


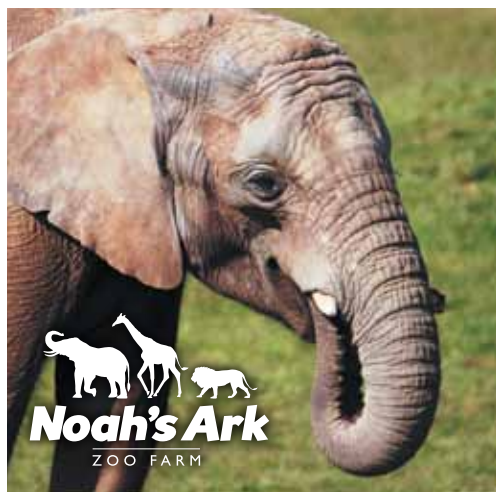


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## Dear Residents....

**Wow**, do we have a bumper issue - **80 pages** - for you this month! Never usually ones to sing our own praises, or make outlandish claims, we have decided to hang out the balloons this month (see right!) and shout loudly

**"WE ARE 10!"**



We have spent some time looking back this month and remembering some of the incredible stories and articles shared within the magazines over the years. It has been a trip down memory lane with most things only feeling like a short while ago! There has certainly been many changes that I can recall in Bradley Stoke over the last decade and we are so very pleased to have been a part of it. More on our 10 years on pages 8-11.

I know we are not the only ones turning 10 in 2015 - so **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to all of us reaching the milestone of double figures!!

Inside we have 6 pages dedicated to this year's Festival - p36-41 - and we hope you enjoy looking back at what was another brilliant weekend. We are very fortunate to have such a fabulous event put on for us to enjoy and one of the best things about running this community magazine is the opportunity to be out and about chatting to people across the three days.

We have so much to share with you in our **10th Anniversary issue**. It has been an extremely busy month - Please read on and Enjoy!

A huge shout out to all the advertisers who have supported us over the last 10 years - 3 of which still advertising with us today, were in our very first issue! Many others have been with us for nearly as long. **THANK YOU** we simply wouldn't be here without you.

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## Bradley Stoke's First Triathlon!

Swimmers, runners and cyclists are being invited to take part in the first community-based triathlon event to be staged in Bradley Stoke.



The Active Triathlon is taking place on Sunday 30th of August 2015 and is expected to attract participants from all over South Gloucestershire. Held in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council and Triathlon England, the Sprint Triathlon event will cater for all abilities who want to be part of this fast growing sport.

It consists of a 400 metre pool swim at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre, 18 km cycle and 5 km run. The cycle ride and run will be held on closed roads along Bradley Stoke Way to ensure the event is safe as well as fun. The Triathlon is being organised by Active Leisure Centres and is the idea of triathlete Akhil Viz, who has been living and training in Bradley Stoke since October 2011. Akhil has competed in Sprint distance triathlon, Olympic distance triathlon, Ironmans and has represented Great Britain and Gibraltar at the European and World Long Distance Triathlon Championships. He said: *"Triathlon is an increasingly popular sport and the sprint distance makes it really accessible to anyone who wants to increase their fitness or improve in a new discipline. We are really pleased at the response we've had so far and are expecting it to be a 'sellout' event."*

The Triathlon is one of the highlights of Active Leisure's tenth anniversary celebrations this year. It is being organised purely on a voluntary basis and any profits earned as a result will be reinvested into future events and other sport development projects within the community. To help people get in shape for the challenge, Active Leisure is holding special training sessions at its leisure centres in the run up to the event.

The first wave of places has been taken up by existing Active Total members and the second wave is now open to other members of the public. There are 150 places in total open to over 18s. There will be prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place male and female finishers and a free bike fit by Bike Science Bristol for the competitor with the fastest bike split.

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## Rotary trip to France

On hearing about their recent visit to France, it was great to talk with Roger Worth, President of Bradley Stoke Rotary Club, to find out about what they'd got up to across the channel.

Flying into Charles de Gaulle from Bristol Airport, members of the local Rotary Club were met by Bernard Borderes, President of the Rotary Club of Marne La Vallee, and other members on Friday evening to kick off a weekend of celebrations marking the 30th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Marne La Vallee. Champs Sur Marne lies within Marne Le Vallee, a new town located near Paris.

Saturday's itinerary included a visit to the First World War Museum at Meaux which Roger said *"will leave a lasting impression as the exhibits and sound effects were so well presented"*.

The evening was spent at Chez Gegene on the banks of the River Marne where International Rotarians enjoyed the food, drink, music and dancing. All were presented with the gift of a straw boater, complete with Rotary ribbon. These were worn proudly through the night and added to the enjoyable atmosphere.

Roger went on to say *"the BBQ on Sunday was fantastic; the Rotary Club of Marne Le Vallee had even arranged perfect weather for the al fresco event"*.

Celebrations are already being planned for June 2017 which is the 20th anniversary of the forming of Bristol Aztec, now known as Bradley Stoke Rotary Club. Although formal invites are yet to be sent, it is hoped the Rotarians from France will visit Bradley Stoke. Roger feels their recent trip will be a hard act to follow. *"The whole weekend was so well organised, it was an honour to be invited and able to attend. Joining in with our twinned club made a fantastic weekend and one which we will all remember"*.



Picture of Roger Worth, President, Bradley Stoke Rotary Club with Bernard Borderes, President, Rotary Club of Marne La Vallee.

## New Mayor for Bradley Stoke

At Bradley Stoke Town Council's Annual General Meeting held in late May, Councillor Roger Avenin was elected to the position of Mayor of Bradley Stoke.

Roger takes over from the former Mayor, John Ashe, who at 11 years of serving on Bradley Stoke Town Council makes him the longest currently serving councillor – he was first elected back in 2004.

Briefly before handing over to the new Mayor, Councillor John Ashe reflected on his time in office and presented the Mayoral Charity Cheques to his two chosen charities; the Royal British Legion and the Great Western Air Ambulance.

Upon Councillor Roger Avenin's election to the position of Mayor, he thanked the outgoing Mayor for the hard work he has undertaken throughout the last year and his dedication to public service. (It's worth remembering that our Town Councillors are all volunteers).

Councillor Roger Avenin thanked councillors for electing him to the position as Mayor, and he will work closely with Councillors and Officers to ensure the Council continues to be run effectively giving the council tax payer the best value for money.

Councillor Roger Avenin has been a sitting councillor in Bradley Stoke since 2007 (currently representing the Baileys Court Ward); in May 2015 he was also elected to South Gloucestershire Council.



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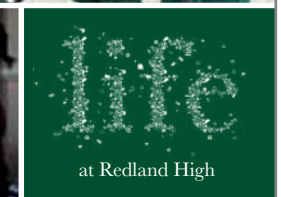
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**10  
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## Bradley Stoke Matters: Celebrating 10 years in the Community!

10 years, Wow! I can still remember turning 10 years old. As a July birthday I was

always one of the youngest in my year at school and the youngest of my friends set. It seemed to take forever therefore to reach the magic milestone of double figures, but how sweet it felt when I got there!

I'm not quite sure where the last decade has gone but I am very proud that this is now the 10th anniversary of the very first Bradley Stoke Matters community magazine landing on your doorstep. Our first edition was still the same high quality gloss but black and white throughout and just 32 pages. It was also delivered to just 2000 houses. I remember our first mock up of what it might look like and showing that to potential advertisers. Our very first call resulted in a year's booking! This was a shocker at the time - we had yet to produce one edition and now we were committed to doing 12! It was a steep learning curve. A qualified accountant I did sometimes wonder how I came to be selling advertising space! I'm pleased to say that that very first advertiser is still advertising with us today! **BIG SHOUT OUT to Lois Coulson of Medway Design.** Other current advertisers who were in our very first edition include mechanic Ashley Thouless and Noah's Ark Farm Zoo.

I moved to Bradley Stoke in 1994 (can't quite believe that that was 21 years ago). We bought our house off-plan, scrimped, saved, and per the mortgage request sold our car (!). Our 4bed detached in Saxon Way cost £90,000. An amazing first house, we'd stretched ourselves fully and we moved in with not one bit of furniture! Just a pile of clothes and an inflatable mattress. Happy days! I remember when I used to get lost going between various house builders as we were deciding where to buy. In the end I liked Saxon Way as I could find it from the motorway without getting lost!

**"I am pleased that this newsletter will enhance community spirit within Bradley Stoke"**

**Sandra Hobson, Town Mayor July 2005**

### How it all began

10 years on and I was at home with my first child, I was lucky enough not to have to go back to work, which, after 18m was giving me plenty of spare time (and there's only so many cakes you can bake!). When I first gave up work I realised that, although I had lived in Bradley Stoke for 10 years, I only actually knew my immediate neighbours and friends made at Holy Trinity church and through my horse riding. Travelling into the centre to work each day, I knew little about what went on in Bradley Stoke. I also found it extremely difficult that information was not available on all the local toddler groups and different activities that went on each week - hence the idea of the magazine was born. It transpired that many other local people felt the same, especially local traders and small businesses who worked from home across the town and had no previous way to promote themselves in the area.

**The magazine proved very popular very quickly and grew into something that we had never really envisaged, a full time activity!**

I recall when that first edition went out at the end of July 2005 we were really excited - what feedback would we get ....? My first call later that day was an eye opener - *"is that Bradley Stoke Matters? Yes it is! Fabulous - I was wondering, please could you help me fill out my passport application?"* Of course I was happy to oblige but I never realised just how much we were putting ourselves out there in the community and how many different ways we would be called upon to help. Eventually to save our sanity I did move the phones away from the homeline, just so that we weren't constantly being interrupted at all hours and days (9pm on a Sunday evening was the most popular time it appeared!)

### Extending to meet to demand

The magazine originally went out to 2000 homes each month, and we received many requests to extend the coverage. As soon as we had



the revenue covered to do so, we therefore extended distribution to accommodate these homes too. There is such a fine line between Bradley Stoke and areas of Little Stoke and Stoke Gifford - in some instances just the other side of the road - that we were also regularly asked in our first year why they could not have their own copy of the magazine too. **Therefore exactly one year later Little Stoke Gifford Matters was born too.**

Always reacting to the feedback we received, as we grew we were getting told that people didn't have time to fully read each magazine before the next one arrived so we reduced to printing two BSMs and one LSGM per quarter, which eventually changed to one BSM and one LSGM which also kept costs down for our advertisers. Our feedback was that one edition per quarter through the door was perfect, and have regularly been told that each edition is kept until the next arrives. In fact last year I met a lady who told me she had a copy of every back edition as she loved to keep them for the articles! Moving to full gloss colour a couple of years later was a huge step in cost of production, but we have not looked back! We now produce 8 editions per year, 4 of each title. **Every single edition is still edited and produced by ourselves, personally, in-house before being sent to the printers.**

### Happy memories

I have some great memories of things we have been a part of over the last 10 years. Highlights include being involved in the BBC Radio Bristol breakfast show at the site of the old Tesco in 2007. The focus was on community and how



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Bradley Stoke had developed thus far, about the lack of town centre and the new plans envisaged with the new Tesco store and WillowBrook Centre in the planning. We had to be available from something like 6am and were around pretty much all morning. The most requested services that residents we spoke to that day wanted from the new town centre was a coffee shop and a dentist! Costa was not exactly the welcoming local coffee shop with home made cakes that was envisaged, but it has certainly proved a big hit and is always very busy.

It was also great to be involved in the birthday celebrations at the leisure centre for the 20th Anniversary of Bradley Stoke. The displays of 80s memorabilia and the old articles and information about the development of the town were great to read. BBC Radio Bristol were also in attendance that day and we were called upon again to be interviewed with our thoughts on how much the town had developed as a community.

