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## Dear Residents....

June edition already and summer is just around the corner! Another year is flying by (or is that just an indication of my advancing years!!).

Per our front cover we are looking forward to some summer fun. The Stoke Gifford fete on Bank Holiday Monday 25th May will have already taken place by the time you read this, but if you missed it then the neighbouring annual Bradley Stoke Festival takes place over the weekend of 5-7th June. Always good fun and offering something for everyone so we look forward to seeing you there. There is a guideline to the schedule inside this issue for you - although at time of going to print things were still subject to change! The Bradley Stoke Carnival are also busy planning their third event later on in August - see our article inside if you would like to be a part of this, another great community event.

We have lots of news from our local primary schools for this edition, so we hope you enjoy catching up from them. Really great news from the Hope for Morgan fundraising campaign sees Morgan heading off this summer for his life-changing operation - all thanks to great local community support!

We also have updates from the Little Stoke Garden Society, the local Woodlands and Friends from 40 acres as well as gardening news and updates - so plenty of reasons to enjoy being outside as the weather improves.

Finally, we bring you the fabulous news of the opening of the new Church & Community Centre 'at the heart of the community' in Stoke Gifford; we have thoroughly enjoyed being involved in the project and hope you enjoy the latest update.

There is plenty more inside, - so do grab a cuppa and enjoy the read!

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May 2015



July 2013



July 2013



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## New Church and Community Centre Now in Use!

**Regular readers of Little Stoke Gifford Matters will know that we have been following the progress of this project at the Heart of the Community since it started on site in July 2013 (who remembers the early photos on site above right?).**

It has been an interesting journey to be allowed to visit site on a regular basis since to keep our readers updated whilst we watched the vision, and the building, come to life.

At the end of April the build was sufficiently complete to allow the community in for the first time!

Over 260 people attended the first services to be held in the new Community Centre over the weekend of 25/26th April when members of the congregation were able to use it for the annual Church Weekend and both the 10.30am and 6.30pm Sunday services.

For more than a decade the 10.30am family service has had to be held in two separate locations – the 14th century church and the former village school, known as the Old School Rooms – as the church is no longer large enough to accommodate the growing membership. The new building is therefore a key element of the St Michael's Heart of the Community project bringing the congregation back to worshipping together, with the new auditorium currently capable of seating 350 people. The facilities also include room for a shop, a large reception area,

church office, conference areas for schools and businesses, meeting rooms and accommodation for wedding receptions, birthdays and other celebrations.

After much fundraising effort, this first phase was completed for a cost of £4.2m - the congregation and local community's response to this has been fantastic throughout. Once further sufficient funds have been raised, a second phase of building work will add catering facilities, additional meeting and conference rooms and a further 220 seats on a balcony over the main auditorium.

The Reverend Simon Jones, Rector of St Michael's said:

*"We bought the land 10 years ago, and after eight years of planning, four years of preparing and two years of building, the new St Michael's Centre in Stoke Gifford is now open! It has been a long journey, but I am delighted that the new centre is now being used."*

*St Michael's has a long history of serving the local community and we hope that the centre will benefit not only the local community, but also the wider region."*

*It's been a challenge to secure the £4.2m needed to get to this stage, but the congregation have responded magnificently and we are now seeking to raise the £1.5m needed to finish the centre and complete the project."*



St Michael's Church  
Heart of the Community

*"Living to make a difference"*

Back in September the new building was dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and a corner stone built into the reception area of the centre commemorates this. As he stood in the then shell of the new church and community centre Archbishop Welby stated:

*"This project warms my heart. This is not about a community building: this is about building a community."*

On Sunday 10th May the new centre was officially dedicated and licensed by The Bishop of Bristol, the Right Reverend Mike Hill, who carried out the ceremony during the 6.30pm evening service. The centre is now officially open for public worship, marriages, baptisms and funerals.

*Rev Simon Jones further commented: "We welcome new people to the church every week. With more than 3,000 homes due to be built in the parish over the next decade, there is a pressing need not only for more space for the church but also local amenities for the community. Our vision is for the facilities to make a real difference to groups, organisations and events across the community and the Bristol region. There is a lot of interest in the new building and we are already taking bookings."*

**St Michael's Church looks forward to welcoming you! The 10.30am and 6.30pm Sunday worship services will be held in the new centre. The 9am Sunday service and monthly evensong will continue to be held in the church.**



Sept 2014



Oct 2013



Nov 2013



Feb 2014



May 2014



Aug 2014



Aug 2014



May 2014



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## Footgolf Is Coming To Bristol!

