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Wednesdays 12.10-12.55: Exercise Class
Thursdays 10am-12.30: Art Group
 6.30-8.30pm: Yoga

Monthly events

1st Tuesday: Men's Social Group, The George 5-7pm
2nd Tuesday: WI 7.30-9.30pm, Village Hall

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From our new vicar, the Reverend Rosemary Radcliffe

Love and Commitment



As I write this I am on a journey to collect my middle child from University in Scotland. I've just spoken to my youngest daughter, who's all the way down south at Exeter Uni; who I dropped off last week and will be collecting in a few weeks time. As we were chatting on the phone, she thanked me for those things we do because we love someone. Sometimes they are small things, like giving a hug or making a cup of tea, other times they can take a substantial amount of time, energy or financial cost.

Commitment to others is a huge responsibility. We aren't always aware when commitment involves sacrifice, and when it brings joy to others. Commitment is important, it is, I suggest, an unsung hero of love. When someone says they will do something, and they do it, that is a sign of their commitment, their honour, their love.

June is a season for weddings, couples of all sorts making a public commitment to each other in front of family and friends. Marriages take work. It's no good saying the words but not living the love in action as well. Love also involves compromise. Putting the needs of others first, as well as considering one's own needs: there should be a balance within loving relationships. One cannot keep giving and giving without replenishing that source of love, just like driving a car, you need to keep an eye on the fuel tank.

Our APCM (annual church meeting) is held in May, when the Church Warden team and members of the various committees that help run the church, affirm their commitment to the role they have accepted. This affirmation is a declaration of love for Christ, of love for their colleagues, of love for this parish and the people who live and work here.

I want to thank all the people who play a part in the running of our two beautiful churches. Those who help with services, those who help with the copious amount of admin and rotas, those who help keep the churches and grounds looking beautiful, inside and out.

These are ways of showing and sharing the love we have for one another. It takes effort and energy and I would encourage you all to be open to noticing when you need to refuel, so you can keep on doing these wonderful things. Coming to church, whether you are a Christian or not, is an opportunity to do that. It's a time and space to be. To listen to that inner self, to sing, to pray, to reflect. It's an opportunity to receive Christ's commitment to each of us individually and become aware that you are loved, accepted and precious in the eyes of God.

It is my prayer that June will bring you much love and a renewal of the commitment God has placed in your heart. *Amen.*

Pet Service

Holy Trinity Church

July 5th 2026 at 10:30am

A service of blessing and thanksgiving for the animals
that enrich our lives.

Please bring your pets along or send us photos at
AL&LWChurches@gmail.com



ST MARY'S CHURCH GARDENING

Join us on Saturday June 13, 10am-noon. All ages welcome. Please bring gloves (and tools, if you wish). Meet neighbours and help keep the church gardens looking cared for. No church gardening sessions in July or August. We will start again on Saturday, September 12.

Abbots Leigh food bank box boxes

Sadly for the last few months we have been down on our contributions to the food bank and home bank in Avonmouth. I have therefore moved the box to The George Inn. So, when you go to the pub or Bike Shed, maybe it would be an opportunity to put some things in the box. Also ... are you free, just once a month, to take our box and the Leigh Woods box to the food bank? If so, please contact me: jansayers48@btinternet.com

CHURCH CONTACTS

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For inquiries about Holy Trinity or St Mary's please contact Michael Bothamley (Churchwarden)

Email: michaelbothamley@hotmail.com Tel: 07747101752

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,
tel: 0117 974 1494 alanshellard@gmail.com

Websites: Leigh Woods leighwoods.org - St Mary's, BS8 3PG
Abbots Leigh www.abbotsleighparish.gov.uk - Holy Trinity, BS8 3QU
United Parish website: www.theparishchurch.com

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL WEBSITE: www.theparishchurch.com

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

Abbots Leigh churchwardens

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ABBOTS LEIGH CIVIC SOCIETY

Festival in the Field

The 2026 Festival in the Field (in the Old School field) takes place from 2-5pm on Sunday, June 7. There'll be the village bar, live music, welly wanging, bake-off with cakes aplenty, prize boules and the dog show.

Look out for flyers around village for more details and come and join the fun.