We've also been nominated for and won awards along the way for the community and





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Marathon and were following their progress all the way round via the tracker app!

The other thing of course is that several other Matters Magazines have sprung up from this very first one and we are very proud that other communities are benefitting from local informative community minded magazines, all produced and edited by local people, just like this one!



**Who knows what the next 10 years will bring?** So much has changed over the last 10 years, social media has taken over the world! Whilst we enjoy the instant feedback and sharing of community news on our website, Facebook and Twitter pages, my favourite part of this job still remains going out and meeting community members and groups face to face.

I write this after taking part in another fantastic Bradley Stoke Festival. This annual community celebration is testament to the thriving community we live amongst. It is always a great opportunity to catch up with the numerous local groups we are proud to support both new and old within the pages of our local magazine – **10 years on, our overwhelming feeling is still Bradley Stoke Community Matters!**

*"The reason I've remained advertising within Bradley Stoke Matters for so many years is quite simply that IT WORKS!"*

*It's a great formula and the magazine works for both the clients and myself. I live just outside Bradley Stoke but regularly spot copies in the library and know people pick them up from other local community venues too.*

*It's great that you are celebrating 10 years - especially with the likes of social media.*

**Good Work and Well Done  
Bradley Stoke Matters!!"**

**Jane Holzgrawe, Jane Holzgrawe Wills**

for business. Having found it difficult that there was so many small businesses in the town but no way of knowing who they were and how to contact them - and experiencing first hand how difficult it was for ourselves setting up a new business - we initiated the Bradley Stoke Business Forum at the start of 2007. Jointly with another local business owner, we put together an article in the magazine arranging a date and venue and waited to see who turned up! From this first evening of interested parties a group of founding members was formed and the business forum progressed into a regular monthly meeting.

We love it that people in the community have been brought together through the information we share with you in the magazine. It's even better when whole new community groups are formed through a resident's initial seed of an idea being promoted within the pages of this magazine. Two of many such groups over the last 10 years have been The Stokes Art Group and the Bradley Stoke Reading Groups.

We have received much lovely feedback in 10 years but I think the most memorable was a lady who approached us at the Outstanding Women's Awards one year. She came up and told us **"I had to come over and say hello, I am so pleased to meet you and just want to thank you as your magazine literally saved my life."** I won't share the story that followed but I have never forgotten it and am just so pleased that by doing something small and sharing the amazing stories about our community with people through this magazine, that hearts are touched and

people are connected. I can't emphasise enough that **Community really does matter.**

## Giving something back

One thing that has always been important from the very start is giving back to the community and, apart from all the support and coverage in the magazines, we have also been able to give back over £20,000 to local individuals, groups, clubs and organisations. A few years ago we made a list of all the different people/organisations we had given money to and it was over 100! Some might only be £10 to cover the community charge that was levied on community stalls at the Bradley Stoke festival on some years, others are in the form of team sponsorship and donations. We have just seen our third year of sponsoring the Bradley Stoke Town FC Reserve team and are committed to 2015/16 too. We are also current sponsors of the Bradley Stoke Youth Rugby Bradley Bull and are also supporting the Cricket Club this year. We sponsored 3 runners in this year's London

*"We have been advertising with Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford Matters for approaching 10 years and have always been proud to be part of such a great community magazine. Jaci and the team have always been so helpful and accommodating to our ever changing needs."*

*"As they celebrate their 10th anniversary, we wish them continued success for many years to come!"*

**Liz, Ambourne House  
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**Ready for Business -  
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The construction of the brand new Bradley Stoke Community School (BSCS) has been completed on schedule and is ready for business in September.

Dave Baker, Headteacher said 'the school will be unrivalled in terms of being suited to education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century with specialist facilities throughout and those who are a part of the school from the beginning will be pioneers. It is a fascinating process considering all aspects of developing a school from scratch, with interesting tensions between adhering to tried and tested ways and adopting innovative approaches.'

The vision is for a school which will be both in the community and for the community; its aim is to establish strong relationships with the town council, local schools, clubs and churches, the leisure centre, local businesses and other agencies but especially with the people of Bradley Stoke.

The school boasts two sprung floor halls; one with tiered, retractable seating, stage and an acoustic sound system the other is big enough to hold four badminton courts. It also offers fully equipped classrooms, ICT suite, modern science and technology laboratories and under floor heating. The school is currently proposing a bid for specialist status in performing arts and language in 2006 and devising its school travel plan.

The 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2005 will bring 182 year 7 students through the doors, with a further 180 places available in four subsequent academic years. Prospective students have taken an active part in recruiting new staff and have already formed a school council to help plan for September. The development of the student voice will be a key aspect of the school's life.

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Noah's Ark Zoo Farm is the brainchild of Anthony and Christina Bush, the owner occupiers of the previously working farm. During the six years since selling their dairy cattle, Anthony and Christina have built up an award-winning visitor attraction, with guests both locally and from across the country. Our visit took place on a Thursday morning, during term time - a reasonably quiet time one might plausibly assume. Think again. There were parties of excited schoolchildren, parent and toddler groups, holidaying families and plenty of members of our older generation all eager to enjoy the delights in store at Noah's Ark Zoo Farm.

There was so much to see and do. Our first walk took us around some of the animals, all wandering free in fields or large enclosures. Our children enjoyed seeing the familiar ducks, chickens, goats and sheep, and were even more delighted at the sight of rhinos, camels and bison. The more unusual animals were grazing right alongside a field of the more everyday farmyard creatures.

The animal shows take a fun approach to an educational experience, with the opportunity of seeing animals at close proximity and learning pertinent facts such as which animals belong to which 'family' plus how and what they eat. Even adults can learn a thing or two! The youngsters in particular are hearty participants in these shows - but children of all ages are encouraged to join in!

There are 80 different types of animal kept at the farm, including camels, llamas, lemurs, tamarins, marmosets, sugar gliders, geckos, crested cranes, yaks, wallabies, shires, Shetlands, rabbits, pigs, reptiles, tropical birds and still many more. Our children loved being able to get close to and interact with the animals.



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## Bradley Stoke Carnival - Saturday 29th August

Things are going well with the Carnival Committee's preparations for this years Bradley Stoke Carnival which takes place on Saturday 29th of August. The parade commences at 11am (route still to be confirmed) and arrives at the Jubilee Green on Savages Wood Road at around 12pm, let's hope for good weather!

We have been able to introduce some new elements for this year including a fire breathing show and after the success of last years vintage London bus rides around the town, we are hoping this year to have an open top vintage bus (see pic) to again run a circular route around the town. A traditional Punch and Judy show will also be featuring this year, entertaining both the young and the not so young as well!

Stall pitches are beginning to fill nicely with a good mix of community, charity and commercial stalls confirming bookings, although if you do fancy a stall please do get in touch via [bradleystokecarnival@gmail.com](mailto:bradleystokecarnival@gmail.com)

The parade is looking as though it will be well supported once again. The theme this year is "party" so you can dress up in fancy dress, your party clothes or with community groups coming on board perhaps your uniforms - it's really up to you! please contact us via the email address above or visit the Carnival Facebook page for further information if you or your community group would like to walk in the parade.

The team who will be providing the Fire Breathing show will also be walking in the parade on stilts (see pics) and then wandering around the Carnival field in the afternoon alongside a couple of mascots including (subject to change) characters from Frozen and a Minion

The demonstration area this year will be in front of the stage and will play host to the community groups who have come to perform demonstrations in between the live bands on the stage.

Demonstrations are still being confirmed but hopefully we shall have GKR Karate, the Chinese association performing the Dragon dance, the Fire Breathers and more.

Live music is this year being hosted on a slightly larger stage and I'm pleased to announce that due to popular demand the Twerzels (Wurzels tribute



band) have agreed to perform once again alongside other acts including an 80s covers band and the excellent Angel Heart Rocks. we still have a couple of free slots on the stage so if you are involved in a family friendly band that will appeal to all age groups then please do contact us.

We are putting together a great line up of live music with something to suit all tastes, with the emphasis being on bring a picnic and sit and enjoy a family friendly afternoon of live music and entertainment on the Jubilee Green. The live music will be broadcast on BSR 103.4FM from their event trailer and their presenters will also be working on live shows broadcast from the event, so if you can't make it on the day you can tune in and still enjoy the days live music.

The popular car show is also making a return this year including some vehicles that have not been seen before, such as - for petrol heads - an AC Cobra.

The Fun Fair will be making a return visit and will be open from the Thursday before the carnival and across the bank holiday weekend and will feature a family friendly range of sideshows and rides including the perennial favourite dodgems

For further information on the Carnival please see the Bradley Stoke Carnival Facebook page, where you can also download both the Carnival parade and Stall holder entry forms or please email [bradleystokecarnival@gmail.com](mailto:bradleystokecarnival@gmail.com).

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We were delighted to hear from Mike Mundy, President of the Bradley Stoke Cricket Club regarding the Club's impending 25th anniversary in 2016.



Mike was the founding member of the Cricket Club. Nine months on from his original idea to form a local club for the newly established town, Mike was officially notified on 12th June 1991 that "Bradley Stoke Cricket Club" had been selected by North Avon District Council to be the Cricket Club to use the superb new facilities at the Bailey's Court site.

This was obviously very exciting news and over the winter of 1991/early 92, the Club arranged some social fund-raising initiatives including some successful live band extravaganzas. They also decided to invite local England and Gloucestershire wicket keeper Jack Russell to officially open the premises.

The date for the grand opening was set for Saturday 11th April 1992. Jack came along and met with people, signed autographs and 'officially opened' the Cricket Club. Not just a cricketer but a renowned painter too, one of Jack's limited edition paintings was offered as the first prize in the day's raffle. The print in question was called "Moment of Victory" depicting the winning run scored by England against the West Indies on the 1st March 1990. It was signed by all the England players taking part in the match.



Entry for the raffle was by programme only and each one was individually numbered. We have included some scans of that original programme (above and right). We love looking back at such things - it makes interesting reading when Bradley Stoke was just in its infancy!

BSCC has grown into a popular, friendly and well utilised cricket club with over 60 adult members and also a vibrant youth section with over 80 youth members playing in 5 youth teams. It is currently looking to fund a new project for outdoor practice nets, with plans drawn up in February this year.

As a reflection of the opening nearly 25 years ago, the plan for 2016 is very similar.

The Club is in the process of constructing a new programme and is looking for local community sponsors to help with this. Jack Russell, now retired from cricket and a full time artist, has been invited to the Club once again to mark the occasion. This time around BSCC has purchased three of Jack's paintings which, along with other prizes of a cricket bat and tickets to a Gloucestershire CCC T20 match in 2016, will be up for prizes in a raffle. The draw will take place on the day. Entry to the event will be via an individually number programme which this time will cost £3 each (just an increase of £1 in 25 years!).

Programmes will be on sale very soon and you can purchase one by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope (A5 size) and a cheque or postal order for £3 payable to Bradley Stoke Cricket Club, to Mr M Mundy, Baileys Court Road, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 8BH. The day for the celebrations next year is **Sunday 5th June** to coincide with the Bradley Stoke Festival weekend.

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## Bradley Stoke Community School Primary Phase

Speaking to Sharon Clark, a local resident of Bradley Stoke and new Head Teacher of BSCS Primary phase, there is much excitement as the summer term draws to an end and she prepares to open the doors to 30 pupils commencing the primary phase of Bradley Stoke Secondary School in September.

Having worked as a Deputy Head in a growing school, Sharon has been in post and worked on site at BSCS since April. She has successfully recruited an Early Years Teacher in Geraldine Rogers and the role of Teaching Assistant has been advertised as we go to print. Sharon spoke highly of the support received by the Olympus Trust and especially existing Heads Jon Barr at Meadowbrook Primary and Nicola Bailey at Charborough Road School. Sharon tells us they “meet regularly and have been a great support network to date!” Sharon has also been drawing on the expertise of one of the Higher Level Teaching Assistant in BSCS with forest schools experience.