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On 5th July there will be a Footgolf competition with teams competing for the Footgolf Launch Trophy at The Kendleshire Gold Club. Limited to 32 teams and Including Bristol Rovers and BCFC ex players teams, entry is £40 per team of 4 for 9 holes limited numbers.

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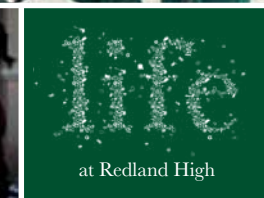


Examining medieval castles and monasteries, palaces, colleges and eighteenth-century masterpieces, as well as family mansions and modernist houses. Caroline will compare high formality with the naturalistic, and the work of such influential figures as Kent, Adam, 'Capability' Brown, Jekyll, Lutyens and Sackville-West. Caroline is a Garden Historian, Lecturer, Broadcaster, Author & Consultant designer specialising in evoking historical, artistic and symbolic references. As a garden historian of places, people and plants she hopes to sift humour from humus worldwide.

Meeting at Bradley Stoke Community School, South Glos DFAS are a friendly group and always pleased to welcome Guests and new Members – please contact Sally or Mary (details below) to let them know you would like to come along. Refreshments from 7.00 pm, welcome and slide illustrated lecture at 7.30 pm. Good parking & easy access - no artistic ability needed, just an interest in the decorative arts and design !

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We were pleased to hear from local  
author Penny Hallett this month with  
news of her 176-page book which is  
packed with over 200 great ideas for  
fundraising activities and events, as  
well as tips to guide you through the  
process and make it all worthwhile.  
Penny, a former journalist who lives  
in Stoke Gifford, is donating all royalties to the St  
Michael's Heart of the Community project.

Penny told us: "I'm part of the project team which  
is working to raise the £5.5m needed to build a  
new church and community centre, restore the  
14th century church and refurbish the Old School  
Rooms at Stoke Gifford.

"I was asked to get some ideas together for  
events and activities which individuals or groups  
could run which would boost funds and also  
encourage local people to get involved. Word got  
out and there was so much interest from other  
churches and groups that I took a leaf out of my  
own book – one of the ideas is to 'write a book' –  
and published the guide to help raise money for  
the project!

"There are lots of people in the local community  
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# Bradley Stoke Community Festival 5th-7th June 2015



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Football Tournament • King Ramps Skate Pipe  
Local Bands & Dance Groups • Rides & Inflatables • 10k Race  
Skate Park competition

## Friday 5th June

The Picnic in the Park starts at 10.30 a.m. until 14.00 at the Jubilee Centre, for Parents and Toddlers. Professor Panic presents his range of circus skills, juggling and entertainment in the Big Top, alongside local craft and community stalls and a bouncy castle. Refreshments will be served by the local WI during the morning with Face Painting available for the toddlers.



## Saturday 6th June 11.30-18.00

The demonstration area in Jubilee Green features the King Ramps Skate Pipe and displays will be given by the pro's throughout the Festival with a street art demo and "have a go" sessions. This year's main show is dog agility displays by Gloucestershire Agility. Music is provided by local bands; The Bradley Stoke Community School band, Kimura, The Midnight Tides, Geckoblasters, Panache Steel Band, The Secrets alongside local dance groups including; Stagecoach, Danceworks, Baby Ballet, Footloose and Infinity and other clubs and associations. Fun rides for the children include trampolines, giant slides, football games, giant inflatables, a Helter Skelter and the Vertical Xtreme climbing wall alongside the local Scouts providing longbow archery and other activities. Sideshows, arts & crafts and community stalls will offer a wide range of local products and novelties. The Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club Football Tournament for Year 1 Boys and Girls starting at 10.30 am on the top soccer pitches.



## Sunday 7th June

A 10K multi terrain race organised by the Sole Sisters starts at 09.30 am and finishes at the Jubilee Centre. At Baileys Court Activity Centre there will be a joint "Church in the Park" outdoor service from the Bradley Stoke Churches starting at 10.30 am followed by the third running of the Bradley Stoke Bed Race starting at 12.30 pm through until 1.30 pm. The Bradley Stoke Cricket Club will open their bar from 12.00 noon followed by the Mayor's XI v a BSCC XI starting at 2 pm finishing with a cricket tea and evening entertainment in the clubhouse. The Bradley Stoke Bowls club will provide roll up demonstrations throughout the afternoon. A Skate Board competition along with King Ramps will also be taking place at the Bradley Stoke skate park along with BBQ and refreshments from 10.30 am through to 4 pm and everyone is welcome to enter.