Abbots Leigh Civic Society always welcome suggestions and ideas, so please do get in touch. Please ignore any historic email addresses and only use abbotsleighcivicsociety@gmail.com to get in touch if you'd like to enquire or help out – we look forward to hearing from you! *Henry, Eleni, Neil, Rosie, Jon, Adri and Rachael*
(Abbots Leigh Civic Society Committee)



Midsummer Magic at Abbots Pool

The Midsummer Magic event on Sunday, June 21, will include:

- Guided walks of the ancient orchard from the pool car park
- Wildlife film makers Rob Harvey, Mike Hutchinson, Tim Martin on hand to help identify wildlife and answer questions
- We're encouraging a festive feel! Flowered headdresses for children and laurel are warmly welcomed - inspired by Scandinavian midsummer traditions.
- This is a family-friendly event, suitable for all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Refreshments for sale
- Outdoor event - dress for the weather
- No toilets on site

<https://tinyurl.com/bdhm4zbn>

hands-on nature activities for children and adults: -

- Bug box making
- Guided tour of the ancient orchard
- Display of local wildlife including photos, feathers and skulls!
- Real live ecologists on hand to identify local wildlife and share how they all live together in harmony



Abbots Pool Working Party

The next outing by Abbots Pool Working Party will be on Sunday, June 14, 10am-noon. Meet in the car park.

All are welcome - come along if you'd like to help care for this beautiful, shared space.



News from Abbots Leigh Parish Council

Parish Council Annual Assembly

This meeting is held on an annual basis and gives village residents the opportunity to meet Parish Councillors to hear their reports for the year and to discuss matters of concern within the village. This year it was held on May 13 when 16 residents attended. In his opening address, the Chairman said some of the Parish Councillors would be standing down at the local election in 2027 and asked those present to consider standing as councillors. The Councillors' reports are on the village website.

Many of the residents were from Dennyview Road, who expressed concerns about trying to drive out of their road on to the busy A369. There was a lively debate and there were many suggestions by those present as to what can be done in the near future, both by the council and village residents, to try to improve matters.

Temporary road closure

North Somerset Council plans to close part of Sandy Lane from just below Glenhurst Barn towards Failand in early June. The lane will be closed 9.30am-3.30pm from Monday, June 8, for four days. The closure is so that NSC can continue with tree management. Exemptions will be permitted for emergency vehicles and residents whose homes can only be accessed via the closed section of road.

Planning Applications

Application	Site	Proposal	PC Comment	NSC Outcome
26/P/0295/FUL	Land North West Of Stoke Leigh Lodge Abbots Leigh Road	Proposed erection of an agricultural polytunnel.	Object. Polytunnel is a permanent structure in an agricultural holding of only 2 acres; will have significant effect on openness of green belt adjacent to a SSSI and Grade II listed park and garden and which cannot be easily screened for mitigation.	
26/P/0409/FUL	Mere Green Glen Avenue BS8 3SD	Proposed replacement dwelling and associated landscaping.	No objections, this is a replacement of a previously approved extension to an existing property with similar proportions 23/P/2527/FUH	
26/P/0813/FUH	Whiteoaks, Manor Road, Abbots Leigh BS8 3RT	Erection of a detached triple garage and carport, expansion of hardstanding.	Object. Inappropriate development in Green Belt. Site is not part of original rebuild planning application 09/P/0034/F. Separate from property, formed part of garden of house other side of private track.	
Application	Site	Proposal	PC Comment	NSC Outcome
26/P/0550/FUL	Leigh Court Farm Pill Road BS8 3RA	Retention of timber chalet dwelling for farm manager for 5-year period or on cessation of farm enterprise.	Support	Approve
26/P/0432/LDP	Land North West Of Stoke Leigh Lodge	Certificate of lawful development for erection of freestanding agricultural polytunnel measuring approx 3.05 x 9.14 metres, max height 2.13m.	Object, this is a permanent building not subject to agricultural permitted development rights which should be subject to a full planning application	Refuse
26/P/0425/LDP	Grangewood House, Manor Road BS8 3RP	Certificate of lawful development for single-storey swimming pool house to north of main property, directly behind existing garage.	Object. This application for a very large building in green belt should be subject to the scrutiny of a planning application	Approve (Lawful)
25/P/2595/FUL	Bristol & Clifton Golf Club, land West of Weir Lane Failand	Proposed academy golf facility and creation of irrigation ponds	Object. The importation of 326,135 tonnes of fill resulting in an average of one 8-wheeler lorry movement every six minutes on Weir Lane.	Registered
25/P/2307/EA1	Land West of Pill Road (opposite St Katherine's School)	Formal Screening Opinion request to determine if proposed development is EIA development.	Object: The site immediately abuts Leigh Wood/ Markham Bottom, a DEFRA designated Ancient Woodland through which Markham Brook flows.	TBC

Speedwatch

Since mid-April, the Speedwatch volunteers have been out five times to monitor traffic on the A369. Over those sessions, 134 vehicles have been reported for speeding; the highest recorded speed was 48mph although several were caught each session at speeds over 40mph. A total of 2,975 vehicles were counted, an average of 595 vehicles per hour.