Regular newsletters have been sent to the parental body and a parents forum already exists. Sharon has been working with the school council to discuss class names and will be working with existing BSCS students during enrichment week to fill the new build with artwork. She is very keen for the new building to feel and look like a learning environment that's lived in from the outset and not feel sterile and new. There will also be links with post 16 students, working within their community service programme and volunteering for a number of hours per week in the primary setting.

Family days are already in the diary for July when children will be invited along to their new setting for a tour, story and lunch as well as further dates in August. Local relationships are already forming and BSYFC have already agreed to come in and give coaching to the 4 year olds - we look forward to seeing them at future Football Festivals! The new build has lots of open space as well as a planned hockey pitch. Pupils will also have access to the grounds of the main school as well as Scholars Wood which can be accessed through a back gate of the school.

The new building, which is eco compliant with solar assist roofing has resulted in only positives for the main school - cricket nets have been relocated with a new high jump and the long jump re-installed. The footprint of the building has only taken away existing car parking and with the travel plan implemented, it is hoped most pupils and staff within reason will walk to school. The primary phase is a building within its own right with independent security utilising swipe cards and buzzers on the gates. Between 20-50+ staff have worked for or on behalf of Midas at any one time, with the build commencing last October and it is due to be handed over on 6th July. The latest technology has been installed from interactive wipe boards to wifi outside, scooter pods and bike racks.

Midas will also be fitting out the school with furniture. We look forward to our next visit to see tarmac and carpets and a furnished new building!



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## Girls' & Young Women's night

This Tuesday night project has grown rapidly since its move to the Jubilee Centre in April 2014 and now regularly has around 30 young women attending, with the majority between the ages 13 to 17 years old. The project provides a young-women-only space where they can help shape a fun and varied programme, try a wide variety of activities and look at a range of issues and hopefully develop their skills, knowledge and self-confidence in a supportive youth work setting.

The BSTC youth development & participation worker thought it was important to establish a girls space as the majority of young people encountered through local detached and street youth work, particularly in the winter months, are male. The sessions are run for BSTC by female youth and art workers from Make It Mentoring (MIM) and the sessions have also helped increase the girl's and young women's engagement with other BSTC youth projects and programmes.

If you are a young person living in the Bradley Stoke area and aged 11 to 19 who would like to find out about other planned youth work and youth democracy projects or would like to get involved in supporting the work, please contact the Youth Development & Participation Worker on 07900 253826 or email [graham.baker@bradleystoke.gov.uk](mailto:graham.baker@bradleystoke.gov.uk)



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## South Gloucestershire Festival of Youth Sport 2015

It was a sunny but windy day when over 1000 school children rose early on Saturday 6th June, to put on their PE kit for this year's Festival of Sport. Bradley Stoke Matters was also pleased to be invited along to watch the event.

Run by South Gloucestershire Schools PE Association and involving 60 schools, the opening Olympic style procession took a while to complete the running track at the SGS Wise campus. Each school represented a country and waved flags as they paraded the lap.

Kim Hazeldine, chair of the PE Association told us *"The aim of the festival is to provide young people with an experience that will inspire them to continue to take part in sport and aspire to be the best they can be".* He went on to say *"We are grateful for the support of South Gloucestershire & Stroud College and Bristol Sport. Schools compete in their chosen sport with the emphasis on playing well, within the spirit of fair play and friendship".*

Schools chose up to two events to compete in from athletics, archery, rugby, multi skills sports, tennis skills, girls and mixed football, basket ball and seated volleyball was offered as an inclusive sport.

Our local schools who took part included Wheatfield, Meadowbrook, Bowsland Green, St Mary's, Baileys Court, St Chads, Stoke Lodge, St Michael's and Charborough Road (now part of the Olympus Academy Trust). Wheatfield Primary School won the tag rugby year 3/4 (photo above) whilst Charborough Road picked up the Fair Play trophy for Tag Rugby year 5/6.

Watching the events, it was clear that although the children were competitive and keen to do their best for the school they worked well together as a team.

Congratulations to all who took part and represented their schools; on the day the behaviour and sportsmanship of competitors was outstanding!



## South Gloucestershire Festival of Youth Sport 2015

### RESULTS

Athletics: 1st: The Ridge (Yate)  
Fair Play: Christchurch (Hanham)

Volleyball: 1st: Abbotswood (Yate)  
Fair Play: Alexander Hosea (Wickwar)

Tag Rugby Y3&4: 1st Wheatfield (Bradley Stoke)  
Fair Play: Wellesley (Yate)

Tag Rugby Y5&6: 1st Christ Church (Downend)  
Fair Play: Charborough Rd. (Filton)

Football Girls: 1st Manorbrook (Thornbury)  
Fair Play: St Michael's (Winterbourne)

Football Y3&4: 1st Crossways (Thornbury)  
Fair Play: Colston's (Bristol)

Basketball: 1st Frampton Cotterell  
Fair Play: Elm Park (Winterbourne)

Multi Skills: 1st Blackhorse (Mangotsfield)  
Fair Play: Old Sodbury

Tennis: 1st Bromley Heath Inf (Downend)  
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Archery: 1st Hawkesbury Upton  
Fair Play: Beacon Rise (Kingswood)

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It was a delight to catch up with the Musical Director of Bradley Stoke Community Singers last month to find out how the local choir has developed over the past three years.

Ange Kewley has scores of enthusiasm and passionately recounts how she got involved with the group. "A number of the local community attended a Come & Sing Day at the local Bradley Stoke Community School in September 2012. The singing workshop, run by the renowned choirmaster Granville Jones and Head of Music at BSCS Emma Rogers, culminated in an evening concert. The event was such a huge success that Granville suggested we set up our own community choir". (You might remember reading about this fantastic day at the time in your Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford Matters!).

As a singer and teacher who worked at Clifton College and loves music, Ange always wanted to work in the community as her own children grew up and so, on speaking with Emma Rogers, formed a musical team with Robin Fry and recruited a committee. On the 6th November 2012, the choir held their first rehearsal.

**"Open to everyone to have fun and build on our community spirit"** the choir now has 50 members registered. They are always happy to welcome new members who *"don't have to be great singers, just enthusiastic and want to join in"*. Meeting at BSCS weekly on Tuesday evenings (term time only) the group are generously offered the facilities free of charge. However, funds are raised through concert ticket sales, CD sales and bucket collections and the group, which is FREE to members, have donated £500 back to the school to date! There is no pressure for singers to perform in any of the concerts and members are welcome to pop along to rehearsals as and when available (a few of the singers work shifts which makes a weekly commitment impossible).

Both Ange and Robin (the official accompanist is a full time piano teacher who is gigging at weekends in his own rock and roll band - the Alligators), give their time freely to the choir, purchase music and most importantly encourage the choir to "always believe" and to be "part of the big team".



Bradley Stoke Community Singers have now performed local Summer and Christmas concerts, have sang at the Willow Brook Centre, entertained at the Christmas lights turn on event and attended a few of the local school fetes. More recently you may have seen them at this year's Festival (photo below).

**They have also now released tickets for their annual summer concert at Bradley Stoke Community School on 14th July where children from Wheatfield Primary School have also been invited to sing.**

Members live locally across the Stokes - the youngest is just 12 years old and eldest are in their 70s. Some read music and others can't, but the words are always printed to learn. The choir aim to be fully inclusive and are asked for suggestions of songs. It's realised that **"if someone is singing a favourite they'll sing with more enthusiasm!"**

All are welcome, regardless of age and ability. Ange is proud that a student in her gap year, having asked for more experience, will be conducting two of the songs in the summer concert and hopes this will encourage others to become musical directors and develop music within more communities. Ange also wanted to acknowledge the recent grant received from Bradley Stoke Town Council for which they are very grateful. This will assist in their marketing materials and music costs. *(Of course promotion in Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford Matters for the community group is entirely free!)*

**For more information on Bradley Stoke Community Singers or how to join, please call 07599 252176, email [info@bscsingers.co.uk](mailto:info@bscsingers.co.uk) or look them up on [Facebook.com/BradleyStokeCommunitySingers](https://www.facebook.com/BradleyStokeCommunitySingers) or [Twitter @BS\\_Singers](https://twitter.com/BS_Singers)**

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## RFU Lead Up & Legacy - Transforming Social Spaces



Local rugby received a major boost this month when St Mary's Old Boys RFC was chosen by the Rugby Football Union to be a recipient of one of their 'Transforming Social Spaces' grants for the 2015 Rugby World Cup which is being staged in England and Wales.

St Mary's and their Junior Rugby partners Bradley Stoke Youth has been chosen as a recipient of the grant, strengthening the partnership between the RFU and Club to be 'Fit for 15'. The grant will enhance the club's social facilities and also provide a resource to be used by the local community. Whilst they have often funded pitches, posts, changing rooms etc, the RFU has traditionally never funded bars. The World Cup being hosted here this year is seen as an opportunity for amateur clubs to increase local interest in being part of the game - and what better way to encourage participation than by transforming the social space into a great venue to go and watch the World Cup games later this year!

To qualify for the grant, the Club had to attend a workshop where there were presentations on design, and information on capitalising on commercial opportunities. After this clubs were invited to apply for funding. The project had to cost at least £20k of which the club had to find £10k.

*"The new social space will improve the quality of the rugby experience for everyone using the site and provide more playing opportunities, especially for local people in the 14-24 age-group."* said RFU Area Facilities Manager Jon Bendle. *"This investment will also support the club's financial sustainability leading into the Rugby World Cup and will create a focus for England 2015 and a lasting rugby union legacy for rugby in the community. The bar refurbishment will help the club raise its profile and encourage more players, volunteers and spectators to share the special values that distinguish the sport."*

The Club Chairman Peter Phelps told us - *"We are delighted that our project has been chosen as a recipient for this grant. We will now have some of the best facilities in the area that local people from Bradley Stoke can use. The 2015 Rugby World Cup will inspire a new wave of people of all ages to become involved in rugby and this RFU investment will help our club to be even better equipped to welcome newcomers. St Mary's and Bradley Stoke Youth has an enthusiastic group of hard-working volunteers and this funding will enable them to do even more for young people in our community in the future."*

**Works were well underway when we visited the club and we look forward to seeing the end results!**



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## Bradley Stoke Town FC end of season update - 1st team division 1 Champions!

After a very competitive season our 1st team ended as Champions of their division and promoted to the top tier in their league.

Manager Jon Welsh is happy to say *'Well done to all the team players, it's been a long season but worth it with the final placing, we look forward to next season & hope we can progress further'*.

Top scorer for the 1sts was Chris Hughes and top assists was Brad Clark. It has truly been a Club effort and proves that BSTFC are still going in the right direction!

Congratulations also to the BSTFC Reserves (sponsored by Bradley Stoke Matters) who have also won promotion to Div 3. The 'Ressies' played brilliantly for most of the season, dropping away somewhat at the end but form told eventually.

Our A Team continued to play well, gaining some good results over the season.

The 2015 / 2016 season commences at the end of August, so look out for our fixture lists and check out our website for news.

If you want to help the Club continue to rise up the leagues or would like to help 'behind the scenes', we have various jobs (all unpaid of course!). Contact Ian Drew (Chair) via our website.

**Great News - Well done BSTFC!! We look forward to keeping up to date with you in the new season and to continuing our sponsorship of the Reserves in 2015/16.**



1st Team Manager  
Jon Welsh

"Having being a permanent resident of Bradley Stoke since 2002 and hearing that the Bradley Stoke Matters magazine was being set up in 2005, my first thought was 'what a great idea' and so it has proved to be!