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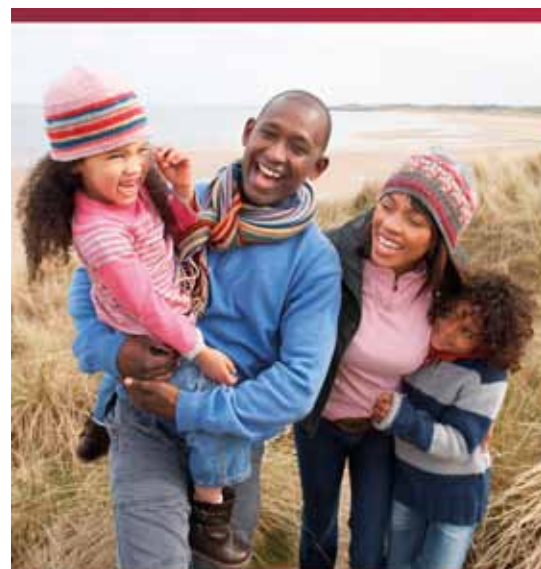
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## From the Friends of 40 Acres ...

This open, green space, much loved by bird watchers, dog walkers and many others, is cared for by a small team of volunteers.

We planted 70 trees last year and they were staked and guarded with the help of the Green Gym from Bradley Stoke. Following the winter and spring they are looking strong and showing their buds and leaves.

As we write, we have a few projects planned, waiting for the better weather so that vehicles can be driven into the fields to work on the brick building in the middle of the large field. A new door with a steel front will be installed and Bat boxes fitted inside the building. It will be a Bat Sanctuary for our many Pipistrelle Bats that fly around our fields at night.

It is also planned to plant many wild flower seeds on the tump in that field, when it has been prepared.

Keeping the stream clear of rubbish, overgrown vegetation and Himalayan Balsam is important to the Kingfisher, dragonflies, ducks etc. We definitely need help with this task, also litter picking, so if anyone can give up a small amount of their time with helping us, please come and join us. It can be fun!

We must mention the amount of 'dog poo' left in the fields. Families, people walking to work or the shops etc. all use the fields and should do so without carrying it on their shoes. There is no such thing as a 'Poo Fairy' so please pick it up and any bin will do. There are many bins placed in the fields - there is no excuse! Crisp packets are lethal to hedgehogs that walk in after food but cannot reverse, so die of starvation.

**If you would like to volunteer to assist now and again, or if you would like to join "The Friends" or have any ideas, we would like to hear from you!**

**Your contact details should be given to: Steve Shields, Stoke Gifford Parish Clerk on 01454 865202 or by email on [clerk@stokegifford.org.uk](mailto:clerk@stokegifford.org.uk)**



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## Looking After Our Local Woodlands - Update

Our March edition brought news of two local woodland groups, Splatts Abbey Wood and Sims Hill Community Woodland, who are both really keen to develop their links with the local community. They would love to see more volunteers getting involved both with the groups and the woodlands themselves, which are open to the public. The public can get involved in the woodland groups as members, volunteers on work days, and even join their committees!

**The Splatts Abbey Wood Conservation Group** has been going for many years and is responsible for the historic woodland sited between the MoD and the UWE. It can trace the wood's roots back centuries.

It's committee currently has members of the public from Stoke Gifford, Filton and Bradley Stoke, and also Susie Weaver the head teacher of the new Wallscourt Farm Academy School. The Splatts Abbey Wood group really values its links with the new school.

**The Splatts Abbey Wood group can be contacted at its new email: - [splattsabw@gmail.com](mailto:splattsabw@gmail.com)**

**The Sims' Hill Community Woodland Committee** manages Sims' Hill Community Woodland and seeks to provide environmental and social benefits to local residents, businesses and visitors. The Sims Hill Woodland runs around the edge of the Bristol Business Park, (which sits opposite the UWE). **The group can be contacted at: - [simshillcw@gmail.com](mailto:simshillcw@gmail.com)**



Photo shows UWE GreenSpace Students at a recent workday in Splatts Abbey Wood

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## Little Stoke Garden Society - Update by Maureen Harris

Winter is gone, and summer is coming – hurray! But we still need to be careful of frosts on tender shoots. The blackthorn bushes flowered heavily this spring, giving promise of a good crop of sloes in the 40 acre fields later in the year.

On the allotments the planting of crops has started in earnest, but as always the fastest growing plants seem to be the weeds. We still need a bit more warmth to encourage the vegetables.

Rhubarb is cropping well already, and the apple and pear trees are blossoming well, with raspberry canes showing a growth spurt.

