalisingly close. Hopefully it will not be long before we too can confine Covid to history.

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

Abbots Pool Working Party

We had a great turnout for the first working party of 2021. It was a lovely sunny day. We didn't manage to remove the mud from the bridge as it was frozen solid so we left that for another day. However, we did a thorough litter pick, cleared drains above the carpark and made a major dent in the lonicera that was taking hold on the slope above. It was great to see everyone and do something a bit different in these difficult times. Next working Party will be on Sunday Feb 14^a, between 10- 12 am. Jo Chiverton

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Welcome to the two families that we know of who in the past few months have moved to Leigh Woods.

Covid 19 has left the Leigh Woods Society very much in limbo so nothing to report on the usual social events that we enjoy organising. But the LWS isn't just about meeting and getting to know one's neighbours, we are also here to act as a sounding board for concerns that members have about our area and a source of news and updates about what has been happening.

Visitors to Leigh Woods. With Covid 19 it's as if Bristol has suddenly discovered Leigh Woods. The need for a place to escape the confines of city life is perfectly understandable. The problem is when large numbers want to visit at the same time. Concerns have been expressed about parking, damage to the verges and social distancing, or the lack of, especially as visitors bunch up at the North Road entrance to the woods. As one LWS member said "I keep telling myself how lucky I am to live where so many people want to visit, but it's wearing a bit thin".

It will get better as life gets back to normal but in the meantime, what's been happening? **Parking & Visitors.** Going back to the first lockdown and the mayhem caused by the number of cars parking wherever a space could be found. Our Parish Councillors and our County Councillor Ash Cartman were straight onto the case and very quickly arranged double yellows to be placed almost as per the parking scheme that is being introduced later this year. There are still places where double yellows should go and we hope they will be done asap. We understand that April is the target date for the rest of the scheme to be put in place. Of course visitors at the weekend can and will ignore the double yellows but North Somerset are going to step up traffic warden patrols at peak times. As to the crowds and lack of social distancing, the police are aware of this and I understand will increase their presence at weekends. Thanks to all concerned.

Verges. The double yellows have helped control the number of cars that can park in Leigh Woods though on North Rd in particular, the lack of passing places has meant the virtual destruction of the grass verge as cars mount the verge to avoid oncoming traffic. I understand discussions are taking place to see how the verges can be repaired and protected.

Crime. Whilst our lives have gone into lockdown, the criminal community hasn't. Only this week (17th Jan) at 8:00pm a villain broke into a kitchen at the back of a house in North Road while the family was watching a movie in another room. He stole a tablet and car keys and sped off in their car. The householder bravely gave chase on his motorbike, the thief abandoned the car. The police response was swift. Then last month cars behind locked gates in North Road were broken into, a bicycle was stolen from a shed and several houses were recced for potential break ins. These villains were spotted by a householder who gave chase. The police response again was swift and although the characters are known to the police (one dropped his phone and wallet) the challenge is to gather enough evidence. With thanks to the Police for their swift response.

Neighbourhood Watch. We all need to be vigilant, keep our eyes and ears open and look out for each other. If you are thinking of installing CCTV around your property (as we have done) then we can recommend a reputable company. Contact <u>alex@alexburgh.co.uk</u>

If you do see suspicious activity, please do report it. Our police contact is Justina.Lewis@avonandsomerset.police.uk

AGM. As and when we are able, an AGM will be announced. Unlikely to be before the Summer.

Key Workers. The LWS committee and I am sure all in Leigh Woods would like to express our thanks to all those involved in protecting us, treating us when we fall ill and keeping the wheels moving such as the delivery drivers, milkmen, bin and recycling collectors and more. That's it for now. Hopefully by the Summer we will be able to meet up over a drink and meal at a long overdue Leigh Woods party. Fingers crossed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE February 2021 North Somerset Council Executive

On December 9th NSC Executive accepted a recommendation that the submitted Neighbourhood Plan and Consultation Statement met the Basic Conditions required by government legislation. Councillor James Tonkin introduced the Plan and explained the role of the Council in agreeing that the Plan go forward to further consultation and independent examination. He congratulated those responsible for the hard work put into producing the Plan and noted the contribution of more than a hundred members of the community who had contributed.

