

As 2023 closes, this newsletter shares a selection of individual and group achievements along with other memorable moments that have shaped the term.

It seems a while since we provided an update on the new building work that, beneath its protective sheeting, has been progressing well. Recently, a group of staff, along with the sixth form leadership team and student ambassadors enjoyed a tour of the new three-storey building and activity studio as we celebrated the completion of the steel structure in a topping out ceremony. It is hard to believe that, in just a matter of months, we will see a transformation and the rooms will echo with the day-to-day hustle and bustle of a busy and vibrant school. Those who visited signed names and left messages (and paw prints) as part of the ceremony.



Accompanying this month's newsletter is the first edition of Berkeley's Bard. Thank you to Miss Lee in the English department for encouraging students to contribute to what I hope is the first of many publications. I am sure you will enjoy reading the creative and inspiring writing of so many students.

We closed the term with a range of seasonal events and festivities. The carol concert is always one of the most special occasions of the school year, and this year was no exception. Over one hundred students treated us to a selection of carols, Christmas songs, both modern and traditional, and confident readings of the Christmas story. St Mary's Church is always the perfect venue for such a wonderful evening, even more so this year, as ex-student, Robin Pillinger, provided a stunning organ accompaniment for the choirs and congregation.

Thank you to the year 12 drama students who produced and directed the very entertaining Cluedo-themed pantomime. It was clear how much the year 7 and 8 students enjoyed working together and performing. The audience embraced the occasion and even joined in with a rendition of the Macarena. Later in the week, KLB Friends worked with the year 7 pastoral team to bring disco classics to the KLB drama hall dancefloor which the students thoroughly enjoyed. Thankfully, no adult participation on the dance floor was required on this occasion!

In the final two days of term, we held our annual Christmas market, organised by Sixth Form students. The sweet scents of hot chocolate and marshmallows wafted through the school, complementing the excitement of beat the goalie, the Santa sleigh ride, and the reindeer bike challenge. From tombola and slush puppies to candyfloss and a lucky dip, the stalls offered a variety of treats. These festivities not only created a lively atmosphere but also raised over £1000, which will be shared between the Little Princess Trust and The Keepers, based in Wotton under Edge. The event was a resounding success.

Thank you to the KLB families who supported our annual Rotary and Teckels collections. The Tyndale Rotary team will now deliver the 129 boxes and we hope they bring Christmas cheer to Eastern European families who receive them.

On behalf of the KLB staff and students, may I extend our warmest wishes for a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to an exciting and successful 2024.

Hannah Khan, Headteacher



Christmas Carol Concert

The KLB School candlelit Christmas Carol Concert at St Mary's Church in Wotton under Edge was a wonderful evening of festive music and a truly joyous event. The congregation numbered over 400 and with 100 students taking part as members of the full choir, chamber choir or orchestra, the church was packed.

The congregation particularly enjoyed the mix of modern arrangements and songs with the more traditional carols selected – from John Rutter to Elton John!

We were delighted to welcome past student Robin Pillinger to play the church organ. Robin was awarded the prestigious organ scholarship at Queens' College for the duration of his undergraduate studies and is currently Deputy Director of Music and sub-organist at Shrewsbury Abbey.

The retiring collection will be donated to Diabetes UK in memory of languages teacher, Vincent le Goascoz.

The event is one of the highlights of the school calendar and we thank all those in the music department who work so hard to bring the evening together. We hope the concert brought a touch of Christmas spirit to all those who took part or joined us on the evening.



Drama Club Pantomime

On Wednesday 13 December, for one night only, a 170-strong audience was transported from the Drama Hall to Tudor Mansion, where a murder mystery had to be solved! This was a job for the hapless Detective Dan and his efficient sidekick, who led a Cluedo-inspired mission to uncover those who had committed the murder.

We had a wonderful audience who were in great voice for the traditional back-and-forth of a pantomime, willing even to get out of their seats and join in with the Macarena, undoubtedly a personal highlight. The young cast did a phenomenal job in getting this together in just six weeks, all thanks to the guidance and inspiration of an amazing year 12 team: Alice Bailey, Issy Boyd, Jacob

Bray, Lily Fox, Esme McLaughlin, Jack Riddle and Bea Wiggins.