The Society administers the allotments on behalf of Stoke Gifford Parish Council, and allotments are available to people who live in the Parish. The waiting list for allotments is quite short at the moment; if you think you would like to have a go at growing your own, do contact the postmaster@littlestokegardensociety.co.uk, or pop into the shop on a Sunday morning to put your name down on the list.

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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-pinned, 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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Another idea to maximise the space in your sloping garden is decking; this will have the advantage of creating a good level space that is great for socialising, and with the addition of wire, ropes, wood or glass as a balustrade it can add extra interest to the area. Whilst your outdoor dining space is usually best next to



the house, you can also consider building a small terrace in a quiet corner of the garden just to get away from it all, and with a pergola, which will offer shade as well as a great structure for climbers – this can also bring balance and movement around your garden.

Why not incorporate a garden room, office or Studio built into your slope – if put in the right place and built with the right material, the roof space can be used to extend a level in the garden so that you have an massively extended usable space – not to mention the extra space to work or relax in that you have created away from the house.

So, if you have a sloping garden, don't despair, think of it as an opportunity to be creative. If you would like to discuss any of the ideas above or anything else, please get in touch.

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## Update from St Chad's - Feedback from Ofsted and SIAMs

by Headteacher Darren Brown

**Standards across the board higher than expected for children's age and rapid improvements at St Chad's Patchway CE VC Primary School identified in a double inspection success.**

Here at St Chad's Patchway CE VC Primary School we are celebrating Ofsted and SIAMs (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) success with a grading of 'Good with Outstanding features' (OFSTED) and 'Outstanding' (SIAMs), when we were visited by the two inspection teams in late April.

Previously we were classed as 'Requires Improvement', and we have rapidly accelerated progress in all areas while keeping our "high level of care and support, strong sense of community and a school environment that makes pupils want to come to school" says OFSTED; "Nothing is too small to be noticed at St Chad's." (SIAMs).

Everyone at school is delighted to share that the Ofsted inspection judged St Chad's School as a good school with elements of outstanding, and described us as a rapidly improving school which cares for our pupils exceptionally well. They recognised the exemplary academic, social and emotional education we provide our pupils within a very positive ethos which permeates all aspects of the school. They recognised the pupils' general behaviour continues to be superb. They noted the rapid developments in behaviour for learning which has created an outstanding attitude toward learning and skills to access learning in all pupils.



Separately, the overarching role of the SIAMs inspection is to identify the effect that the Christian ethos of the church school has on the children and



young people who attend it. The SIAMs inspection graded us as outstanding with an extraordinary focus and high profile of spiritual development and a dynamic living ethos.

**I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, pupils and governors (and parents) who have worked tirelessly over the last 2 years to make the necessary improvements in support of the school. These improvements were considered to be substantial and now embedded in school life.**

I would also like to thank all of the parents who have supported the school in all we have been aiming to achieve. The inspectors noted; "The vast majority of parents who responded in the questionnaire feel that their children are very happy at school. This is reflected in the pupils' above average attendance, which also shows the school's supportive partnership with parents." We always say how school is a partnership and these reports have certainly shown that.

Both sets of inspectors found that parents and carers were extremely positive about the school, as were the pupils, who expressed how much they enjoyed coming to school and how safe and nurtured they felt when they are here.

The extent to which the school keeps children safe was judged to be outstanding by Ofsted (not individually looked at by SIAMs). The team also reported that behaviour was outstanding, and within this judgement how well pupils understand their personal impact on those around them, how they approach their own learning and the skills they have to be lifelong learners is graded. Ofsted noted how this had significantly developed over time and the skills that school teaches children creates a climate for this to blossom.



The way we cater for all needs in all areas was identified as being exceptional and contributed to the marked improvements across all areas with the result of: "a substantial number of pupils in all classes now show levels of skill that are higher than those normally expected for their age." (Ofsted)

Teaching and attainment was praised highly. SIAMs noted that we are a "values driven community, the school is a place of nurture where the needs of each child are known, considered and addressed." While Ofsted stated the staff "have shared a sustained determination

to improve the quality of pupils' learning", and "as a result, pupils across the range of ability learn well."

**For St Chad's it is not about an Ofsted or SIAMs label, it is about providing the very best all round education that we can.** We strive to enable all children to find their talents, build on their strengths, recognise where they may find something tricky and help them have the skills to move forward from this. We strive to create caring, thoughtful and passionate pupils who are proud of themselves and the communities they live in, and we are pleased that Ofsted and SIAMs recognised this in their reports, highly praising the school and the pupils for this.