'Matters' magazines has continued to grow and we at BSTFC would like to wish them all the best and to thank them for their support of the Team over the years.

"Bradley Stoke Town FC are also 10 years old this year (how the time flies!). We have continued to grow, now having 3 adult teams, 1 under 21 team, 1 veterans team and in conjunction with BSYFC have a newly formed Ladies team, which already has about 20 registered players. BSTFC over the last 10 years have had 5 promotions and won 2 County cups. We are proud of the fact that We still have a couple of 'original' players still playing."

Ian Drew, Chairman, BSTFC



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## Free Family Fun at Ambourne House Day Nursery - Fun Day Saturday 25th July, 2pm-5pm

Staff at Ambourne House are once again busy preparing for their forthcoming annual Family Fun Day and it was great to meet up with Nursery Manager, Liz, for a catch up and to discuss plans for this year's event. This popular, free family day aimed at preschoolers, is now in its 6th year. Everyone is welcome to join in this happy event, which will run from 2pm-5pm and offers bouncy castles, children's entertainment, face painting, refreshments and activities.

Liz told me that last year's Family Fun Day had been a terrific success with more families than ever having a great time, on what turned out to be the hottest day of the year! Children were able to have their faces painted, explore the bouncy castle and enjoy an amazing magical show. With ice lollies and cold drinks on hand to cool everyone down whilst also enjoying the BBQ, it was a great opportunity for families at Ambourne House to get together and enjoy the wonderful gardens that the nursery is so lucky to have!

In fact Liz told me that people can often not believe quite how large the gardens are at Ambourne House and how fortunate they are to have such a wonderful outdoor space, enjoyed by many children now over the last 24 years! The gardens have evolved over this time, with many wooden structures being added and natural resources being introduced to promote learning for children of all ages. These ongoing developments have enabled the nursery to support their philosophy that 'children learn best when outdoors'. More recently the staff at Ambourne have been trialling Forest School sessions, which Liz feels has reinforced this belief.

She explained that whilst engaging in these activities children have been able to be independent, set their own challenges and take risks, whilst also working collaboratively in groups to share ideas, all of which has boosted their confidence and self-esteem. *"Their developing physical skills have been apparent when, for example, building shelters/structures, balancing, climbing and swinging, whilst also cutting up fruit and making friendship bracelets."* Liz told me.

Generally Liz felt that Forest School activities were a great way of extending all of the learning that happens inside, outside, as the children can use a variety of natural materials in a creative way and let their unique imaginations run wild. They can also learn about the natural world through planting and growing, whilst continuing to develop mathematical and literacy skills through their exploration of measurements, problem solving and mark-making.

Following on from these successful trials, Liz is now planning to implement the Forest School approach in all aspects of the outdoor learning at Ambourne House.

The Nursery, which has now been open for 24 years, continues to thrive and flourish and Liz, who has been at the nursery since the very beginning said *"I have always felt a great sense of pride in the way that Ambourne House has grown and developed"*. Key to the nursery's success is its dedicated team of staff, many of whom have been at the nursery for over 10 years and two have even been with Liz for over 20!! *"It is this type of loyalty and commitment that provides the continuity that is so vital for children in their early years"* said Liz.

*"The building of relationships is so important and I guess that's why the Fun Day has become so important to us. We hope that lots of families will be able to join us again this year and look forward to seeing you all on Saturday 25th!!"*



Over the years the Pre-School section of around 16 children has seen many benefiting from free grant places, and this has been extended into the toddler area now with more children being eligible for the nursery grant from age 2 years. As well as the continual care offered throughout the year (ie no term breaks and school holidays to contend with!), the pre-school also has the benefit of a full time primary school teacher with specialism in early years (EYPS) to ensure the delivery of a high quality and engaging curriculum with free flow areas and adult-led free play. Ambourne House are now taking bookings for children of all ages from September onwards.

*"Summer can often be a sad time when we say goodbye to our older children as they move on to big school,"* Liz told us *"but we always look forward to welcoming new children into the nursery and preschool to start their journey with us"*.

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***I would walk 60,000 miles:  
Meadowbrook Primary School  
joins 100,000 kids walking for road safety***

On 10th June pupils from Meadowbrook Primary joined over 100,000 children across the UK taking part in Brake's Giant Walk, the road safety charity's initiative sponsored by Brantano to get children walking and to highlight the importance of road safety to children leading active, healthy lives.

Over 100,000 children walked a combined total of over 60,000 miles, learning about road safety and calling on drivers to 'GO 20' in communities to make streets safer for kids to walk and cycle.

Mrs Kerry Trotman, Class teacher and Travel Ambassador at Meadowbrook Primary School, told us: "We're delighted to take part in Brake's Giant Walk. It's a fantastic opportunity for kids to make their voices heard and promote road safety to children, parents and local drivers."

The children took part in Brake's Giant Walk to encourage the local community to slow down to 20mph and to ask them where possible to park at the Willowbrook Shopping Centre Car Park when dropping off for school.

*"This is our community and we all need to be considerate to local residents and the safety of our children."* added Mrs Trotman. *"Congestion is incredibly heavy during the school run and there have been many near misses. We all need to work together on this."*

The morning started with the Travel Crew pictured above (George Trotman, Vicky the Vixen, Charlie Prewett, Alex Clutterbuck, Tom Shadbolt, Beth Owen and Mackenzie Marsh, pictured with Head Teacher Jon Barr and the local police team) handing out leaflets to parents at the preschool and the school gates asking them to park away from the school entrance.

In addition to the Giant Walk the Travel Crew are also running Sustrans SuperHeros Challenge. Research has shown that the more active the children become the higher their attainment at school is. Children at Meadowbrook have a booklet where they receive rewards for walking to school, scooting to school, having bike training etc details on the Sustrans website.

**There will be a Road Safety Stall at the school's Summer Fete on 4th July 1-4pm where children and parents can take part in fun activities and share**



**their concerns about parking.**

To coincide with the Giant Walk event, Brake has revealed survey results showing that the biggest factors stopping parents letting kids walk and cycle to school are not time or inconvenience, but the dangers of fast traffic and a lack of safe routes.

Almost half (46%) of UK primary school children are driven to school, impacting on children's health and contributing to congestion and traffic danger. This lack of physical activity is a factor in rising childhood obesity, with three in 10 children in England aged two to 15 now overweight or obese. The World Health Organisation recently warned of a looming obesity epidemic if lifestyles do not change, with three-quarters of men and two-thirds of women in the UK projected to be overweight in 15 years' time.

Our kids have expressed their wish to get out and about more on foot and bike, with three quarters (76%) of participants in last year's Giant Walk saying they want to walk and cycle more, to get to school, go to the park, or to see friends. However, more than half (56%) said they are scared of being run over by traffic when walking or cycling on roads.

Brake is campaigning for drivers and government to take action to make streets safer for kids and help them enjoy a healthy, active, happy childhood, by backing Brake's GO 20 campaign. For drivers, this means slowing down to 20mph or less wherever there may be people on foot or bike, and always keeping a look out for vulnerable road users. For government, this means implementing widespread 20mph speed limits in towns, cities and villages – one of the most effective measures identified by the World Health Organisation to reduce pedestrian casualties.

*All of the children we spoke to on the day told us they would have liked to have walked further!*

**Update and Farewell  
from the Year 6 Journalists at St Mary's**

Unfortunately, Vihaan couldn't join us in writing our final update so Shawn has kindly volunteered to stand in for him.

We are sad to be leaving St. Mary's and to have to stop writing for Bradley Stoke Matters, but we are excited to be going to secondary school.

So it's a final goodbye from Isobel, Aniya, James, Shawn and Vihaan and We hope that you enjoy our latest and last school events ...



**Sports' week**

*As sports day is just around the corner, the excitement continues to brew and there is a sense of tension in the air.*

*Students will participate in a variety of sports including running and throwing, alongside many other exciting sports. A variety of skills will be tested and parents will have a chance to cheer on their kids.*

*The sports day will be embedded in sports week which will include the incredibly enjoyable wheelchair basketball, race for life (a 5k run for charity) and a ks1 scooter trail.*

*As Year 6 spend their last few weeks at St. Mary's, they will be given yet another responsibility in the form of organising Key stage 1's activities on sports day. This is a chance for them to show off their teamwork and leadership, taking another step towards Year 7.*

**Leaving St. Mary's**

As this is term 6, the Year 6 class will be leaving St. Mary's. They will be leaving with memories of seven years of fun, adventure and amusement.

Although we have learnt a lot, we all agree that the time has come for a change of scene. Moving to secondary school is a big step from primary; there will be many challenges we will have to face there. Hopefully, we will all fit in with our brand new schools and make new friends.

St. Mary's boosted us and was the launching pad for our future. We will all miss St. Mary's and treasure it in our hearts.

***Thank you St Mary's - Lots of Luck to you,  
and to all the Year 6 pupils moving up to 'BIG' school in September!***

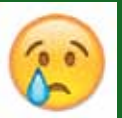
**Summer production**

Year 6 and year 5 are very excited about their summer production – **Treasure Island.**



Year 6 have already auditioned for parts and they are sure, with the help of Miss Horsley, Miss Simpson and Mr Ogden they can make the play perfect. I asked Sophie how she was feeling about the production, and she replied *"I am very excited about the summer production, hopefully everything will go well!"*

Years 6 and 5 will try their hardest to put on a perfect show!





# All the Fun of the Festival !

The sun shone again for the 2015 Bradley Stoke Festival and what a fun-filled three days it was. Bradley Stoke Matters was out and about across the whole three days and we have uploaded literally hundreds of photos to our Facebook page and albums - [www.facebook.com/BSMatters](http://www.facebook.com/BSMatters) so do have a look at these if you haven't done so already.

After a gloomy start to Friday, the rain held off and the sun came out and there were plenty of pre-schoolers to enjoy the antics and entertainment of Panic Circus. Friends of Jubilee Green also provided entertainment in the form of a treasure hunt, which they have estimated over 100 children participated in. There were bouncy castles, face painting and the lovely ladies from the WI were on hand with refreshments and cakes.

On Saturday, the main festival day was extremely well attended with the field being as crowded as we have ever seen it by mid-afternoon, with lots of families relaxing on picnic blankets and enjoying the music and entertainment on hand.

The McDonalds sponsored BSYFC football event on the top field had 13 schools (14 teams) participating this year and football celebrities Sir Geoff Hurst MBE and Gary Mabbutt were also present to encourage the youngsters. Congratulations to all the schools who participated (and to all the parents for supporting!) - see our separate feature overleaf on this. Again we have photos of all the prize givings - there were some big trophies! - on our Facebook page - search for BSMatters (Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford Matters).

Sunday morning shone bright and clear for the 10th annual Bradley Stoke 10k organised by Sole Sisters North Bristol Running Club. The first runners were back in just over 37 minutes, whilst others took a bit longer. All runners were supported and cheered on by the Sole Sisters' volunteers and marshals. This really is a friendly fun event and always a great atmosphere. The runners were treated to an energetic warm up by Terry the Tornado, all done in great spirit.

### This year's race winners were:

<b>Men:</b>		
1st	Ciaran Mcquade	37:16
2nd	Soren Adams	37:39
3rd	Nick Cutler	38:18
<b>Ladies</b>		
1st	Antonio Burt	42:16
2nd	Alice Doggrell	46:50
3rd	Helen Tunnicliff	47:04

**The first Bradley Stoke resident home was Martin Bartlett (inset).**

There are photos on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BSMatters> of the start and finish of the race - which you are welcome to share or tag yourself in.



Also taking place Sunday morning at Baileys Court Activity Centre was a joint "Church in the Park" outdoor service from the Bradley Stoke Churches from 10.30am.