Thank you to KLB Friends for the refreshments and our site team for facilitating the event. It stirred a good deal of festive cheer and excitement for further opportunities to see the students' talent on display in the New Year and beyond.

Merry Christmas!

J Blake, Head of Drama



Art Competition Winners

Towards the end of November, the art department announced the winners of the Young Artist and Photographer competition. The theme for both competitions was Rebuilding and students provided their interpretations with either a photograph or an artwork. Local artists and members of the Tyndale Photography Club judged the entries. Along with members of the Cotswold Rotary club who organised the competition, the artists and photographers came into school to reveal who had won.

Year 12 Photography student Libby Young won the senior category for Photography with her close up of a spider re-building its web. The judges commended Libby on the technical merits of the image and camera skill. In the intermediate category, Year 7 student Zoe Levy captured the restoration of Notre Dame in Paris following the devastating fire in 2019 that had destroyed much of the historic cathedral. Zoe's entry documented a moment of historical significance and met the brief exactly.



The Young Artist competition also saw some outstanding entries although it was talented year 11 students Anastasia and Anna Kozubenko, who jointly won the overall prize for the Senior category, such was the high standard of their paintings. The paintings are representative of the girls' rebuilding their identity through their love of art after leaving Ukraine where they attended art school. All the judges commented on the superb skill shown in the paintings.

In the Intermediate category, it was talented year 8 artist, Guney Ward, who submitted a fantastic self-portrait pencil drawing, which was recognised for its sensitive and skilful tonal work and mark making. Bliss Davies came runner-up.

A big thank you to all the enthusiastic students who took part this year. The winners received a certificate and a prize of £30 each and their entries will now be submitted to the regional stage of the competition. Good luck to our talented students!

T Chilman, Art Teacher



KS3 Panathlon Tenpin Bowling Challenge

At the end of last month, KLB students were invited to attend a Panathlon tenpin bowling challenge in Gloucester. We took two teams comprising Year 7 and 8 students to compete against three other Gloucestershire schools – Sir William Romney's, Chosen Hill and Kingshill.

Both teams enjoyed the challenge, showing fierce competitiveness and great teamwork. Amber, year 8, was awarded the top scorer of the whole competition and took home a ten pin bowling trophy. Her team included Suzie, Ben, Rhys, and James. They won gold medals and a glass trophy for coming first in the bowling competition with the highest team score.



Our other team, Kaiden, Oscar, Arthur, George, Michael and Harry bowled well and received participation medals and certificates, featured in action and on the right. All our students enjoyed the challenge and are keen to represent the school in future Panathlon events.



Thanks to Ms Penfold, Teaching Assistant, for supporting the students on the day.

Sharron Bates, SSCO

Inter-faith week competition



During November we asked students in Key Stage 3 to share a photograph which showed something that was important to them, perhaps an aspect of their beliefs, their values or the things they give a lot of time to. These together help to form our individual worldviews, which also have an impact on the decisions we make and the people and things that are important to us.

We had a huge range of fantastic entries which we plan to display in the RE Department. Huge congratulations to our winner, Isla Goldbin in year 8, for her great entry and her thoughtful explanation to accompany it.

My photo represents my love of art. When I'm upset, stressed or anxious drawing a picture really helps to bring me back to relaxation. I also love to be creative with my brother and it is a lovely bonding point between us.

Well done also to our runners up, featured below.



My worldview is that no matter where, no matter when, you will always have family and loved ones. The daisies show that nature will always be there and it makes me feel relaxed to be with flowers and trees. Anna Southwell, year 8

I chose this picture because it was mine and my family's favourite place that we have visited in Italy. I liked it because it was pretty but afterwards my Dad said it was his favourite not for the views, but for the memories we made there together. This made me change the way I look at situations, taking photos for the memories, not to have a perfect picture. Emilija Docherty, year 8



Football is a huge part of my life. My photo represents this and also belonging to my team and the importance of the team bond that we have. Freya Bath, year 8

My worldview is you should spend lots of time with the people you love! I think this is really special because they make you feel happy and this is what I think matters! Spending time with pets is so nice as they listen to your problems and just make you feel better than you were before. Primrose Baskerville, year 7