Community Payback

On their most recent visit, the Community Payback team had a productive session in the churchyard clearing overgrown graves. They will return to continue with this later.

Recycling news

The red recycling bags, introduced last year for metal and plastic recycling, are already fading and disintegrating. North Somerset Council says this was caused by a defect in production. About 75% of bags across the county now need replacing and the council has ordered 88,000 new ones. When they are available, the council will send a dedicated team to follow the recycling collection around the district to replace defective bags.

Parish Council meetings

Residents are very welcome to attend Parish Council meetings, usually held on the second Monday of each month.

If you would like to discuss a parish matter at the beginning of the meeting, contact Nic Rice, Clerk to the Parish Council, in advance.

Our next meeting is on Monday, June 8 at 7pm in the John Butler Room in the village hall. The agenda and minutes are available on the village website.

Meet the Parish Councillors

Surgeries are held on the second Saturday of the month, 9.30am-10.30am in the Bike Shed Café, when at least two parish councillors are available to chat with residents about village matters. The next surgery is scheduled for Saturday, June 13. Dates of these surgeries are also on the website.

Parish Councillors

Simon Talbot-Ponsonby (Chair) Planning, Village Hall, Old School Field, Skittle Alley

Kamala Das (Vice-chair) Highways, Cycle Network, Verges

Ros Delany Community Groups, Civic Society Liaison, Link Contributions, Village Green, Abbots Leigh Charities

Jenna Ho Marris (also North Somerset Councillor) Liaison with District Council, Recycling and Rubbish (including litter pick), Community Innovation

Martin Walker Finance, Abbots Pool, Public Footpaths, Website

Nic Rice Clerk to the Council who works out of the Resource Centre in Pill. Secretariat, Insurance, Police Coordination, Village Orderly

If you have a concern or query, contact the relevant councillor via email.

The Parish Council has changed to Government-recognised email and website addresses. The Parish website is now abbotsleighparish.gov.uk and parish email addresses are now:

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Contact the Parish Clerk on parishclerk@abbotsleighparish.gov.uk or phone 01275 374442



Message from Pill Ward Councillor Jenna Ho Marris

Cutting waste and saving money

As this goes to print it looks like there might be some changes coming in national government - again. Meanwhile local government carries on, and I wanted to share some recent successes.

Bins

The numbers have come in from North Somerset Council's introduction of three-weekly black bin collection and soft plastics recycling and they are good. Have a look at these questions, from NSC's display at the North Somerset Show.

<p>1 How much has North Somerset's black bin waste decreased by since three-weekly collections were introduced? A 3% B 6% C 11% D 14%</p>	<p>2 How much soft plastic are we collecting a week? A 0.5 tonnes B 1 tonne C 3 tonnes D 5 tonnes</p>
<p>3 How much has North Somerset's food waste recycling increased by since three weekly collections were introduced? A 7% B 13% C 15% D 21%</p>	<p>4 How much has North Somerset's recycling increased by since three-weekly collections were introduced? A 2% B 5% C 7% D 10%</p>

The answers are 1D, 2D, 3D and 4C

On May 13 it was announced that the Waste and Recycling team has won not one, but two national awards for being the first council in England and Wales to roll out kerbside soft plastics recycling at scale (95,000 households). This is forecast to save NSC £1 million per year. NSC deploys kerbside separation because it reduces the amount of waste people produce over time (presumably by forcing us to comprehend the amount of stuff we throw out each week and despair a little, works for me).