From the 10k run, we visited the Skate Park competition behind the Leisure Centre which was just getting going when we arrived, and then on to Baileys Court for the third annual Bed Race. This is a fun event with competitors having to push a bed of their making around the course undertaking challenges on the way. There were just 5 teams on the day this year - two adult teams, namely reigning champions, Hilton Bristol, and the Active Leisure team who were looking to take the title from Hilton this year. The 3 youth teams were representing the Scouts, the Explorer Scouts and the Youth Group from Christ the King. It wasn't a smooth ride (with one team losing a wheel) and the challenges weren't all easily overcome, but **the Hilton team prevailed to become champions for the third year running just 10 seconds ahead of Active Leisure with a time of 21 minutes 40 seconds. Huge congratulations to them. Who else is going to challenge them next year!?**

The final event of the festival eah year is the Cricket match between the Bradley Stoke Cricket Club and the Mayor's XI which commenced at 2pm. The Mayor's X1 batted first and made 101 from their 20 overs. Their top scorer was Councillor Dan Hardwick who made 27 runs followed closely by Dennis Talbot (guesting from BSCC) who made 25 not out. For BSCC, Tim Onslow took 2 wickets for 20 runs.

When BSCC batted they found it hard going and the scoring rate was behind what was needed. However they just kept in touch and the top scorer for them was Joe Bradley who made a solid 25. At the start of the last over BSCC still needed 5 runs to win. Mark Wilson hit the winning runs with just two balls left.

The game was played in good spirit and everyone who took part enjoyed the day and nearly everyone was involved in some way. Thanks to Becky Ward for sharing the two cricket team photos with us.

Thanks to the Bradley Stoke Town Council for organising the event, and all the volunteers from so many local groups who make the festival such fun for everyone. Bradley Stoke Radio also added to the festival air by broadcasting from the mobile trailer across the events.

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### Bradley Stoke Skate Competition Winners

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## Festival of Youth Football

The Jubilee Centre on Saturday 6th June saw the running for the 9th year of the Bradley Stoke Youth FC Football Festival which attracted over 200 children to the Jubilee Centre – and also two star celebrities.

Thirteen schools, each parading squads of ten enthusiastic Year 1 players, were invited to take part for the annual showpiece occasion which began in June 2006 and has become bigger and better each year ever since.

The sun shone on the event which this year enticed along former England stars Sir Geoff Hurst, the 1966 World Cup final hat-trick hero, and Gary Mabbutt, well-known locally for his time with Bristol Rovers before finding fame with Tottenham Hotspur and England.

Bradley Stoke Youth coach and festival organiser Martin Lee explained: *“As always the occasion is very much connected with the club’s school link programme, which began in 2008 and is all about sending our coaches into schools and getting their Year 1 youngsters engaged and enthused by football.”*

A series of inflatables, including a pitch and information dome, plus the tannoy system, were supplied by long-serving event sponsors McDonald’s through their Bristol franchisee, Mike Guerin.

Martin, a founder member of Bradley Stoke Youth in 1998, acknowledged: *“McDonald’s invest a lot of money in grassroots football and support Bradley Stoke Youth FC in many ways. it’s great that they do and we very much appreciate this over our 10 year partnership. This year’s festival went exceptionally well and we’ve had a lot of positive feedback about it, not least from Gary Mabbutt, who said it had been one of the best organised football event of this kind that he’d been to.”*

A friendly tournament involving BSYFC under-7s and under-8s, involving some 60 children, was another feature of the day.



Sir Geoff commented: *“It is fantastic to see how well organised events like this one are and the amount of people willing to volunteer and give up their lives for local clubs.”*



BSYFC would like to recognize McDonalds, Bradley Stoke Town Council and all the club coaches, managers and helpers who assisted on the day ensuring the success of this annual community event.

Bradley Stoke Youth is an award winning FA Charter Standard Community Club and has age group teams for children in Reception and upwards. Dedicated girl squads for Year 3 to Year 9 girls. Disability football training sessions for 5 to 11 year olds and now have a new female adult team. If anyone is interested in joining the club: boys, girls, disability or adult females (16 years old and above), please email [mlee1@btopenworld.com](mailto:mlee1@btopenworld.com) or visit the web site [www.bsyfc.co.uk](http://www.bsyfc.co.uk)

Bradley Stoke Youth won the FA Charter Standard Community Club of the Year award in 2011 and 2013. **For 2015 they are now shortlisted in the top two for this year’s award to be announced on July 8th at the GFA Presentation Awards Evening.** The club runs an FA approved mentoring program for young coaches and in 2014 Ross Lee was Young Coach of the Year for the County and was also the Regional Winner. Now in 2015 another young coach at the club, Jamie Kerton, is shortlisted in the top three for the same award.

So on July 8th the club could be double winners at the ceremony!! Watch this space ...

*“The Year 1 Team who took part in this year’s football tournament had a brilliant day out and enjoyed the day’s competition. 4 matches were played against 4 different schools and during each match Team Meadowbrook went out with confidence and enthusiasm. Team Meadowbrook played against some excellent schools and thoroughly enjoyed working together as a team. The day ended with Team Meadowbrook winning one of the biggest cups at the event, which is now standing pride of place in the school entrance, and they were also luckily enough to win new football kit for Key Stage 1.” Jon Barr, Head Teacher, Meadowbrook Primary School*

*“10 children from Year 1 at Wheatfield Primary School took part in the Bradley Stoke Football Festival. They played 4 matches in total and showed amazing teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the whole day. They played exceptionally well and were brilliant ambassadors for Wheatfield. Well done Year 1 Football Team!” Wheatfield Primary School*



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BSYFC and McDonalds 10 year Anniversary Partnership Award	Meadowbrook	Full Kit
BS Town Council School Link Community Award	Stoke Lodge	Full Kit
BS Town Council School Link Coaches Award	St Michaels	Full Kit
BS Community Festival Respect Award	St Peters	Footballs/Cones/Bibs
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BSYFC Festival of Football Club School Link Winners	Almondsbury	Footballs
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## Wheatfield Primary School Year 6 Camp

report by Skyy, 6G

On Monday 1st June one of the year six classes, 6G, went on their long awaited camp to the Beacon Centre. The centre is a place with a range of activities that everyone can enjoy. All of the activities include teamwork (which is the main value at the Beacon Centre) and helps with further developing friendships and class bonding and gives us opportunities to try out activities some of us had never tried before, including zip wire, rock climbing, orienteering, archery and many more! The indoor facilities at the centre, consist of a pool table, table tennis, table football and a place called the Cave. The Cave is a big room with a projector on the ceiling, three big comfy sofas and the piano!

The Beacon is part of the Lee Abbey Estate and is just outside of Lynton. The staff come from many countries including; Ukraine, New Zealand, Uganda and Jamaica, and are all very kind. They are very distinctive as they wear bright red t-shirts and a name tag. They make your time at the Beacon even more pleasant by playing the occasional game of table football or pool, during their rest periods! The Staff also have nicknames e.g. 'Ninja,' 'Red Queen,' 'Sammy Dodger,' etc. The food is great, and some of us even tried eating food we had never had before!

I really enjoyed my stay and the rest of my class did too. We were so sad to leave on the Friday but we all enjoyed seeing our families and getting a good night's sleep; not staying up until 04.30am as we did on our first night when we were so excited to be away from home and sleeping in bunk beds with our friends!

I want to thank the teachers for taking us, for their help and encouragement during the activities and also for taking their time off to help us.




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## Green Science Week at Meadowbrook

To celebrate Bristol being crowned the Green Capital, Meadowbrook Primary School organised a 'Green Science Week' starting Monday 8th June.

It was a pleasure to be invited along to witness the array of activities organised by Mrs Asima Quereshi, Science Leader and year 4 Teacher. Themes for the week included Energy, Transport, Fair trade and Waste.

Children worked as engineers designing and making a product within their chosen theme. The week began with a science assembly and even a science show for parents and their children after school.

Year 6 children carried out a practical action challenge designing and making floating gardens. They learnt that, as a result of climate change, there is more rain in Bangladesh than ever before. Land where farmers used to grow their crops is now flooded on a regular basis resulting in families going hungry. The challenge set for the children was to design and build a model structure that will enable farmers to grow crops even in an area that may become flooded. We were impressed with their knowledge of knots as they tied twigs together with string to make the rafts! Designs were tested within filled paddling pools in the school playground; children were keen to share their results and it seems most did float!

In Year 5 pupils had a workshop by students from UWE (University of the West of England) and designed and made their own wind turbines. It was interesting to see pupils testing their models and coming up with improvements before the final test!

Year 4 will be entering the 'My Green city' design competition for schools designing and making their own Eco buildings. The My Green City competition challenges primary and secondary students in Bristol to respond to a design brief on the theme of sustainable cities and food, by creating 2D design



drawings, 3D models and a City Charter. Winners will be selected by a panel of industry experts, and prizes awarded. Winning designs will be exhibited in the Architecture Centre's city centre public gallery during the summer holidays.

The children were keen to show and explain their models and why they'd chosen to add wind turbines, vertical farming and allotments to their cities. One pupil told me the week was the *"best ever; we haven't even done literacy or numeracy"*. He was quickly corrected by his class teacher and soon realised he'd covered these subjects and more without even realising!

Year 3 learned about recycling, and designed and made their own birdhouses from recycling materials; they too were very proud of their brightly painted models which will now be hung in the school gardens. Many of the children were keen to make their designs to look like a bird or owl. We were asked to judge the best, but to be honest there were so many great models it would've been a hard job (and some were still having finishing touches added!)



Fair trade was the topic for year 2; they made their own body scrubs using natural ingredients.

Year 1 pupils designed on paper their eco cars before making their vehicles out of recycled bottles and other materials. They concluded the week by articulating their design in a poster.

More recycling material was utilised by the reception pupils who made their own musical instruments; our favourite was a guitar!

Engineers visited the school across the week and pupils benefited from different workshops: Airbus ran a cabin design workshop for year 5. Rolls Royce made solar powered cars with the children and a mining engineer spoke to Year 6 about renewable resources.

Water aid delivered a talk to children about their vision of a world where everyone everywhere has safe water sanitation and hygiene. There was also forest school activities such as nature identification walks, fire building and making water filters. We were fortunate to join two classes; one filtering water and the other building a fire. In both sessions, pupils asked many questions and took on board the safety aspects of fire in particular. They seemed to like the outdoor learning experience (and the toasted marshmallows!)

Students from Bradley Stoke Community School taught Year 1 about healthy eating and about how to grow fruits and vegetables in the school garden and, to end a very busy week, an engineer from Skanska brought in his electric car and helped Year 6 to judge the best designs from each class.

We imagine Mrs Quereshi along with all staff will have enjoyed their weekend after such a busy week of planned activities. The school is thankful for the outside companies, organisations and individuals who took time out to interact and share experiences with the school.



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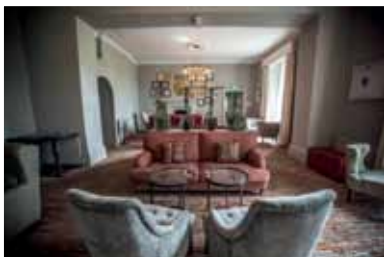


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## Looking to the Future: Electricity from Waste

Bradley Stoke Matters has thoroughly enjoyed visiting the year 5 classrooms at Baileys Court Primary School to assist with reporting on their 12 week project with UWE which has been supported by a Royal Society grant.

Since April, pupils have donned lab coats, goggles and gloves each Wednesday afternoon to carry out hands on experiments in generating electricity from waste products. They have focused on and constructed simple microbial fuel cells (MFC's); a technology employing bacteria to produce electricity. Encouraged by Dr Debbie Lewis and Dr Jon Winfield from the Department of Biological, Biomedical and Analytical Sciences at the University of the West of England, pupils were initially encouraged to think about their local environments and where bacteria may live. They have dug deep to make muddy water to add to their MFC's. Over time, bacteria has produced electricity which pupils have measured and recorded on a regular basis.