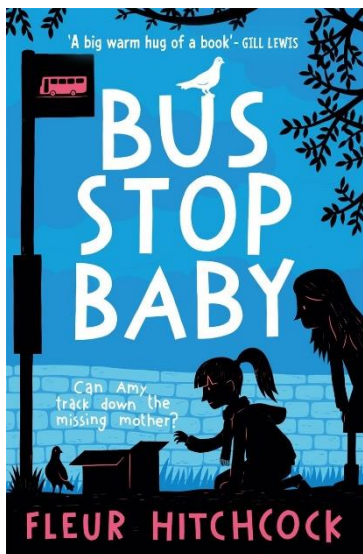
This is my pony Cracker. He is cheeky but very kind and loving. He doesn't like having his breakfast or dinner late and is very greedy! He always likes a treat after our ride and if I try to untack him first he sticks his head in the tack room and picks up the packet with his teeth and then shakes it. He loves to sleep in his stable and lets me sit down next to him and give him a cuddle. I love him, he makes me feel happy and relaxed. Isabel Fry, year 8

I chose this photo because nature can help keep me calm. The river has a certain vibe that can bring back nice memories. Sometimes fish swim in it and when I watch them I feel very calm and happy. Mason Dickens, year 7



December Diversity Books

Each month we are sharing two books recommended by students in our diversity book project in RE.



Bus Stop Baby by Fleur Hitchcock

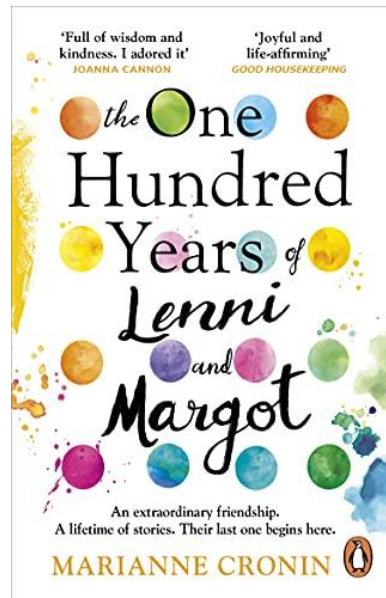
On her way home from school, 13-year-old Amy finds a newborn baby abandoned at the village bus stop. It's wrong, just like when Mum walked out on Amy and her sister ten years ago - so she tries to fix it, by finding the baby's mother. But as Amy searches, she uncovers another story, a secret even closer to home.

The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot by Marianne Cronin

Life is short. No one knows that better than seventeen-year-old Lenni, living on the terminal ward. But, as she is about to learn, it's not only what you make of life that matters, but who you share it with.

Dodging doctor's orders, she joins an art class where she bumps into fellow patient Margot, a rebel-hearted eighty three year old from the next ward. Their bond is instant as they realize that together they have lived an astonishing one hundred years.

To celebrate their shared century, Lenni and Margot decide to paint their life stories: of growing old and staying young, of giving joy, of receiving kindness, of losing love, of finding the person who is everything. As their extraordinary friendship deepens, it becomes vividly clear that life is not done with Lenni and Margot yet.



K Williams, Acting Head of RE

Horticulture Club make Christmas Wreaths



After felling and weaving the willow to make the frames, horticulture students foraged evergreens such as conifer and spruce to complete their wreaths.

Emma Taylor-Roach,
Horticulture Teacher



Knitting Club

We hope that recent visitors to reception have enjoyed the Sixth Form knitting club's nativity scene.

A group of year 12 student gather every week to learn how to knit or to hone their crafting skills and this charming tableau has brought a smile to many faces this month.

Thank you to Mrs Price for her patience and sharing her skills.



Year 7 RE Sacred places trip to Bristol

On Thursday 14 and Friday 15 December, year 7 students travelled to Bristol to visit The Hindu Temple in Redfield and the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul in Clifton.