Celebrating 20 years of Health Walks in North Somerset

Health Walks are friendly, free, guided walks led by trained volunteers (at a reasonable pace) all around our district. There are groups in Portishead, Clevedon, Long Ashton and Weston, to name a few. At the recent 20-year celebration event I heard that more than 100 volunteers are/have been involved and more than 400 people take part each week. This is fantastic for a low-cost high-return public health programme that residents and health professionals rave about. They are hoping to expand to our area; wouldn't it be great to have a Health Walk in Leigh Woods for the first time? To find a walk or learn about volunteering, go to www.betterhealthNS.co.uk.

Annual Parish Meeting

Thanks to those who joined the Annual Parish Meeting on May 13. We heard from many of you, in particular residents of Dennyview Road and Sandy Lane (a third of our village) about traffic on the A369. It is infuriating that Government spending does not seem to prioritise local traffic safety and Highways is underfunded and slow. Whether it's zapping people through Speedwatch, parish/ward councillors pushing NSC and the police, or a community action group, we all have our roles to play, I agree we want more progress.

Get in touch If you need to contact me please email jenna.homarris@n-somerset.gov.uk or jenna@abbotsleighparish.gov.uk or call 07385 010 137 (leave a message). I am now back attending Pill Repair Café which is every 2nd Saturday of the month, 10:30-12:30.

Success in bid for Parish Council grant



Earlier this year we applied to Long Ashton Parish Council for funding for our Community Cinema.

We are delighted to say we have been successful. This will enable us to upgrade our existing projector to be compatible with most modern film formats and resolutions, providing enhanced picture quality. We will also purchase a fire stick to enable streaming of films via WiFi.

Thank you to the Long Ashton Parish Council for their generosity which will enable us to continue our Community Cinema evenings into the foreseeable future.

Sonia Mills, Chair, and the Committee

PS No film in June but put July 22 in your diaries for our annual picnic and musical evening. Further information will be sent out to all members via email, be in next month's Link and on notice boards.

Ashton Court Estate Volunteer Group - First Five Years

The Ashton Court Estate Volunteer Group, led by Tony and Dawn Pincott from Long Ashton, has been working to improve Ashton Court under the guidance of Rangers Mark and Julian since January 2021.

In that time a huge quantity of invasive plants have been removed, and other work includes planting trees and new hedgerows, repairing damaged fences and litter picking - notably after the Balloon Fiesta and Love Saves the Day events.

As of April 20, the group had recorded nearly 4,200 hours of volunteer contribution to the upkeep and conservation of the estate, and 173 bags of litter collected. If you're interested in joining on a casual basis (via a WhatsApp group poll) on Monday and/or Thursdays, 10am-noon, contact Mark Rayson on mark@mrconsulting.biz.

Tools are provided. It's great for physical fitness, mental health and wellbeing and social contact ... all while improving the appearance and biodiversity in Ashton Court. We usually end our session with a group chat, tea and cake, from around noon to 12:30.

ABBOTS LEIGH WI



At the meeting on Tuesday, June 9, Geoff Vian will talk about the RNLI. We will meet again on July 14 to hear short stories from Mark Rutherford.

Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in Abbots Leigh Village Hall. Visitors are always very welcome.

Louise Wall louiseaw@aol.com

TEA TIME SPECIAL

Monday, June 22, 2.30pm. Please bring along a holiday photo, perhaps one that was particularly memorable - or a disaster! - and we will have a lovely tea party.



Are you free on a Monday afternoon? Come for a chat, a cup of tea and delicious cake. We meet in the vestry at St Mary's Church, Leigh Woods, at 2.30pm on the third Monday of each month. Inclusive price of £2.50.

alanshellard@gmail.com



Leigh Woods Summer BBQ

Leigh Woods Residents Group Summer BBQ is in St Mary's Church Gardens on Saturday, June 27, 12.30-3pm. There will be wine, beer and soft drinks plus food at 1pm, along with face painting and a children's trail.

Don't forget to RSVP to Alex - alex@alexburgh.co.uk - by June 20, so we can cater for numbers. Send donations by BACS or bring cash or your card on the day.

New Bridge Master at Clifton Suspension Bridge Trust

Clifton Suspension Bridge Trust has officially appointed Tristan Ralph as its new Bridge Master, with responsibility for the operation, maintenance, and preservation of the iconic landmark.



Having lived in Bristol for more than 25 years, he described the role as 'the ultimate job' for a bridge engineer. He said: "The Clifton Suspension Bridge is a world-famous landmark and a vital transport link. I feel privileged to take on the responsibility of safeguarding its future. My focus will be on ensuring the bridge remains safe, resilient, and operational for generations to come."