Also on the Executive agenda was a submission from Pill resident Mr. Stuart Tarr presented on behalf of Ham Green and St. Katherine's Park residents. He contended that the Neighbourhood Plan had not met the necessary criteria to go forward to consultation/examination. The Executive disagreed and recommended that any such contention should be put to the independent examiner.

Community Land Trust Affordable Housing

Councillor Donald Davies writes 'The Pill and District Community Land Trust was set up because too many residents cannot find affordable rental property to enable them to continue to live or work in their own local area. After several years of fruitless search the Land Trust is now poised to put in a planning application for a site for 15 homes for affordable rental in perpetuity to only local people. It is in Ham Green, close to the existing St Katherine's Park estate, opposite Penny Brohn. This development is for affordable homes to rent to local people for whom there is evidenced local need. Although in the Green Belt this is a rural exception site similar to many already built elsewhere. Allocation will always be to applicants with a strong local connection'.

There are still many hurdles to be overcome in the planning and legal process, but with support from Alliance Homes, Homes England and of course residents across the whole Neighbourhood Area we are very hopeful we can deliver this.'

The Affordable Housing project is a central element in the Neighbourhood Plan. A consultation giving far more detail began in mid-January and runs until February 5th, there are display boards in the Pill Resource Centre and the plans can be found online at <u>www.alliancehomes.org.uk/chapelpill</u> where there is also the chance to comment. Make a comment welcoming this affordable housing initiative.

Independent Examination

The Parish Councils have been consulted on and have supported the appointment of an independent examiner for the neighbourhood Plan following the NSC six-week consultation period. She is likely to be available from April onwards.

North Somerset Plan 2038

The Neighbourhood Plan 2026 has been taken as the starting point for the Parish Council's submission to consultation on the new North Somerset Local Plan 2038. The separate article opposite summarises how our Plan might fit with other possibilities in Portbury and Portishead into a new 'Northern Corridor'.

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North Somerset Council have asked that this notice be placed in THE LINK

YOUR PLAN - YOUR SAY

The Abbots Leigh, Ham Green, Pill and Easton-in-Gordano Neighbourhood Plan will shortly be scrutinised by an independent Examiner.

This is the final chance to have your say. If there are any issues you'd like to raise, then now is the time so they can be passed to the Examiner for consideration.

You can view the Plan and make comments online from Monday 1 February until 5pm on Monday 15 March at:- <u>www.n-somerset.gov.uk/pillplan</u>

The Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by the two Parish Councils of Abbots Leigh and Pill & Easton-in-Gordano with help from the local community. The plan will help shape development in the parishes up to 2026 and will be used to help make decisions on planning applications. Policies include the better management of traffic, protection of the local natural and historic environment, the provision of affordable housing and possibilities of an Abbots Leigh Conservation Area. The Plan promotes low energy use, walking, cycling and public transport and offers a local response to climate change emergency.



NORTH SOMERSET LOCAL PLAN 2038: Choices for the Future

A North Somerset Local Plan 2038 *Choices for the Future* consultation paper was issued in November offering four strategic approaches to how and where new housing development might be located across North Somerset. The choices were Retain the Green Belt, Urban Focus, Transport Corridors and Dispersal.

Choices picked out a range of individual 'places' that could contribute to each of these approaches. They included major development of almost 10,000 houses at Ashton Vale, Nailsea, and Weston-Super-Mare. It also identified Portishead, Portbury, Easton-in-Gordano and Abbots Leigh as between them offering development potential from nil growth (Green Belt retention), to 500-1,500 (Urban Focus), 1,500 to 3,500 (Transport Corridors), and up to 2,000 (Dispersal).

Your Parish Councils felt it was important to consider these possibilities in the context of the Neighbourhood Plan, but at the same time recognise the scale of housing need and demand across North Somerset. The Neighbourhood Plan proposes the release of small amounts of Green Belt land for housing adjacent to existing settlements, but aims to protect open spaces, encourage cycling and walking, avoid increased traffic on the A 369 and address climate change.

Parish Council meetings in November agreed in principle a submission to North Somerset Council which offered a more effective and sustainable way forward locally. This was worked up as a proposal for a 'Northern Corridor' stretching from the edge of Bristol through Leigh Woods and Abbots Leigh to Pill and Easton-in-Gordano and on to the Severn Estuary. It would include the parishes of Abbots Leigh, Pill and Easton-in-Gordano, Portbury and Portishead.