Visiting The Hindu Temple was a unique experience as the Temple is housed in a former Methodist church. The priest spoke to students about the importance of the murtis (statues) of different gods and how they all represent different aspects of the one supreme God. He spoke about his Hindu beliefs of working hard and doing your best for yourself to gain good karma. Students had the opportunity to ring the ghanti (bell), explore the shrines and also learnt about the importance of offerings of fruit and flowers and how the Temple is used every day by the Hindu community. Students also learnt about prominent Hindu historical figures and how they spoke out about equality and respect for all.

We then travelled to Clifton to visit the Catholic Cathedral. Many students were surprised and impressed with the vastness and architecture of the Cathedral, with their first comments being 'wow', 'amazing', and 'stunning'. Students learnt from Canon Boscoe about the design of the Cathedral, which is hexagonal in shape, rather than a traditional church design. This means that the altar is in the centre of the Cathedral to show its importance and there are no pillars blocking worshippers' views. Students learnt about what makes a church a cathedral, and the importance of the Bishop's chair. Students had the opportunity to explore the Cathedral and see many of its unique features including its abstract stained glass windows, font and Stations of the Cross. We also learnt about the importance of the Cathedral for the local community and beyond.



Some of the comments from year 7 students:

I thought the shrines in the Temple were really special and importance because it shows Hindus' love and appreciation for their gods.

The shape of the Cathedral was amazing.

I loved the size of the Cathedral and the way sound echoed.

I liked the shrine the best and learning about the different gods and their stories.

The colours in the Temple make it bright and amazing.

It felt special being in two places that are so important for so many people.

At the Temple and the Cathedral, teachers were especially impressed with the huge range of questions and ideas the students had, and how interested they were in exploring both sacred places. We were also pleased with the excellent KLB standards of behaviour from our students.

We are thankful to The Hindu Temple and Clifton Cathedral that they so willingly shared their places of worship with all of year 7 students and helped them to have such an enjoyable and interesting trip.

K Williams, Acting Head of RE

Rotary Youth Speaks

At the start of December, we held the school round of the Rotary debating competition Youth Speaks.

First up, the Sixth form competed with Jacob Bray, Jack Blakey and Freddie Hinks exploring the potential and perils of AI, and Isaac Thompson Gibbs, Erin Cook and Alys Young debating whether language or music was more important. Isaac, Erin and Alys were the winners and will now progress to the District competition in Gloucester in February. Isaac was also awarded the Robin Coles Award for the best senior speaker in the competition.

A week later, we held the Intermediate competition for 18 year 8 students. The winning team was Maria McLelland, Freya Bath, Megan Brown debating the death penalty. They will join the senior team at District in February. Other prizes were awarded to Daisy Goodare (best Proposer not in a winning team) as well as Emily Pullin and Zoe Hall (best Opposers not in a winning team).



Congratulations to all students involved, their teachers for helping them to prepare and the Rotary for their generosity in time and prizes.

E Cornish, English Teacher

Christmas Collections

Thank you to everyone who contributed an item, however small, for the rotary boxes this year. Due to your generosity, we were able to fill 129 boxes, which were handed to members of The Cotswold Tyndale Rotary club by sixth form students before the end of term.

We also received plenty of treats for our four-legged friends at Teckels animal rescue centre.



Stroud District Council – Mock Committee Meeting

Fifteen year 9 students were invited to Stroud District Council last month to have a taste of local council democracy at work. They attended a Mock Council Committee meeting in the Council Chamber alongside students from Marling School. The topic of the debate was 'Should Voting be made Compulsory?' Half the students argued for and the other half against the motion.

The students were struck by the formality and grandeur of the Council Chamber: each desk was equipped with a microphone and, as they spoke, the students' faces appeared on the large screens around the room. Four students put themselves forward to chair the meeting and, following an initial vote of all students, Ryan New was sworn in as the Chair. KLB and Marling students then worked together with Stroud Councillors to develop their ideas and arguments before the meeting formally started.

The students seemed unfazed by the process, worked brilliantly with the students from Marling School and were a credit to themselves and to KLB. They each spoke clearly and confidently and conducted themselves with great maturity in an unfamiliar and formal environment.



It was our first trip to Stroud District Council and one we hope to repeat next year.