Pupils have nurtured their MFC's to maximise on the production of electricity. They have taken them outside into the sunshine as well as placing in the fridge and soon realised that, like the majority of us, bacteria prefers the warmth and produces more energy with increased temperatures. Pupils took readings from their microbial fuel cells firstly with a closed circuit voltage then an open circuit voltage. All MCF's were then linked together and connected to a light, a switch to a power bulb flicked and ... It Worked! (which wasn't expected so early in the series of the lessons!). The children were amazed that "things from the school grounds and bacteria from waste products could possibly power a small light bulb" and continued "in the future it could grow to something much bigger!" It is hoped that by the end of the project enough power will be produced to power a small appliance.

Tomissa & Bethan told us "We thought of places which were clean and dirty around the school. We used swabs and petri dishes to collect the bacteria. We went around different areas (e.g. the staffroom, the kitchen, door handles, sinks, computer keyboards, a piano and more). We used our swabs to collect the bacteria. Then we opened the lid of the petri dish and gently smeared an S onto the surface of the agar. We had been told to shut the lid quickly otherwise other bacteria would float up and land on the agar. We did this in two areas then went back to the classroom". The

dishes were then incubated at UWE and returned a week later.

"We had a key and a chart and for each of the colonies we had to write down their individual markings. We had to compare these unique makings with other colonies, and see how many different types there were". The students told us.

Pupils also learnt, to their surprise, about bacteria on their hands (and of their teachers too!). Washing hands is common practice for us all, however through another test using magic lotion, pupils rubbed this all over their hands then washed their hands as they normally do. The lotion can be seen under UV light and it was soon clear to the children that areas usually missed are around the nails and in the creases of the hands. "We wash our hands properly now" one year 5 pupil has since told us!

As well as investigating bacteria's reaction with various concentrations of ribena, pupils have also explored which bacteria-killer would kill the most bacteria, comparing toothpaste, washing liquid and hand gel.

Aside from the numerous practical experiments carried out, pupils have written up work, sent Bradley Stoke Matters blogs to share on-line and utilised figures to plot results on graphs. As we go to print, posters of the project are being designed to present their learning to parents in a finale session.

With Bristol being the Green Capital of 2015, the project is very relevant and UWE were keen to share the progress with the community, hence publishing the weekly updates on our website and facebook page. We are grateful for the opportunity of tracking the project as a whole and look forward to working with Dr Debbie Lewis and colleagues in the next local school on a similar project.



Bradley Stoke Matters has been following this interesting project weekly - there are lots of photos on our Facebook page if you want to see more, as well as posts on our website! Facebook/BSMatters





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## 2nd Bradley Stoke Manavata Scout Group: Scouting Partners With Manavata to Open up to Even More Communities

Scouting is opening itself up to even more communities and partnerships in its aim to become more relevant to society. As part of this work, supported by Bradley Stoke Town Council, a new Scout Group has opened, jointly run by Manavata and The Scout Association. The new Group officially opened at the end of March, with young people, leaders and VIPs – including Mr Jack Lopresti (MP for Filton and Bradley Stoke), Cllr Roger Avenin (current Mayor for Bradley Stoke), Mr Srinivasan (President of Manavata) and Amir Cheema (Scouting District Commissioner for Brunel) – gathering to see the investitures of all members into the Scouting movement.

Manavata is an international charity with branches in the UK, US and India. Its objectives are to promote a “Healthy, Happy and Harmonious” society. It is a secular organisation with spiritual roots. It promotes sustainable development and an eco-friendly approach to modern life. Activities include yoga classes, healthy living/personality development/value-based education classes in the UK as well as various Charity events.

With large waiting lists in this area of Bristol, this new Group will allow even more young people to enjoy the adventure of Scouting. The educational aspects of both organisations will input into its programme of activities, with fun and personal development being at its heart.

This initial project is intended as a pilot for similar Scout Groups working with Manavata around the country in the future. Manavata and The Scout Association agree on many ideological points, including caring for our environment, letting young people gain the life skills needed in today’s world and living a healthy lifestyle. It is from this that the partnership blossomed.

**Regular sessions started in April and anyone wishing to find out more about the Group or express an interest in joining should contact the Group Scout Leader - Leena Thomas on [leena.thomas@manavata.net](mailto:leena.thomas@manavata.net).**



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## 1st Little Stoke Scout Group – Offering Scouting in the “Stokes” since 1952 report by David Hutton

A variety of weather conditions has not deterred members getting out and about, but the old saying - “Ne’r cast a Clout till May is out” was very true this year!

The Beavers have been working for their Gardeners Activity Badge to re-design & bring colour to the Scout HQ garden. Pots have been planted and look very attractive. They also visited Pets at Home and had a visit from a qualified nurse for their first aid training. They will also be working towards the Cyclist Activity Badge.

The Cubs visited the London Science Museum back in March, a fantastic day out with lots of hands on things to do and learn. They have been working hard on their Challenge Badges and so far this year the Cubs have earned a total of 106 badges!

The Scouts activities have included canoeing and rowing in the city Docks in Bristol, gliding at Aston Down airfield near Stroud and undertaking the high and low ropes courses at Woodhouse Park and using the rifle range and archery butts.



The Brunel District Jamboree (BJAM15) was held at Woodhouse Park over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend and was attended by some 600 young people. The Cubs and Scouts camped for the weekend and the Beavers attended on the Sunday. This proved to be a weekend packed with activities and adventure including giant inflatables, making their own clocks, orienteering and crate stacking and climbing. The very wet and muddy assault course was very popular! Evening activities included a Disco and Camp Fire before the camp was rounded off with fireworks.

The Group had a stall at the Bradley Stoke Festival and the Scouts used the event to raise £115 towards this year’s summer camp by means of a “Fishing for Bottles” sideshow. At the end of August they will be

camping in Bavaria, Germany. The Scouts have been planning this trip for a year since they met a German Scout Troop at last year’s summer camp on the Gower. They are excited to be undertaking the first camp away from the UK for Little Stoke Scouts for many years. Our records show that a group of Scouts went to Europe in 1960 and stayed at the Scout Camp at Kandersteg in Switzerland. The 1960 trip was carried out in a Morris Mini-bus, but this year’s trip will be by air. Memories from Martin Davey, a past Leader indicate that the Scout Troop camped at Amersfoort in Holland in 1970. If anyone out there went on that camp we would be very pleased to hear from them. Please contact our Archivist, David Hutton on 01454 270260.



Behind all the achievements of the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are a dedicated team of Leaders and Helpers who put on fantastic programmes, activities and camps. It is always pleasing to hear that this hard work is recognised and so congratulations go to Assistant Cub Scout Leader Brian Wood who was given the “Silver Acorn Award” in the St George’s Day Awards for his service to the Group over some 25 years.

### Group Vacancies

We currently have child spaces in our Beaver Colony and Scout Troop. They both meet on a Tuesday evening, Beavers 5.45pm-6.45pm and Scouts 7pm-9pm. We are also looking for additional Leaders and helpers to support our Group. There is no minimum amount of time required to commit and we can always work around work and other commitments. Volunteer today and join our friendly enthusiastic team. For more information or to book a place please contact Tony Edmonds, Group Scout Leaders, on 01454 772005.

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**Tony Moore, Specialist Commercial Property Solicitor with AMD Solicitors, examines the pros and cons of taking or giving occupation of a commercial property, before a lease is finalised.**



Vacant properties are expensive for Landlords. Whilst empty they earn money for neither the Landlord nor a Tenant Business. It is not surprising therefore for one party or the other to be 'champing at the bit' to have a property occupied.

*Having said this, the commercial reality is that people do want to move in before completion of the paperwork. So what are the options?*

To complete the legal formalities of granting or assigning a lease will often take weeks, perhaps much longer. Understandably both the landlord and the tenant may become frustrated at the uncertain timescale.

*So why not just hand over the keys and let the formalities follow?*

There are substantial risks for both Landlord and Tenant in allowing occupation before appropriate documents of the terms have been signed.

For a landlord, there is the danger that the tenant may start on making alterations to the premises and then simply change his mind and walk away, leaving behind an unlettable and expensive mess.

For the Tenant, he may invest large sums in fitting out premises for his business, only for the Landlord to change his mind and refuse to grant the lease leaving the tenant without premises and out of pocket.

Where a current Tenant wants to assign a lease, he must not allow a new tenant in before the Landlord has consented. Otherwise there will be a breach of the terms of the lease. This might result in the unhappy outcome of the lease being forfeited ie the Landlord taking back the lease and allowing neither the old or new tenant to have the premises.

Without a written agreement it will not be clear who will be responsible for repairs and outgoing at the property, who is to insure both the building and its contents and how long the lease will last. A Landlord may also unwittingly allow an occupier to obtain full rights of security of tenure under the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.

It is possible to enter into a written agreement which will provide certainty and a degree of protection for both Landlord and Tenant for the interim period before the final Lease is ready to be completed. This can be by either what is called a 'tenancy at will' or a short term licence to occupy. Both a tenancy at will and a licence come with a 'health warning' as neither presents a complete solution and carry their own significant risks.

As a solicitor, I would usually advise both parties to wait for completion of the legal formalities, and not give possession or enter into occupation of commercial premises without proper advice.

**Tony is a member of the Commercial Property Team at AMD Solicitors. The team will be pleased to advise or answer queries. Telephone 0117 9621205 or e-mail [tonymoore@amdsolicitors.com](mailto:tonymoore@amdsolicitors.com) or [janineharris@amdsolicitors.com](mailto:janineharris@amdsolicitors.com).**

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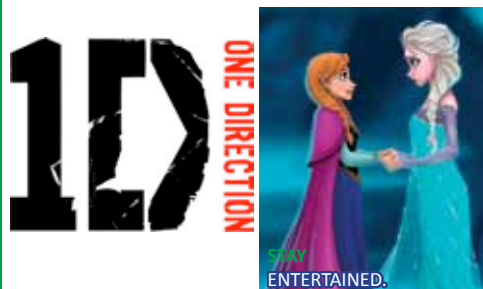


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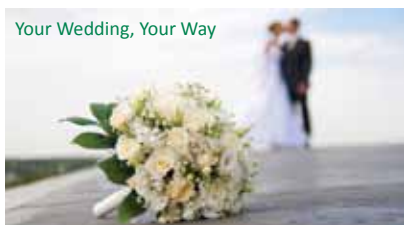
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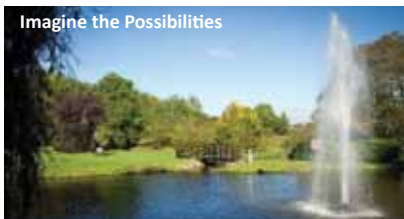
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## Fun Match in aid of BRACE



Bowls Club Captain George Eland has declared that his charity for this year will be BRACE, which is the local registered charity that funds research into Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Its role is to help medical science understand the causes of dementia, to find ways of diagnosing it earlier and more accurately, and to develop more effective treatments. Ultimately, it wants to help science beat dementia. Brace raises funds through voluntary donations, sponsorship, legacies and fundraising events and spends that money by supporting research at universities in the West of England and South Wales. All the research it supports has been peer reviewed and assessed by a committee that includes senior scientists.