Crucial to this proposal is that it is **NOT** simply a transport corridor (although it does welcome the role of the new rail link). The North Somerset 2038 Local Plan is built up from a sixteen-point sustainability assessment which includes criteria such as access to job opportunities, reduced reliance on the car, encouragement of open spaces/walking/ cycling, minimisation of the impact on landscape, delivery of affordable housing, support for community cohesion, reduction of inequalities, conservation of heritage assets, and enhancement of biodiversity. *Continued overleaf*

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We reworked the NSC sustainability assessment and concluded that whilst Abbots Leigh, Easton-in-Gordano, Portbury and Portishead did not score highly as separate individual 'places,' when the Northern Corridor is looked at as a whole recognising the connections and interdependence of our four settlements it scores much higher on economic, social and environmental sustainability criteria.

In summary, the Northern Corridor contains nothing which is not already in the Neighbourhood Plan but sets the Plan in a wider planning context. The main features of the Corridor are:

- The growth of Portishead as an 'urban focus' a counterweight to Bristol with potential to attract development away from rather than towards Bristol
- The importance of Pill (not even mentioned in *Choices*) as a rail station town, a local service centre, and a site for modest housing growth.
- The retention of the bulk of the Green Belt and in particular avoidance of major developments in Easton-in-Gordano (at Martcombe) and in Abbots Leigh (Chapel Pill).
- New market and affordable housing development across the Corridor of up to 2000 dwellings, of which up to 200 would be in the Neighbourhood Plan Area.
- Minimisation of traffic volumes on the A 369 and avoidance of urban sprawl all the way to the Severn
- Protection of the many threatened environmental areas from The Avon Gorge and Leigh Woods to the wetlands and waters of the Avon/Severn
- Recognition of the growing significance of working at or from home and the potential to provide well planned links between home and work locations.
- Recognition of the role of Royal Portbury Dock (lying within our Neighbourhood Area) and its growth which will generate further job opportunities (with or without a Freeport).

The Northern Corridor joint submission from the Parish Councils of Abbots Leigh and Easton -in-Gordano is on the websites of both PCs.

Donald Davies, Pill Ward Councillor, N Somerset Council

Current times are hard for us all and will be so for some time while the vaccine rollout continues. Thank you to all the wonderful people who are working so hard in this community to look after our neighbours. I urge you all to continue to have regard for the social distancing measures we need to avoid putting anyone at risk. For that reason I shan't be holding face-to-face surgeries, but please feel free to contact me with any concerns you have. My phone number is 07900 097671 and my e-mail donald.davies@n-somerset.gov.uk.

Parish Council Meetings The Parish Council is meeting through video links for the foreseeable future. If you wish to raise anything to be discussed at a meeting please contact Julie Smart, Clerk to the PC, in advance of the meeting. Meetings are normally held on **the 2nd Monday of each month**. The next will be on **Monday 8th February.** Meetings are currently at 7pm via zoom. Agenda & Minutes are 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. Julie Smart Clerk to the Council: (374442) who works out of the Resource Centre in Pill. Secretariat/Insurance/Police Coordination/Village Orderly.

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RECYCLING AND RUBBISH

From April Recycling and waste services will be carried out by North Somerset Recycling Company, a new company being set up by North Somerset Council using the existing staff, as the contract with Biffa is being terminated by mutual agreement.

Collection days vary across Abbots Leigh and Leigh Woods. If in doubt about your next collection dates check on North Somerset

Council website under waste collections where you can also download your Recycling and Waste collection calendars.

Garden Waste Garden waste collections will only be once in February and will revert to normal in March. Check your calendar on North Somerset Website for collection days.

Recycling Centre at Black Rock, Portishead. Closed on Tuesdays. Winter times are 10am to 4pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9am to 4pm, Saturday and Sunday until the end of February. When visiting Portishead recycling centre there is a one way system in place and it is not possible to make a right turn to enter or exit the site. To enter you must turn left coming down Valley road and to exit turn left towards Clevedon Road B3123.

Food waste The average family throws away about £700 worth of food waste a year and most of it ends up in landfill. Please put your food waste into your food waste bin rather than into your black wheelie bin so that it can be used to generate electricity and provide heat for homes

Plastic Bags can be recycled at a number of larger supermarkets including a lot of food packaging and magazine wrappers which are not biodegradable.

