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SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

The Parish Council would like to thank all the individuals who donated to the appeal by the Bristol Ukrainian community to help with the ongoing humanitarian crisis. We are proud of our community spirit and we hope that our offerings will help to ease the suffering. Our meeting in March started with a minute's silence and a performance of the Ukrainian National Anthem, as a tribute to the bravery of the people of Ukraine.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The APM will take place on Monday, April the 4th, at Severn Beach Primary School, starting at 7pm and followed by the Parish Council meeting. The meeting is hosted by the Parish Council and has been set up to allow members of the community to air their views and ask questions. Attending the meeting will also give you an opportunity to find out what is being done for the benefit of our parish. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

CLLR JACQS GRAHAM – THANK YOU!

Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council were sorry to receive a letter of resignation from Cllr Jacqs Graham, and we would like to thank her for the time that she dedicated to our Parish and the enthusiasm that she shared with us.

NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY

Notice is hereby given that by reason of resignation two vacancies have occurred among the members of the Parish Council. Any person willing to fill these vacancies should apply to the Clerk in writing on or before Monday 30th April 2022. Please see the Parish Council website for contact details, or email the Clerk using the email address above.

A GENEROUS DONATION

We would like to thank the anonymous donor who has allocated £250 to be spent on the needs of the children in Severn Beach to celebrate the Centenary of the Village. They would like the money to be spent on encouraging children to do sports, but all ideas will be considered. Please share your ideas on how this money could be spent with us by contacting the Parish Clerk.

PILNING CEMETERY TIDY UP

We are appealing to the parishioners who would be able to help tidy up Pilning Cemetery. As a priority, we would like to remove glass objects such as glass vases and bottles as they get broken and pose a danger to visitors and cemetery staff. The working group will meet at 10am on Saturday, the 7th of May. Please bring your own gloves.

SEVERN BEACH AND PILNING RAILWAY STATIONS

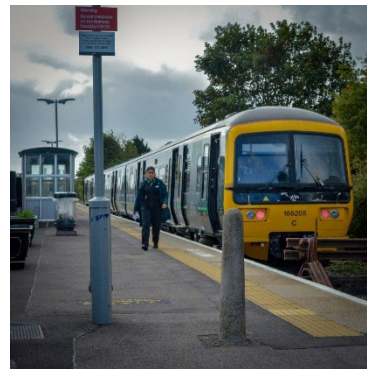
We are pleased to share good news concerning both railway stations in our parish.

We noticed the reduction in the noise and pollution from trains at **Severn Beach station**. We believe that GWR passed the message to the drivers as they seem to be shutting the engines off when they are sat at the station for a period of time.

In recent weeks, the Parish Council were made aware that West of England Combined Authority (Weca) have been tasked with collecting evidence for their long-term transport plan. Therefore, we requested a meeting with their new Rail Programme Manager, so



that they would give us more background to what they envisage. During the meeting, members of the Parish Council discussed the opportunities which a renewed **Pilning station** would offer to our area and learned about Weca's plans for the future. It was decided that we should continue the conversation; the next step will be arranging a meeting with Weca and GWR to discuss possible improvements to the station and service levels.



PLOT 9000 – APPLICATION REFUSED

The application went to the first Planning Committee in November 2021, and was refused then; however, it had to be reviewed by the second committee in February because there were objections to the Case Officer's recommendations. After a long meeting and passionate speeches from a number of district councillors and nearby businesses, the Committee unanimously rejected the application. There may be an appeal, but for now we remain hopeful that the plot of land in question will remain part of the wildlife area.

THYROID GLAND

The recent events in Ukraine take some of us back to what happened 36 years ago when many people across Europe were very anxious about an increased level of radiation caused by a nuclear incident at Chernobyl Power Station. At the time, we took sensible precautions and we are here to tell the tale all these years later. We learned that the thyroid gland is more likely to be affected by radiation than any other organ in the human body. The general advice from the health authorities is to take potassium iodide (KI) to reduce the threat to the thyroid gland. If you have any concerns, contact your GP in the first instance.

OUR WEBSITE – PSBPC.CO.UK

We hope that you have taken a notice of the changes on our website.

We added a few links to the home page – this now contains notices about our community and appeals from various local organisations. Please check it out and contact the relevant people if you want to make a difference.

“Our Parish A to Z” is a new section on the website. It contains quick links to everything that matters, from Allotments to Volunteering, including archived copies of our InView articles. If you spot anything that's missing but should be there, please let our Clerk know.

Article by Olga Taylor on behalf of the Parish Council