E Cornish, English Teacher



Immunisations 2024

The Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Immunisation team will be at school on the following dates:

Thursday 11 January Year 8 HPV

Tuesday 30 April Year 9 DTP/MenACWY

Consent forms for the Year 8 HPV vaccination will be distributed to students via tutors on the first day back, Thursday 4 January, for return directly to reception by first thing on Monday 8 January.

Year 7 Technology Club

The design and technology department was delighted to see over 40 students sign up for the STEAM (science, technology, engineering and maths) club this month. Students worked with engineers and organisers from Technology for Fun to manufacture their own electric car and electric brush monsters before racing them against each other.

Under guidance, students learnt how to make simple circuits and create the chassis for their cars and monsters. It was a pleasure to witness their enthusiasm for learning and demonstrating new skills and the fun they had racing them once complete.



A big thank you to the students who took up the opportunity to join the club, the organisers from Technology for Fun and the local engineers who supported the sessions.

We plan to arrange further sessions next year for the autumn term 2024. Watch this space!

Group photos (below) of students with their final products ready to take home.

P Hanney, Head of DT



Food and Nutrition Christmas Practical Lessons

KS3 students have applied their cookery skills to making some seasonal treats. Year 8 students made the shortcrust pastry for their mince pies and mince pie cookies and then practiced decorating them. Year 9 students had a free choice practical – they researched a variety of traditional Christmas dishes that could be made within an hour and would demonstrate a range of skills.

S Dring, Food and Nutrition Teacher





Library News

Happy Christmas!

Merry Christmas everyone! We had a busy term in the library. Our Guess the Book in the Bauble competition has been very popular and we cannot wait to look at all the entries and award the winner/s when we get back from the holidays.

Hope you and your families and friends have a fantastic Christmas and find time to curl up with a good book!



Wonderful Water Bookmark Competition



We received many amazing bookmarks with such different interpretations on the theme of Wonderful Water. From stunning sunsets to mythical sea creatures, the standard was incredibly high making it a tough task to choose the winners. Well done to Felicity E, Alice R, and Judith P from Year 7 and Violet B, Max T, and Emily C from Year 8.

All entries received a pace point: the winners received five pace points and some stationery.



Returning library books after Christmas

We currently have a very high volume of library books overdue. If you have a library book which is late, please return it to library as soon as possible so that other students can enjoy them. During the holidays, please have a good search in your room, back of the sofa, in cars and relatives' houses to locate them and bring them in January. If you can't locate your books, don't worry, just come and see us in the library to discuss a plan to replace them.

E Koroglu-Ward and L Hill, Librarians

Parent Workshops

Parents of students in all year groups are welcome to attend our pastoral workshops. We will issue further information prior to each workshop but you may wish to make a note of the following dates:

Tues 20 Jan	A Guide to Building Resilience
Tues 23 Apr	A Guide to Challenging Behaviour

Suzie Smyth-Roberts, Pastoral Support Advisor

KLB Student is Rotax Max World Champion

In November, Jenson Chalk gained the last ticket available to enter the Rotax Karting Grand Finals when he won the championship race at the Rotax Golden Trophy in Belgium.

The RMC Grand Finals took place at the Bahrain International Kart Track next to the Bahrain F1 Track. In all, 62 different nations participated with Jenson proudly representing Team UK. All karts and equipment for the competition were supplied by Kart manufacturers and Rotax themselves.

There were 36 drivers in Jenson's class and they had three days' practice before qualifying.



During the qualifying, Jenson struggled for track position and entered the final lap in 26th place. In practice, he had placed in the top 6-10 and now had just one lap to qualify as high as possible. Jenson put in a great effort to and managed to qualify in third place.

The heats stage came next and Jenson finished both heats in fourth place, putting him fourth for the Pre Final. He went on to finish the Pre Final in eighth place, putting him in sixth place for the Final.

And so to the final. Starting in P6, Jenson managed to go with the lead pack and stay in the top 7 to 8. He made up some places and, on the last lap, took the lead. He lost his lead on the last corner after defending, and crossed the line in third place; however, the second-placed driver had cut the corner earlier in the race so received a penalty, and the winner received disqualification for illegally tampering with his engine.

Jenson was promoted to first place to become world champion and proudly took his place on the podium to receive his award.