Gates at the end of Church Road

In May last year, Eileen Gardiner, an honorary Research Fellow at the Centre for Medieval Studies at the University of Bristol was walking in Abbots Leigh and spotted some unusual gates at the end of Church Road at the entrance to what used be called Southdown Park. Eileen made contact through the Village Website in order to try to find out more about these gates. The net result is that she has now carried out extensive research and established that they include 90 emblems which are14th Century Bristol Merchants' marks. She has written an article with an explanation and detailed descriptions of all the emblems on the gates with a hypothesis as to the origin of the gates themselves. This article has been published on the Village Website under the Village Features section and is well worth reading. http://www.abbotsleigh.org.uk/village-features/southdown-park-gates/

The National Cycle Network and the bridleway alongside Abbots Pool

Last summer it became apparent that the National Cycle Route which followed the bridleway alongside Abbots Pool was directed down a Public Footpath at the Sandy Lane end, which is not a Public Bridleway. A five bar gate with a pedestrian bypass has been installed on the Public Footpath. The official route of the Bridleway turns right down a rougher, narrower track towards Glen Avenue. Clearer signing will be installed. This alternative route is not up to the standard of the National Cycle Network so the National Cycle Route 334 no longer goes along Manor Road and past Abbots Pool. It has been rerouted along Harris Lane to join Sandy Lane and on to Portbury.

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A CONSERVATION AREA WITHIN ABBOTS LEIGH?

The Parish Council have now reopened a dialogue with the Civic Society, to build upon the efforts first made by them jointly with the Parish Council in 2005, all with a view to again establishing if a specific Conservation Area would be acceptable both to the Village and to North Somerset's Conservation Officer. More details will be made public in the New Year, once we have made further progress.

Recently the matter has been broached in the Neighbourhood Plan where a Possible Conservation Area in Abbots Leigh, referred to in Section 8.6 of the Plan, was widely approved of by the majority of respondents.

The main benefit to the Village would be to bring far greater protection for the historic character and the architectural elements that make certain parts of our Village so special and unique.

The steps to gaining a Conservation Area are long drawn out and set down in published policy processes; nothing can happen without wide public endorsement which we hope to work towards securing during 2021.

Abbots Pool

In early December NSC launched a consultation about proposed Public Space Protection Orders across the District including specific orders in several locations including Abbot Pool. This consultation closed on 3rd January. The Parish Council, Civic Society and many local organisations as well as individuals submitted views on the proposed orders which are planned to ensure a reduction of antisocial behaviour around Abbots Pool.

	Planning Application Records					
Applic'n no. Date rec'd Target Date	Applicant & Address	Proposal		Parish Council View	NSC status	Officer
20/P/1437/FUL 10-Aug-20 21-Sep-20	Leigh Court Farm, Pill Rd, BS8 3RA	manager for S years or on descation of		No objections.	Approved	Louise Grover
20/P/1882/FUL 17-Aug-20 20-Oct-20	Flat at The Barns, Church Road, BS8 3QU	Demolish existing dwelling and con- No		No objections.	TBC	TBC
20/P/2187/FUH 28-Sep-20 18-Nov-20	8 Dennyview Road, BS8 3RB	Erect 2-storey rear extn, new double gge & inter- nal alterations to 1st floor. <i>More info/plans</i> <i>required before</i> <i>decision can be made.</i>		TBC	Ellena Fletcher	
20/P/2266/LDP 28-Sep-20 17-Nov-20	Drybridge, Manor Road, BS8 3RP	Lawful Devt. Cert. for building extn & to convert 2 out- buildings for residen- tial ancillary use. Concern re bldgs being used for commercial purpose. Request condition: only to be used as part of same dwelling & only for residential purposes.		TBC	TBC	
20/P/2270/HHPA 28-Sep-20 3-Nov-20	Orchard Lodge, Manor Road, BS8 3RS	Prior approval request to erect 1-storey rear extn w pitched roof that would: 1) extend beyond rear of original house by		No comment necessary.	TBC	Nick Urquhart
20/P/2419/AGA 19-Oct-20 4-Nov-20	Parkwood Barn, Sandy Lane, Lower Failand, BS8 3SF			No objections.	твс	Jessica Smith
20/P/2434/FUH 19-Oct-20 9-Dec-20	28 Church Road, BS8 3QP	Raise and replace rear terrace and landscape v and rear garden.	works to front no	oncern re eighbours' st privacy	TBC	Janet Jones
20/P/2328/FUL 2-Nov-20 8-Dec-20	Acres Holt, Val- ley Road, Leigh Woods, BS8 3PZ	Add attic & basement. Change elevations to dwelling under construction (previously approved under applien 19/P/0547/FUL PC to check with Long Ashton PC Erect dwelling w det. gge & swimming pool. Construct access driveway following demolition of existing house & garage. TBC		Ellena Fletcher		