Tristan has more than 30 years of experience in civil and structural engineering, specialising in bridges and major infrastructure projects.



National Trust

Leigh Woods National Trust News

Work by the National Trust replacing posts and signs on the Purple Trail is almost finished. We have started re-installing the 21 embossed stainless-steel plates, although many of the originals are missing and replacements have to be commissioned. Originally placed about 20 years ago, they feature different wildlife and plants that can be seen in Leigh Woods. The purple arrows show the route to follow in both the clockwise and counterclockwise directions. It is less than a two-mile loop.

Three of the replacement oak benches have been installed in a group on the southern arm, and the rest will be in place shortly.

The May bird surveys had not been completed as we went to press, but the April results saw a greater diversity of species (20) on the woodland rather than hill fort (17) location. This is not the usual pattern, but we are not reading too much into the findings for a single month.

There have been a few unexpected, but not confirmed sightings in recent years. A wild boar was seen by two different rangers more than a year ago. The conjecture is that this was an example of guerrilla species re-introduction, but it was not seen again so it either did not flourish or was mis-identified.

I also saw and heard what I believe was a goshawk in summer 2023 and 2024.

A flock of ring-necked parakeets was seen by many in the autumn.

Haydn Davies, NT Volunteer

Get in touch: For general information email: leighwoodsrg@gmail.com
Facebook: 'Leigh Woods Residents Group' Website: www.leighwoods.org

Nature Notes

By June the trees in the woodland will be in full leaf. There are lots of ways to identify our tree species but, at this time of year, one of the easiest is to look at the leaves. Are the leaves simple, palmate (like a hand), lobed (rounded), pinnate (divided like a feather)? Do they have tiny hairs on the front or on the back, or even on the stalk?

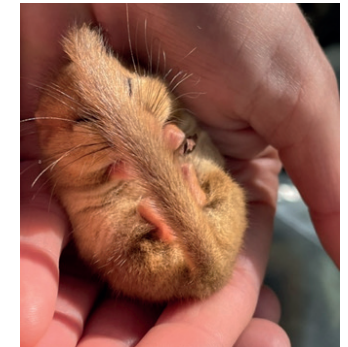
Common species to look for are English **oak**, which have large indentations in their lobed form; the **cherries**, with two small red glands on the stalk at the base of the leaf when you look closely; **ash** and **rowan**, with their many leaflets fluttering on a main stalk - although rowan has a greater number of these; **field maple** and **sycamore**, which both have a familiar palmate leaf with five lobes, but the native field maple is smaller and more delicate than the naturalised sycamore; the **limes** with their pretty heart-shaped leaf; floppy big round **hazel** leaves with a very pointy tip on their many stemmed trunks; not to be confused with the **wych elm**, whose enormous strongly veined leaves all have an asymmetrical base and often two 'ears' either side of their pointy tip; **beech** is a very common tree in Leigh Woods with their simple wavy-edged shiny green leaves with plenty of un-rotted leaf litter below.

Best of all at this time of year keep your eyes and nose open for the stunning creamy-white flowers of the **elder** emanating their rich aroma alongside dark green leaves with two or three pairs of leaflets.

These, of course, are just a few of our trees and there are plenty of others you will come across, including the evergreens such as our native **yew**. If you want some help try the Woodland Trust British Trees app which has a wealth of information and pictures to help with identification.

Other things to look out for in the woodland are the stands created by the managers of Leigh Woods – areas where hazel and lime trees have been coppiced to create wildlife friendly habitats. You might see **holly blue**, **ringlet**, **speckled wood** and **gatekeeper** amongst other woodland specialist butterflies fluttering around looking for nectar. Summer foraging bee species such as the **leaf-cutter bee**, **buff-tailed bumble bee** and **common carder bee** will also be hunting for pollen and nectar in the flowers.

The coppiced hazel and lime stands create a perfect habitat for Leigh Woods' thriving **hazel dormouse** population as they are arboreal and only come down to the ground to hibernate in winter, spending the rest of their time at night scampering around the trees. Please note that dormice are critically endangered - you need to have a Natural England licence to check dormouse nest boxes - so don't be tempted to look for them!