**It was hard to write this without sounding like we are showing off! However, St Chad's school community has a lot to be proud of; the staff, parents / carers and most importantly the pupils have all worked hard to create something very special here in school.**

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Clifton High School is innovative in its mathematics teaching and throughout the school from the Nursery to Sixth Form this core subject is central in the daily curriculum of our young people. From 2014 Junior School pupils in Years 5 and 6 have been taught mathematics by Senior School Mathematics teachers. Dr Alison Neill, Head of School, says "Mathematics and problem solving are essential tools for our young people and, with the new GCSE curriculum being introduced, standards and expectations inevitably will increase. Our aim is to make learning easily accessible and relevant, to further enhance the curiosity, creative mind and confidence of our pupils in a fun way. Our work with the Song of the Whale has been a brilliant example of this."

To find out more about Clifton High School please contact Mrs Melanie Johnson, Admissions Registrar on 0117 933 9087 or email [admissions@cliftonhigh.bristol.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@cliftonhigh.bristol.sch.uk). Alternatively visit our website [www.cliftonhigh.bristol.sch.uk](http://www.cliftonhigh.bristol.sch.uk)



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## Looking to the Future: Electricity from Waste

**Year 5 pupils from Baileys Court Primary School have commenced a 12 week project in conjunction with UWE and supported by a grant received from the Royal Society. Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford Matters has been invited to go along and share this learning journey.**

Whilst thinking about the depletion of the earth's resources and challenges created for future generations, the children will be gaining hands-on experience in generating electricity from waste products. With Bristol being the Green Capital of 2015, the project is deemed relevant and we are delighted to be a part of it to share their progress with the community. Microbial Fuel Cells (MFCs) – a technology employing bacteria to produce electricity – will be the main focus and in small groups MFCs will be constructed and inoculated from where bacteria may live.

In their first session pupils added various combinations of yeast, sugar, salt, hot and cold water to bottles to see if and how large they could blow up balloons. Results were recorded. There was a great buzz of excitement from the pupils, one of whom said "it's more fun than being sat in the classroom" and another "I just love science and experimenting!".

Drs. Debbie Lewis and Jon Winfield from UWE returned for week 2 at Baileys Court Primary School to begin constructing the MFCs, which are, in essence, "bacterial houses". Children built their MFCs, specially designed by UWE specifically for the Royal Society Schools' project. They then went outside to dig deep in the mud (home to lots of bacteria), to make muddy water and add this to the MFC. Over time, bacteria from the mud that are able to produce electricity, termed "electrigens", will begin to thrive in this environment and the pupils

will be able to measure how much voltage is produced from each MFC on a daily basis. In the coming weeks the children will learn how to nurture their MFCs to maximise energy production and learn that what is essentially a waste product for bacteria - electricity, can be captured by the pupils to power small electrical appliances.

After week 3, two pupils Tomasina & Bethan wrote the following -

*This week, we've accomplished a lot in our weekly science lesson with UWE.*

*Firstly, we read a voltage reading from our microbial fuel cells (MFCs). Then, we agitated - mixed up - the mud inside the MFCs. We then took another voltage reading. The results were interesting. Secondly, we sucked up the muddy water using a syringe. After that, we fed sodium acetate to our microbial fuel cells. Now came the fun part! We each had a petri-dish that had a special type of jelly in it called agar. We had to press our fingers gently into the agar to see how clean our hands were. After a few seconds, we took our fingers out of the agar and shut the lid quickly. Debbie told us we could see the bacteria in next week's lesson. She also said that she would take them to UWE to incubate. After we'd done that, we thought of places which were clean and dirty around the school.*



*We used swabs and new petri dishes to collect the bacteria. We went around in different places (eg the staffroom, the kitchen, door handles, sinks, computer keyboards, a piano and more areas.). When we got to a specific area, 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. We discussed what we did in the afternoon. It was really fun, and we enjoyed it.*

Over the course of the project, year 5 will vary the type and amount of food and monitor electrical output in order to observe the correlation between power and microbial metabolism. At the end of June, the pupils will have the chance to visit UWE to present their findings and also experience what university life is all about. A grand finale is scheduled for 8th July when hopefully individual MFCs will be joined and used to light up lights or move a windmill.

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**It was a delight to catch up with the Musical Director of Bradley Stoke Community Singers this 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.

Look out for them this month at the Bradley Stoke Festival on 6th June! 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 in Stoke Gifford, Little Stoke and Bradley Stoke - the youngest is just 12 years old and eldest are in their 70s. Some read music and others can't read a note, 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, gents and ladies, regardless of age and ability to join the group. She 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 and 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 or Twitter @BS\_Singers**

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from Headteacher Scott Howes



## Forest School Update

We were delighted to have a film made by Sky Brush Media of our wonderful forest school facilities, using a camera drone to take some aerial film of Year 6 learning outdoor survival skills. The film is almost finished and will be featured on our website very soon. Please take a look at [www.littlestokeps.co.uk](http://www.littlestokeps.co.uk) Little Stoke will be offering pre-school, parent and child as well as holiday, Forest School sessions this summer.