**The Club's main fundraising event will be a fun match on the 16th August played out in fancy dress. Spectators are welcome to have a chance to support this worthy cause, and to enjoy the fun and refreshments. To learn more please visit [www.alzheimers-brace.org](http://www.alzheimers-brace.org) and [www.bsbc.webs.com](http://www.bsbc.webs.com)**

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## TJ's Junior Netball Club – review of season

The winter League season drew to a close at the end of May with matches finished and positions finalised. TJ's Junior coaching team of Charlotte Jones, Charlotte Hunt and Karen Biddel look back over some of the highlights of the season. Charlotte Jones and Charlotte Hunt coach the club's two U16 teams and were pleased that both teams finished fourth in their divisions. Having started with two new teams and some young players they were impressed with the way the players worked hard together to improve their skills and compete against some established clubs. Lucy Taylor-Hunt, Hannah Eastwood, Cerys Lamb, Megan McLachan and Sophie Ryan all played in the U16 team despite being only 14. The coaches were also pleased that players were selected to attend for county trials including Ellen Morgan and Lucy Taylor-Hunt.

In the U12 section, the club started with just 6 players in September but entered a team in the League hoping that more girls would join and make a more robust squad. Fortunately that was the case and now at the end of the season 17 girls in years 5, 6 and 7 are training regularly each week. Some players like Sarah Webber, Grace Chilcott and Ayfer Limon only joined in January and February but still took part in matches against Imperial Netball club and Skybound from Hallen. In the League, the U12 team finished a very respectable 4th behind Airborne, Fry 2 and Bristol & West and coach Karen Biddel was very happy with that position. The defence of Kristina Yulong and Charlotte Baker together with Katherine Rolls worked to keep the ball away from the goal and pass to the shooting duo of Larragh Nunn and Rosie Williams. Mention should also go to Alexia Diaconu and Aimee Talbot who really strengthened the centre court, Skyy who worked tirelessly in every game and also to Isobel Clothier who will always give 100% wherever she plays.

Special mention should go to Charlotte Baker who won a league award. After every game each team nominates the player from the opposing team that they feel has been the best player. Charlotte received the most nominations with seven in ten games!

The club recently held its end of season presentation evening at Little Stoke Social Club where awards were given to the Outstanding Player, the Most Improved Player and the Coaches' Player in each age group. There was also a vote amongst the U16 team players for the person they felt contributed the most to the squad – a very prestigious award. This year, the girls



Photos from the awards evening at Little Stoke Social Club on Saturday 13th June.



voted for Cerys Lamb who consistently encourages the team, is an excellent defender and never gives up.

With the season at an end, the coaching team are looking forward and planning for next season. There will definitely be an U12 team and an U16 team per this year but with strong players like Charlotte Baker and others in Year 7 no longer eligible to play as U12, the club is looking forward to entering a team in the U14 division after not doing so in 2014/15. Many of the U16 team will graduate from the Junior section and play in Division 9 of the Senior Leagues. This is going to be a new challenge but coach Charlotte Jones feels this is the next step for able players like Ellen Morgan, Lena Perkins, Jess Mead, Florence Davis, Issy Hunter and Maura Rolls.

TJ's Junior Netball Club continues to welcome new players at all levels although the club is having a break for summer before Training starts again on Tuesday, 18th August, 6.30pm at the Jubilee Centre in Bradley Stoke in preparation for the new season in September.

If you enjoy playing netball and feel you would like to join a club, why not get in touch with one of the coaches and come along. August is the best time of year to join as the new season commences! They would be pleased to see you and get you involved in playing netball. For more information call Karen Biddel on 0789 005 6287.





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### Flowers - sowing and planting

Plant out summer bedding and seed-raised plants, if not already done so. Make sure they are well watered in and keep moist during dry weather. Plant out cannas and dahlias once danger of frost has passed.

Gaps in herbaceous borders are best filled with annual bedding at this stage in the season. One exception is anemones (eg Anemone coronaria), which take about three months to flower after planting. The rhizomes are best planted now, after an overnight soaking, 5cm (2in) deep in a suitably moist but free-draining soil or compost with lots of added leaf mould or organic matter. It is not too late to direct sow a few fast growing, late-flowering hardy annuals such as Calendula, Godetia and Clarkia.

Perennials such as hollyhock, delphiniums (D 'Fenella', photo top) and lupins can be sown directly into drills outside once the seed heads have ripened and started to split naturally. If garden space is limited you can sow them into pots and place them in a cold frame or by the base of a sheltered wall in filtered sunlight.

If you want to grow your own spring bedding for next year, many (including wallflowers, pansies, and Bellis perennis) need to be sown between May and July in order to flower next spring. Polyanthus primulas are best sown only when temperatures are reliably warm, as they need a constant temperature of around 15°C (60°F). A sheltered cold frame in June or July provides the right environment.

Winter bedding plants for the following winter can also be sown from May until July. Attractive choices include ornamental cabbages, kales and winter pansies. Tubs can be planted up with summer bedding if not done already.

### Cutting back, pruning and dividing

Spreading and trailing plants, can become tatty and patchy. Trimming them back after flowering encourages fresh growth and new flowers. Cut back dead bulb foliage if not done already. It is important to wait until the foliage dies down naturally, as cutting back too early can lead to blindness next year.

Cutting back clumps of spring-flowering perennials can encourage a fresh flush of foliage.

Euphorbias looks a lot better if spent flowers are removed, cutting the flowered stem back to ground level. This can be especially important with Euphorbia amygdaloides var. robbiae, as old stems of this cultivar are particularly prone to powdery mildew when grown in dry soils.

Pinch out the leading shoots on plants such as Chrysanthemum and Helianthus to encourage bushy plants. However, if tall thin sprays are preferred, they can be left un-pinched, perhaps removing a few buds (known as 'disbudding') to encourage larger blooms.

Divide hostas as they come into growth. Divide Primula (primroses) after flowering, planting them in a nursery bed until they are ready for planting out again in the autumn. Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of bulbs after they have finished flowering.

### Propagation

Perennials that are showing new shoots from the crown can still be propagated via basal stem cuttings.

Take cuttings from garden pinks (Dianthus). They can be pulled off the parent plant by pulling with thumb and forefinger while holding a suitable non-flowering shoot four pairs of leaves from the tip. Treat as softwood cuttings.

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**Bouncing Babies** - Tuesdays 1-3pm at Jubilee Centre for babies under 1. Cheryl Godsell 01454 868570 CGdsll@aol.com

**Bradley Stoke 0-5's** - Mondays 10am to 12 noon during term time. Jean Higgins on 07999 866188 or Holy Trinity Church office 01454 620975.

**First Steps Toddler Group** - Mondays and Thursdays 10-11.30am term time Christ the King Church, Bradley Stoke tel : 07590 369 935

**Little Hedgehogs (0-5's)** - Friday mornings 10am-12noon, Edge Church International 1160 Park Avenue, Aztec West Business Park, BS32 4TL. Tel 01454 837990.

**NCT** meet Fridays 10.30am SOHO Coffee in Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre. Joanna Critchley-Peacock joanna.peacock@hotmail.co.uk

**Pre-School Rhyme time and Story time** Bradley Stoke Library Mondays 10.30-11am and Thursdays 11-11.30am 01454 868006 bradleystoke.library@southglos.gov.uk

**Puddle Ducks** - Mondays 10am to 12 noon during term time Brook Way Activity Centre. puddleduckstoddlers@hotmail.co.uk

**North Bristol Twins Group** - Fridays 10-12am Evangelical Church in Bradley Stoke, northbristoltwinsgroup@googlemail.com

**Tuesday Tots 10-1130am** with safe outdoor play area at Little Stoke Baptist Church. All welcome. Contact Barbi Britton 0117 9695249

### LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

**Bradley Stoke Book Club 'Bookaholics'** meet at Starbucks, Aztec West on the 2nd Wed of each Wed at 7:30pm. Geoff Stobbart 07714101354 geoffrey.stobbart@btpenworld.com

**Bradley Stoke Community Singers** - Tuesdays term time only at Bradley Stoke Community School 7.15-8.30pm. Free and open to all info@bscsingers.co.uk or call 07743 333837 / 07599 252176

**Bradley Stoke Radio** - The Activity Centre Brook Way, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 9DS, 01454 616055 bradleystokeradio.org.uk

**Bradley Stoke Small Business Forum** - meets 2nd Monday of the month, Aztec Hotel 6.30pm-8.30pm

**FOJG** - Friends of Jubilee Green enquire.friendsofjubileegreen@hotmail.co.uk

**Gifted drama group** Saturday 10-11.30am. Term time at Holy Trinity church. Ages 8-12 years. Contact Hayley Thomas via church office 01454 620975 Spaces available!

**Girl Guides, Brownies & Rainbows** - admingirlguidingbsg.org.uk, girlguidingbsg.org.uk

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**Plug In** - weekly 7.30-9.30 at Coniston Community Centre, Coniston Road, Patchway. Free, live music entertainment where people can relax, chill out, drink coffee, listen to music, chat and meet other folk their own age. Building Community for 18-30's.

**Sew and So's** - Patchwork and Quilting Group, 3rd Monday in the

month 1.30-3.30pm at the Jubilee Centre, Gill on 0117 279 7185 or Barbara on 01454 615514

#### Scouts, Cubs and Beavers -

**1st Bradley Stoke Scouts** - Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers meet at Brook Way Activity Centre. If interested please have a look at our website which has details of days and times and contact Clive Mason, Group Scout Leader. gsl@bradley-stoke-scouts.org.uk. www.bradley-stoke-scouts.org.uk

**1st Little Stoke Scouts** - contact tony Edmonds, Group Scout Leader 01454 772005 email: Tony@azimuthprint.co.uk

**Stokes Art Group** - Tuesday evening and Thursday morning at Christ the King. Everyone welcome. www.stokesartists.co.uk

**Stokes Singers** - Thursdays in term time at Coniston Community Centre, Coniston Road, Patchway 7.30-9.30pm. We are a mixed choir and do not hold auditions. Contact Liz Gazzard on 01454 614148 for further details.

**Willowbrook Townswomen's Guild** - Jubilee Centre - 7:30 - 9:30 the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Janine Smith 01454-617645

**Women's Institute (WI)** - Bradley Stoke: Jubilee Centre 2nd Wednesday of the month at 2pm contact Barbara - 0117 9470340.

**Women's Institute (WI)** - Stoke Gifford WI meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at Trust Hall, North Road, Stoke Gifford, Bristol BS34 8PF contact Sue Grimsted 01454 613016.

**Woodcraft Folk** - children's 6+ activity group Wednesdays 6-7pm Jenny on 0117 9093969

### SPORTS CLUBS

**Aretians Rugby Club for Cubs, Juniors and Seniors** Station Road, Little Stoke www.pitchero.com/clubs/aretiansrhc

**Black and Blues Netball** - Non-League Social Netball Wednesdays 7.30-9pm BSCS, Laura Blumire - 01454 851075

**Bradley Stoke Bowls Club** - Baileys Court Activity Centre www.bradleysstokebc.com. Val Nicholls 0117 9311203

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**Bradley Stoke Jiu Jitsu Club** - Chris Harris, maru.jiujitsu@gmail.com We train at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre Tues & Fri evenings, classes for children and adults

**Bradley Stoke Junior Netball Club** - The Jubilee Centre Every Wednesday 5.30-7.00pm. Siân Briddon on 07920 745965 (after 6pm) or email bsncjuniors@yahoo.co.uk

**Bradley Stoke Judo** - Various days and times, Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre, www.bradleystocejudoclub.com

**Bradley Stoke Town Football Club** - Adult training Tuesdays at Bradley Stoke Community School, For more info see web site at bstfc.co.uk

**Bradley Stoke United Football Club** - Football from U7's to U16's Various contacts, dependent on age, please see web site bsufc.co.uk

**Bradley Stoke Youth FC (BSYFC)** - FA Charter Standard Community Club, U7s to U18s, disability football, mentoring, in-school coaching and football festival. Visit web site www.bsyfc.co.uk or contact mlee1@btpenworld.com

On these pages we have tried to collate many of the non-profit making groups, clubs and organisations that regularly meet across the Five Stokes area, along with Church and School information. If we have got your details wrong, or missed out your club completely, please let us know **community@mattersmagazines.co.uk** and we will do my best to put it right for you!