KLB Friends

KLB Friends would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who've helped so far this academic year.

Thank you for standing in the cold and wet (or even warm with disco tunes!) helping at stalls,

Thank you for baking delicious cakes and delivering them far and wide,

Thank you for designing stunning posters to publicise events,

Thank you for attending our meetings to help with decision making and future event planning,

Thank you for donating wine, water, bottle bags, and money in your hundreds.



Without your help KLB Friends can't raise funds! Every donation, of whatever size or variety, is raising money towards all our children's education, and we can't wait to spend it!

If you're able to help us, in whatever capacity you can, perhaps you'd like to fill in our [helpers' online form on the KLB Web Page](#) to let us know?

We don't just need stall helpers, we need administrators, graphic designers, event managers, marketers, fundraisers, bid writers, cupboard organisers, bakers, stock purchasers, caterers, meeting attenders, and risk assessors.

Perhaps you work at a company that might bid/donation match?

Perhaps you can convince friends and family to use Easy Fundraising for KLB Friends? [RAISE FUNDS FOR KLB!](#)

Perhaps you can offer us a discount on goods or equipment to serve at an event?

Perhaps you have some ideas for events or stalls at events that we need to hear?

Perhaps you want to lead an event or a stall at an event and practice some event management?

The opportunities are endless, and every contribution makes a difference.

Dates for events in the Spring Term will be out as soon as possible after the term starts.

80:20 Club

If you are currently in the 80:20 Club and would like to alter your payment method for any winnings from a cheque to BACS, please get in touch with us via klbfriends@klbschool.org.uk.

If you are not yet in the 80:20 club and would like to join, visit the [KLB Friends webpage](#) and use one of the forms to join in, including [an online form](#).

80% of funds raised goes to KLB Friends, 20% is shared by 3 winners receiving 10% and two 5%. Draws are monthly. Be in it to win it!

We hope to bring you the total raised during the autumn term early in the New Year.

What's on in JANUARY?

The Keepers is a community hub supporting the residents of Wotton and surrounding areas. It is here for everyone. Either come along to one of the organised groups below, or just pop in for a chat and a cuppa - whenever we are open. Come as you are, bring what you can and take what you need.

Monday

Parent Support Group - a support group by parents for parents. 9:30am - 10:45am

Citizens Advice - to book an appointment call 0800 800510/511 or just drop in. 8th and 22nd January. 10am - 2pm

Age UK Gloucestershire - a social group for those who are 50+. 11am - 12:30pm

Chair Yoga - join in with some gentle, supportive yoga. Open to all. No booking is needed. Pay As You Feel (PAYF). 1:30pm - 2:30pm

After School Drop In - reading, games and toast available. Children to come with an accompanying adult. Also runs through the holidays. 3pm - 4pm

Thursday

Lloyds Bank - drop in for basic transactions such as account balance, direct debit, standing order and bill payment enquiries for both personal and business account customers. No cash services are available. 9:30am - 3pm

Wotton Area Neurodivergent Support group (WANDS) - a group run by, and for, ND adults and parents/carers of ND children including Autism, ADHD, PDA, Dyslexia etc. 11th January. 9:30am - 11:00am

Holiday art activity - children to come with an adult. For those on free school meals. Be creative - followed by lunch. Booking is essential. 4th January. 9:30am - 12:30pm

Wotton Area Breast Support Group - anyone touched by breast cancer is invited to drop in and meet others who know just how it feels. The next meeting is on 18th January. 10am - 11am

Qigong - meditation, breathing and gentle movement. No booking is needed. Pay As You Feel. Not 4th January. 12pm - 1pm

Independence Trust and NHS social prescribers' Drop in - help to connect and grow in confidence. Just drop in, no appointment needed. 11am - 1pm

Welcome Space - run by the Independence Trust and CALMHS - a space to talk and be listened to. Call 01453 767999 to book. 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Menopause Support Group - a peer support group for those affected by menopause. 18th January. 7pm - 8:30pm

French For Beginners/The Terrified - an informal French conversation group. Come along and join in. 7:30pm - 8:30pm