A sleeping dormouse

*Anna Stevens,
Avon Gorge & Downs Biodiversity Engagement Manager*

Church services

	CHURCH	SERVICE	READERS	READINGS
7 June	Trinity 1	Green		
9.30am	Holy Trinity	Family Worship	Nicky Walker	Matt. 9: 9-13
10.30am	Holy Trinity	Parish Communion	Heather Wraith	Romans 4: 13-end
			David Wraith	Matt. 9: 9-13, 18-26
14 June	Trinity 2	Green		
10.30am	St Mary's	Parish Communion	Phillippa Scriven	Rom. 5: 1-8
			Peter Innocent	Matt. 9:35-10.8
21 June	Trinity 3	Green		
10.30am	Holy Trinity	Parish Communion	Christopher Sharp	Rom. 6: 1b-11
			Sarah Sharp	Matt. 10: 24-39
28 June	Trinity 4	Green		
10.30am	St Mary's	Family Communion	Talbot family	Matt. 10: 40-end
6.30pm	St Mary's	Taizé	TBA	TBA
5 July	Trinity 5	Green		
9.00am	Holy Trinity	BCP Communion	TBA	1 Kings 19: 19-21; 1 Peter 3: 8-15a
			TBA	Luke 5: 1-11
10.30am	Holy Trinity	Pet Service	TBA	TBA



Bell ringing for Trinity Sunday

The bells will be rung at Holy Trinity Church, Abbots Leigh, on Sunday, May 31, from about 11:45, as the service finishes, for about 45 minutes. This marks Trinity Sunday, which is Holy Trinity church's patronal festival.

Websites:
Parish website
www.theparishchurch.com

Abbots Leigh
www.abbotsleigh.org.uk
Holy Trinity, BS8 3QU

Leigh Woods
leighwoods.org
St Mary's, BS8 3PG

Advert feature

Clifton Arts 120th Celebrations

Clifton Arts was established in 1906 as a vibrant community for painters, musicians and actors. The club was founded by four artists and members of the Royal West of England Academy, welcoming women and men with excellent artistic skills and ambitious goals. The first President, Jacques Emile Blanche, a student of Manet, brought Impressionism to the region.

Clifton Arts' 250 members, 120 years later, continue the tradition of annual exhibitions, marking this milestone with three free events.

The Club's Heritage featuring "art then!" July 3-August 3

This is a collaboration with the RWA's outreach programme. Neuro-diverse students from the city are curating and presenting an exhibition at the RWA, drawing on artworks by former Clifton Arts members from its extensive archive.

Contemporary Members' works "art now!" July 8-July 18

'art now!', showcases the work of current club members in the Sanctuary of Victoria Methodist Church, adjacent to the RWA, offering the public the opportunity to compare and contrast the club's artistic legacy and its present-day creativity.

The 2026 Clifton Arts Fair

In the Undercroft of the church, also from July 8-18, the Clifton Arts Fair features works for sale, opportunities for the public to engage in art-making, demonstrations by artists, and musical interludes.



Deception, Gossip and Lust
• Oil on canvas • 40x30cm
• Jacasta Solomons



art now!

Celebrating 120 years of Clifton Arts



An exhibition of art
and a sale of artists' work

Victoria Methodist Church
1 Whiteladies Road, BS8 1NU

8 - 18 July

Open daily 10.00 - 5.00 *

* Sunday 12 July, open 2.00 - 5.00

admission free

www.cliftonarts.org

Link subscription 2026

Donations for this year's Link deliveries have been held to a suggested price of £10. Please make your donation by cash to your deliverer or **BACS payments to UPALandLW. Sort code 40-52-40 Account no. 00010334.** (Please be advised that these details are correct and do work despite messages you may get on your screen!)

Mobile library visits in June

June 4 & 18 (Thursdays): **Leigh Woods**, Church Road, 1.30-2pm;
Abbots Leigh, Church Road, 2.10-3.10pm.

Please note stops and timings may be subject to change.

For more information call 01275 888 864 or email mobile.library@n-somerset.gov.uk. Visit www.librarieswest.org.uk or the LibrariesWest App.



Children's Society collection boxes

It is time to open the Children's Society boxes once again.

If you have a box, please could you contact me with a time that would be convenient for me to come over and swap your box for an empty one. Even if there isn't much money in your box, it all adds up. If you don't have a box and would like one to collect your pennies for this worthwhile cause, let me know and I can provide you with one.

Many thanks on behalf of the Children's Society.

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Christina Taylor

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