## Play Facilities

It was great to enjoy the sunshine after the return from the Easter holidays giving the children lots of chance to enjoy their new play equipment and the Early Years pupils to play in their outside area which has had a makeover with artificial grass, new equipment and outdoor furniture, making it a bright and colourful space to learn and play.

## Summer Activities

Over the summer terms we are looking forward to taking part in sporting events and tournaments after our Spring term win in the Boccia Festival. The first has been with St Chad's Primary School, where children from both schools joined together to compete in a kick-rounders tournament. A little friendly competition is a good thing for children to enable them to learn a range of new skills and meet with children they don't know from other schools is always a valuable experience. Our schools clubs continue to provide an exciting range of activities for our pupils. These include dance club, multi-skills, football, art & crafts, lego builders club as well as gymnastics and music tuition being available.

## Leading Parent Partnership Award

We really do value the partnership we have with all our parents at Little Stoke and the support our parents provide has made a huge contribution to our success.

We are constantly looking for ways to develop our partnership with parents further. With this in mind we are about to embark on an accredited award which will look for ways to enrich the links between home and school. Over the next year (the length of time it will take us to achieve the award) there will be a range of innovative ideas and systems put in place to enable Little Stoke parents to share in a whole range of learning activities with their children, join in with some of the decision making at school and improve communication in a range of ways. Parents know their children best and we believe parental contribution to this process will be crucial.

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## Parent Open Days for Pupils starting school in September 2016


We have Open Days planned for parents to look around our school if you are considering primary schools for your child to start in September 2016. These are scheduled for Tuesday 15th September at 6pm and Monday 12th October at 2pm. If you would like any further information or are unable to make either of these dates, please contact the school and we will arrange a mutually convenient time.

*And finally...*


We are holding a **Summer Fayre** at school on **Friday, 10th July at 3.30pm**. Children, parents, friends, relatives and members of the local community are all very welcome to join us for the fun, games, activities and refreshments.

It is a great chance to see the school and enjoy our wonderful environment!


If you would like to find out more information about the fayre or anything else regarding the school please visit the website at [www.littlestokeys.co.uk](http://www.littlestokeys.co.uk) or telephone 01454 866522.



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## News from Holy Family Primary School



### Celebrating Three Years of Forest School

Pupils at Holy Family School have been enjoying the benefits of learning outdoors for three exciting years.

In 2012 Headteacher, Mrs Dawn Breeze, and Deputy Head, Mrs Caroline Carter successfully completed their Level Three Forest School qualifications making them fully-fledged Forest School Leaders, pioneering outdoor learning in South Gloucestershire.

Since then Forest School sessions have become a firm favourite with pupils from Reception to Year 6. Every week pupils can be found exploring the school grounds as they learn a variety of skills, such as whittling, den building, tree identification and fire lighting.

To mark the success of the school's outdoor education programme the school invited commissioned artist, Rob Wheeler of [graftworkshop.co.uk](http://graftworkshop.co.uk) to create a permanent display, commemorating our innovative approach. Rob spent a number of days in school, working with children to create a design, which would be splashed across our newly constructed playground wall.

The design evolved, reflecting the many species of both plant and animal which can be found within the school grounds. The funky forest-themed mural now spans the width of the playground, the natural tones of the paintwork eagerly catching the

eye. Central to the artwork is the new school logo – a dazzling oak leaf, emblazoned with HFS and a cross to represent the strong Catholic faith of the school and parish.

The new graffiti wall has evoked positive responses across the school community. Year 4 pupil, Amelie Loud was bubbling with enthusiasm. *"It looks so amazing! The logo is so important to us and I really love the owl the most!"* Patricia Cappa, Foundation Governor, sums up this stunning project, *"This beautiful collage is so colourful and truly reflects the mission of our school."*

### Chick, Chick, Chick, Chick, Chicken



The youngest pupils, in the Caterpillars class, at Holy Family School have had a very exciting couple of weeks in school.

Currently, learning in Reception is following the theme of mini-beasts and

living things. With this focus in mind, teacher, Miss Stephanie Crane, arranged for some very special visitors to join the foundation stage children in their classroom.