OPENING TIMES

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday:
9:00am - 4:00pm

Wednesday and Friday:
9:00am - 1:00pm

CLOSED on BANK HOLIDAYS

Tuesday

The Keepers' Garden - the garden is open - come along to plant, dig, weed, sit or just chat with our gardener. Refreshments provided. 10am - 12pm

The Carers' Café - run by Healthcare Assistants from Culverhay and Chipping surgeries. Coffee, chat and advice if needed. Just drop in. Carers can come by themselves or bring the person they care for. 2nd and 16th January. 10:00am - 12:00pm

CONNECT (previously called Dementia Connections) - for anyone who would like to make connections, including those living with dementia, long term health conditions, and unpaid carers. Activities and conversation. 9th and 23rd January. 10:00am - 12:00pm

Sing 2 Remember - sing together, share memories and make friends. Come and join this supported, dementia-friendly singing session. Just turn up. 2nd and 16th January. 10:45am - 11:45am

Tuesday Lunches - come and join us for a warm meal, open to all and Pay As You Feel (PAYF). Spaces are limited, so to book a space please call 07585 466418 or pop in to find out what's on the menu! 12:30pm - 1:30pm

The Keepers' Car Club is also running on Tuesdays to provide transport from your home to the hot lunches. Places are limited so to book please call 07585 466418 or pop in.

Rainbow Cuppa (NEW) - all LGBTQ+ folk and allies welcome to join us for a relaxed chat, coffee or bring a craft along. 9th January. 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Ukulele group - open to beginners and those who already play. Come along and join in. 2nd and 16th January. 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Death Cafe - NEW - drink tea, eat cake and discuss death. It is not a bereavement support group. 16th January. 7pm - 9pm

Friday

Holiday cooking activity - children to come with an adult. For those on free school meals. Cook up something to eat. Booking is essential. 5th January. 9am - 12pm

The Keepers' Garden - the garden is open - Come along to plant, dig, weed, sit or just chat with our gardener. Refreshments provided. 10am - 12pm

Drop In Café - all welcome on a Pay As You Feel basis. This cafe is quieter than a Wednesday, the tables are spaced apart, board games available if wanted. 11:30am - 12:30pm

Wednesday

Drop In Café - all welcome on a Pay As You Feel basis. 10am - 12pm

Craft and Chat with tea and cake - held fortnightly on 3rd, 17th and 31st January. 10am - 12pm

P3 Drop In - help with a range of issues e.g. housing, debt and benefit support. No booking needed. 10am - 12pm

Job Club - help with CVs and employment support. Drop in, no booking required. Not on 3rd January. 10am - 12pm

Stroud District Council Housing Officer Drop In - pop in and talk to Rachel. Not on 3rd January. 10:30am - 11:30am

Health Visitor Drop In - available to weigh babies and answer any questions. Next drop in is on 3rd January. 10am - 12pm

Men's Shed - talk about the projects they're working on and discuss yours. 10th January. 10am - 12pm

Gloucestershire Carers' Hub - if you support someone, come and get some advice and find out what is available. 24th January. 10am - 12pm

Wotton Area Neurodivergent Support group (WANDS) - a group run by, and for, ND adults and parents/carers of ND children including Autism, ADHD, PDA, Dyslexia etc. The next meeting is on 31st January. 7pm - 9pm

Talk Club - a new talking and listening club for men to help keep mentally fit. 3rd and 17th January. 7pm - 8:30pm

COURSES

IT Course (Adult Education) - Next steps for laptop users. This 6-week course has spaces. Mondays. 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Art Shape - a 6-week creative arts course. This course is full, if interested in another art course, please contact us. Thursdays. 9:30am - 11:30am

Creative writing (NEW) - 4 writing workshops led by local author and playwright Mark Seaman. If you have an idea for a novel, a play, or are just interested in learning more about the craft of writing. Open to anyone - no eligibility criteria. Thursdays. 11:30am - 1:00pm.

Cookery Course (Adult Education) - Baking for beginners. This 4-week course has spaces. Thursdays. 9:30am - 11:30am

To find out about the eligibility criteria for these courses, book a space or ask a question - contact us on 07585 466418, email thekeeperscommunityhub@gmail.com or pop in

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