SERVICES for February

	CHURCH	SERVICE	READERS	READINGS	
07-Feb	-Feb 2 nd before Lent				
9.30am	AL & Zoom	Family Worship	Talbot Family	John 1 1-14	
10 45am	AL & Zoom	Parish Communion	Judith Groves	Colossians 1: 15-20	
10.4Jam			Adelaide Ferguson	John 1 1-14	
14-Feb	Feb Next before Lent				
9.30am	1 W/ & Zoom	W & Zoom BCP Holy Communion	Ginny Owen	2 Corinthians 4: 3-6	
9.50am			Celebrant	Mark 9: 2-9	
10.30am	LW & Zoom	Family Worship	Talbot Family	Mark 9: 2-9	
17-Feb	7-Feb Ash Wednesday				
7.30pm	7.30pm AL & Zoom	Zoom Ash Wednesday Communion	Vicky Dominey	2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6.10	
7.30pm			Communion Barry England	Barry England	Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21
21-Feb	Eeb LENT 1				
10 30am	AL & Zoom	Parish Communion	Helen Cornish	1 Peter 3: 18-end	
10.30am			Don Davies	Mark 1: 9-15	
4.30pm	AL & Zoom	F	David Davies	1 Peter 3: 18-end	
4.50pm	AL & ZOOM	Evensong	Wo Hill	Mark 1: 9-15	
28-Feb	28-Feb LENT 2				
9.30am	LW & Zoom	Family Worship	Talbot Family	Mark 8: 31-end	
10.30am LW & Zoom	Parish Communion	Christopher Sharp	Romans 4: 13-end		
10.30am	SUAM LVV & ZOOM Parish	Falish Communion	Sarah Sharp	Mark 8: 31-end	
7-Mar	LENT 3				
9.30am	AL & Zoom	Family Worship	Talbot Family	John 2: 13-22	
10.30am	AL & Zoom	Parish Communion	Sue Hartley	1 Corinthians 1: 18-25	
10.30am AL & Zoom Parish		John Viney	John 2: 13-22		

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION is suspended, but could continue online. Please contact Hester if you are interested.

Worship on ZOOM contact Liz England to get a link to these services. 01275 373996 Email: admin@theparishchurch.com

PEW NEWS comes out weekly. Contact BEFORE Thursday: 0117 974 1494 / alanshellard@gmail.com

In need of Prayer? Anyone who would like prayer or a chat please contact Hester: 01275 219838 / <u>hester.jones2@gmail.com</u> or Liz England: 01275 373996 / <u>Admin@theParishChurch.com</u>

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ADRIAN'S FISH SOUP

The ingredients will vary depending on what's available but should include:

Mussels - around 500 gm. A medium sized squid. A fillet of Cornish gurnard or other firm fleshed fish such as monkfish. A small bulb of Florentine fennel coarsely chopped. Garlic - as much as you like. A small onion coarsely chopped. A few lightly boiled waxy potatoes. 1/2 tin of **Italian tomatoes**. Fish stock (use a cube). A pinch of saffron and a teaspoonful of smoked paprika. Une baquette.

Method: In a large stockpot lightly cook the onion and garlic in a good amount of olive oil. Add the chopped fennel. Pour in the fish stock - the quantity depends on



whether you want a soup or a stew. Cut the potatoes into chunks and add to the pot then simmer for a while. Add a glass of wine if you have a bottle open - a Provence Rosé perhaps.

Meanwhile, put the mussels into a pan with a little wine and steam with the lid on for no more than 3-5 minutes. Discard any that do not open and scoop out the mussels from their shells. Add the liquor to the pot. Slice up the gurnard and squid including the tentacles and cook in the pot for a few minutes then add the mussels to finish your soup/stew.

Make up a simple rouille sauce by adding to a touch of crushed garlic and some cayenne pepper or Harissa to some mayonnaise and serve with croutons made from slices of the baguette lightly baked in olive oil. Happy New Year

Adrian



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