Towards the end of April the children arrived bright and early and were delighted to find an incubator, warming a clutch of eggs. The children learned that the incubator had two trays, which needed to be regularly filled with water in order to

keep the air around the eggs moist. The Caterpillars then developed their close observation skills, by checking for any sign of movement in the eggs or even the slightest crack. However, all was quiet for a couple of days...

The children's patience was rewarded within a couple of days, when the first egg began to rock! Cracks appeared in the egg-shell and then began to widen. Eventually a rather-wobbly, yellow chick struggled free from its shell. Excitement swept across the school as the news of our first arrival spread. By the end of the week eight chicks had hatched – some with more difficulty than others.

*"It was funny to watch. One got his shell stuck on his head,"* giggled Reception pupil, Ava Lock. *"Mrs Cross had to help him out."*

Once all the chicks had safely arrived the children were able to learn how to handle and take care of them. When the weather was good the chicks explored their pen in the reception play area. Everyone was thrilled to have a turn to hold, feed and care for them until it was time for them to leave for their new life on the farm. What a super learning experience!

### The Big BBC Bug Hunt

The school recently received a very exciting invitation. The BBC asked a number of pupils to visit Broadcasting House, in Clifton, to participate in an activity day, in the BBC Wildlife Garden.

Pupils from the school's gardening club were obviously champing at the bit for such an amazing opportunity. So our representatives from ages 4 – 7 joined other schools from across Bristol and South Gloucestershire for a day of learning in the outdoors, alongside television presenter from The One Show, Mike Dilger.

The children worked in teams to carry out an enormous investigative task. They searched every inch of the BBC garden to find as many different species of mini-beast, grass and moss as was possible. A variety of techniques was employed: pupils were crawling on their hands and knees, sucking mini-beasts into bug-bottles and shaking wildlife into white umbrellas to see them more clearly. The results were amazing. Numerous beetles were discovered and over five species of spider.



*"There were so many spiders!"* said Josh Loud of Year 1. *"I showed them to Mike and he told me their names – it was amazing."*

The Gardening Club returned to school bubbling with excitement. Not only had they enjoyed every minute but their explorations were filmed and featured on the local news! In addition every child was presented with a special BBC Wildlife Garden pin-badge which they now wear with pride on their school uniform.

Parent and Teaching Assistant, Helen Marples commented, *"It was just a fabulous day and a fantastic opportunity for our children to engage with nature."*



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45 Mead Road, Stoke Gifford, BS34 8PS.
- Cllr David Slade  
51 Orion Drive, Little Stoke, BS34 6JD.
- Cllr Christopher Wright  
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#### North Ward

- Cllr Keith Cranney (Stoke Gifford Ward Member)  
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- Cllr Mike Brown  
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- Cllr Sam Scott  
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#### University Ward

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- Cllr Andy Maxwell  
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Stephen L. Shield, Stoke Gifford Parish Council,  
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#### Stoke Gifford Parish Council Meeting Dates 2015

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Tuesday 14th July 2015  
Tuesday 13th October 2015  
Tuesday 10th November 2015

##### FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE (2ND Tues of Month)

Tuesday 9th June 2015  
Tuesday 8th September 2015  
Tuesday 8th December 2015

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## What's been going on with the 1st Stoke Gifford Scout Troop

Scouts from The Old School Rooms in Stoke Gifford have had a very active and productive last few months.

The troop, which meets on a Wednesday evening between 7-9pm, has competed and won the district draughts competition, helped The Royal British Legion with Poppy Day collections and, in the process, became one of the first troops to be awarded the Poppy Badge, which is new and only eligible to scouts from Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire counties.

Nine scouts; Florie Griffiths, Eve Melling, Vicky Taylor, Ellie Smith, Esme Gibbs, Adam Pritchett, Joe Holland, Fraser Edgecumbe and Nathan House have become the latest recipients of the highest award in the scout section the **Gold Chief Scout's Award**, which was presented by County Commissioner Graham Brant at a ceremony at the end of March. This culminated in up to four years of activities such as an expedition over 2 days in Gloucestershire, camping in Cyprus, skills in archery, shooting, climbing, abseiling and many more! As well as power boating in Watchet, caving under the Mendips, Dragon boat racing in St. Annes and Gliding over the Cotswolds.

Several of the leadership team have received awards for their service; Ian Butcher being awarded the South Gloucestershire Chairman's award for his volunteering, Lee Baker receiving a Chief Scout's commendation for good service, and his wife Sue receiving the Award for Merit after 20 plus years in scouting!

Next year is the group's 25th anniversary and already a camp has been planned in Jersey along with many more fun activities.