**Bradley Stoke Youth Rugby at St Marys Old Boys Rugby Club for Minis, Juniors and Seniors** - Trench Lane, Almondsbury website: www.smobrugby.com, 01454 250489 email: clubhouse@smobrugby.co.uk

**Bristol Extreme Allstar Cheerleaders** - Wednesdays 7-9pm Little Stoke Primary School, bristolxtreme@gmail.com

**Little Stoke Park Run** - Every Saturday at 9am, a 5k run in the park, littlestokehelpers@parkrun.com

**North Bristol Rugby Club**, Rugby teams from 4+ www.pitchero.com/clubs/northbristoljuniorsrhc/ .

**North Bristol Running Group** friendly group of recreational runners, 3 evenings per week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, in the Bradley Stoke area. Tuesday evening is aimed at Beginners whilst all levels are welcome on any of the evenings. For further information please see our Face Book page or text Alan Wilcox on 0789 0182387.

**Sevenside Ramblers** - www.sevenside-ramblers.org.uk All walks meet at Aldi car park, Bradley Stoke

**Sole Sisters** - ladies only running group, meets Monday evenings in various locations Bradley Stoke & North Bristol, www.solesistersrhc.co.uk

**Stokes Cycling Club** - Cycling club in and around Bradley Stoke area as well as long distance rides, for adults and families - www.stokescyclingclub.org.uk stokescyclingclub@googlemail.com

**Stoke Gifford Short Mat Bowls Club** -Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons. For more information please contact George Lord on 0117 3523 or email beryl.smith@talktalk.net

**Stoke Striders Running Club** - A free recreational running group, Mondays 6-7pm Little Stoke Park, https://www.facebook.com/stokesstriders

**Stoke Gifford Tennis Club** - Tennis for Adults, Teenagers and Juniors all year round! Club night is on Monday's from 19:30. For further information about membership and coaching visit our website http://www.stokegiffordtennisclub.co.uk"

**TAGB Tae Kwon Do** - Thursdays and Sundays Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre, Russ Martin Russ@Tkdbristol.com 07778 421875 www.tkdbristol.com

### CHURCH CONTACTS AND COFFEE MORNINGS

**Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church** Baileys Court Road 0117 9314716 www.bsec.org.uk

**Bridge Community Church** Bradley Stoke Community School 0117 2303330. Community Coffee Morning Brook Way Activity Centre Thursdays 10-12 www.bridgecommunitychurch.org

**Christ the King Church** Mautravers Close, Bradley Stoke 0117 931 2304. Coffee mornings with bacon butties Fridays at 9-11am. www.ctkchurch.org.uk

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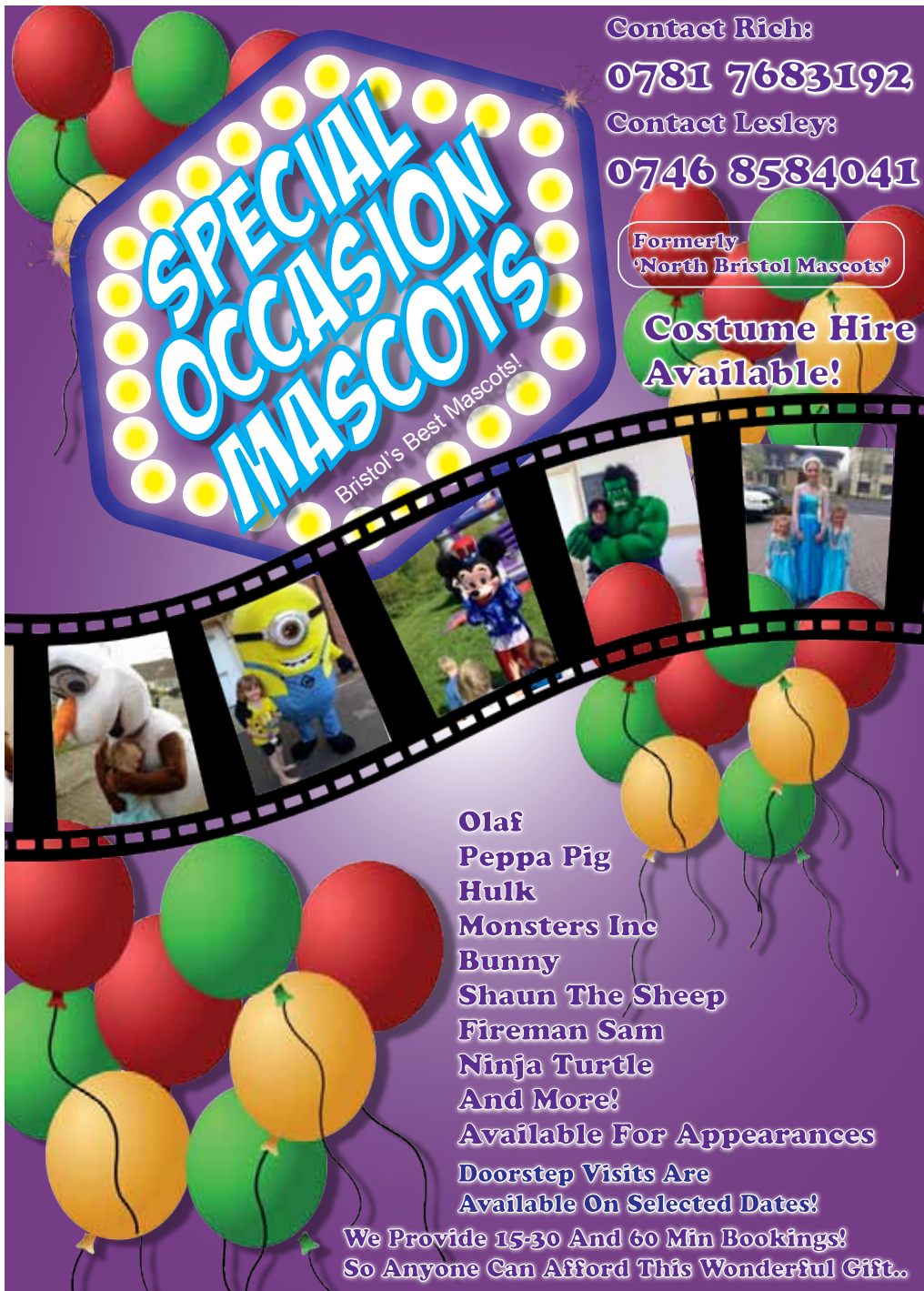
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When we first met Amber and her mum Kerry, Amber was very much in the buggy for the first Buggy Push in aid of Bliss back in 2012. We were pleased to hear from Kerry again as she now organises her fourth Buggy Push.

The buggy push is a sponsored 5k walk around the Bradley Stoke nature reserve. There will also be a cake sale and raffle afterwards at the Jubilee Center in aid of the NICU unit at Southmead.

Kerry told us "I raise money for bliss the special care baby charity as its a charity very close to my heart. Our daughter Amber was born at 34 weeks in 2011 and spent time in Southmead NICU, I had never expected to have a premature baby especially as this was our second child. Her time in nicu was a roller coaster of emotions, I'm so thankful for the care she received. As you can see Amber is now 4 and a healthy happy little girl."

Bliss exists to ensure all babies born too soon, too small or too sick in the UK have the best possible chance of survival and of reaching their full potential. In addition to raising funds through her annual buggy push, Kerry also now volunteers as a Bliss champion in NICU talking to other parents and sharing information from Bliss. Kerry tells us that so far that her previous buggy pushes have raised £8,900 so her target this year is to take that total over the £10,000.

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There were also pioneered catapults run by the Scouts with bean bags used to knock down targets, which was great fun. The Tombola and find-the-wine games proved popular, as did the tea and coffee dispensed to all!

This year the Group's new on-the-water section displayed their raft building skills alongside some of their kayaks. The centre piece was the climbing wall with a constant stream of children queuing all day to have a go and trying to touch the buzzer at the top. No mean feat with quite a lot of them asking whether the wind sock at the top was a real man!

This was the Scouts' best festival to date for raising funds for the Group, who are also making donations to two charities this year; 'Hope for Morgan' and 'ScoutAid - Nepal', reflecting their linkages with the local community and the wider Scouting family. **Further details on how to join or volunteer (they really do need lots more volunteers) can be found at [www.bradley-stoke-scouts.org.uk](http://www.bradley-stoke-scouts.org.uk). Or like them on Facebook to see what they are getting up to.**



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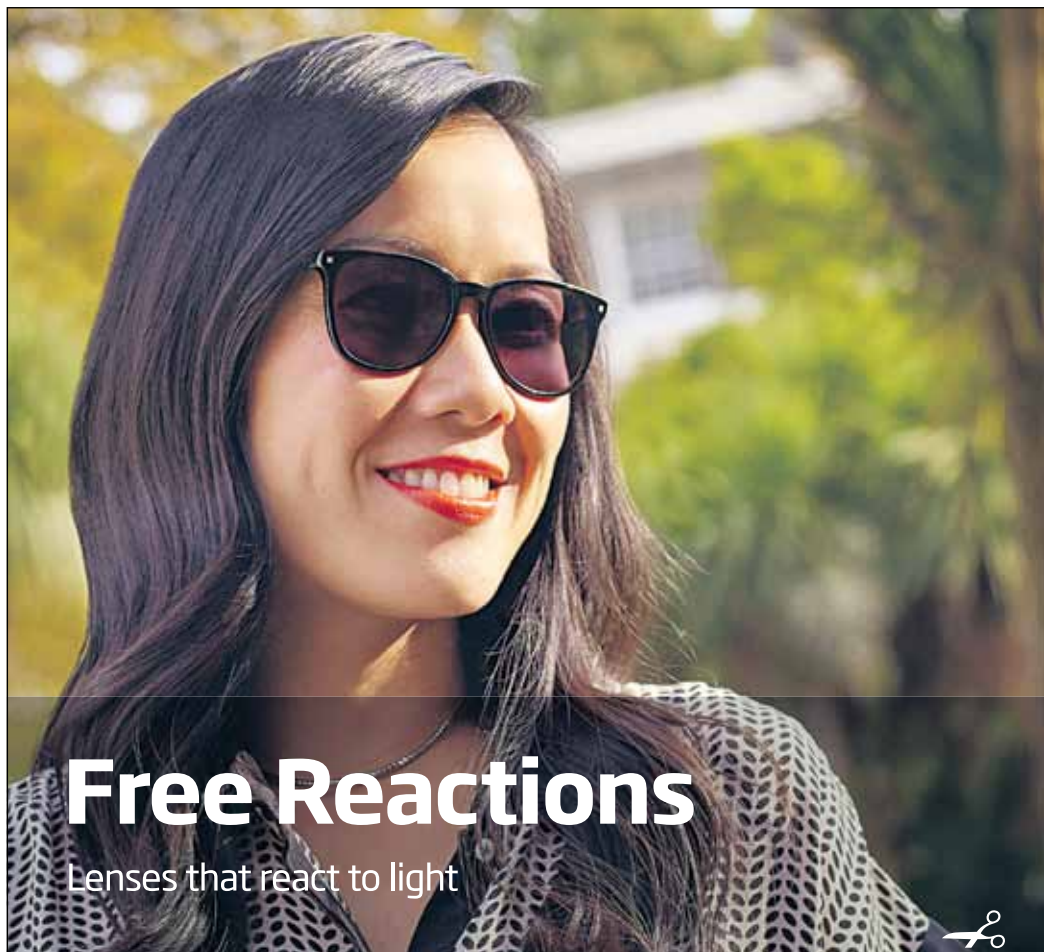


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