**Any children aged 10-14 years that fancy joining in or adults that can volunteer some of their time please visit the 1st Stoke Gifford website ([www.stokegiffordscouts.co.uk](http://www.stokegiffordscouts.co.uk)) and leave your details.**



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## News from St Michael's Primary School

### What a performance!

In April the school put on a production of 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin'. This involved nearly 100 children from Year 3 to Year 6 either singing, dancing, acting or playing music – and the result was a fantastic performance which was greatly enjoyed by parents over two evenings. At St Michael's we are passionate about giving children the opportunity to shine in all areas, and for us the performing arts are an essential part of the curriculum and the wider life of the school. Please read on for more information on different aspects of these performance skills.

### Music

We employ our own specialist music teacher who works with children throughout Key Stage 2. This ensures that children receive an excellent theoretical and practical grounding in music. All children have the opportunity to learn the recorder in Year 2 or Year 3, while in Year 4 everyone learns the ukulele. Many children progress to group or individual music lessons, and we can offer a very wide range of teaching, including harmonica, drums, guitar, flute, clarinet, violin, keyboard and brass. The school has its own orchestra, as well as recorder and flute ensembles.

Singing is also highly valued and celebrated. All children have singing lessons weekly, and the standard throughout the school is amazingly high. We have a choir which performs regularly in school and outside, including the South Glos Schools' Concert at Colston Hall in June.

### Drama

All children are involved in drama as part of their curriculum, and it is used to reinforce and



develop learning in all sorts of situations. These might include role play to get a better understanding of social situations; hot seating to appreciate the viewpoints of historical characters; and whole class and school performances for parents at regular intervals throughout the year. All year groups are involved in a production during the year, culminating in the Year 6 leavers' performance in July.

We also offer several drama clubs both after school and on Saturday morning. These are run by our long-time partner Creative Kidz. One of our pupils who attends these clubs recently appeared in the film 'One Chance' as the young Paul Potts!

### Dance

At St Michael's we love to dance! We have a dance teacher who works for two afternoons per week working with Key Stage 2 children, linking dance to the rest of the curriculum. We also have two after-school dance clubs, and an annual dance competition where children get to show off all they have learnt to music of their choosing. Dance also features prominently in many of our assemblies and performances, and children also have the opportunity to learn dances from other cultures, including flamenco, Bollywood and the Chinese dragon dance.

For more information please visit our website: [www.stmichaelssg.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelssg.co.uk)





**Congratulations to David Bell, Press Officer of the Stoke Gifford Branch of the Royal British Legion who has received a Community Award in recognition of his voluntary work for the RBL.** David has been volunteering since 2002 and in this time has raised the profile of the branch in the community media to promote their good work on the Poppy Launch, Poppy Appeal and Poppy Concert. David has also forged links with the UWE volunteer base, attending volunteer fairs and recruiting students to help out with the Poppy Appeal.

David told us: "It was a huge honour just to be nominated. It was humbling to listen to the things that others had done to achieve their awards. I feel my award is recognition of the great things that the Royal British Legion does both locally and nationally, all I had to do was let our great local media know about the RBL's fantastic work. I feel this award is also a recognition of the great work done by all the members and volunteers of Stoke Gifford Branch of the RBL. And the University Student volunteers, the UWE and the UWE Students' Union are always very keen to help the RBL."



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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.

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.

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

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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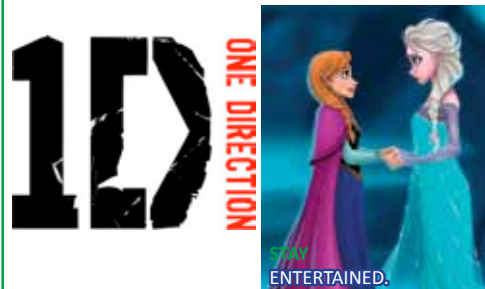


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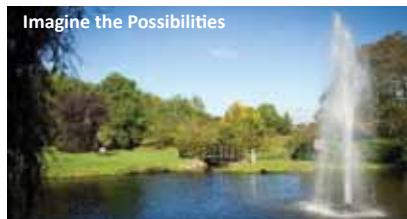
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## Local Bowls Club to Support BRACE

At a recent Club meeting, Captain George Eland announced that his charity for this year will be BRACE. He introduced a speaker, Susan Marshfield who outlined its aims and methods. (See photo). In a brief and lucid talk, Susan explained how the Charity had grown from a small group of enthusiasts, who in 1987 started the **Bristol Research into Alzheimers and Care for the Elderly (BRACE)**, and which has now become a major player into this vital health issue.



BRACE is a 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. Watch this space for more information! 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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Chris Hill the General Manager at the hotel said *"This is a great award for the hotel to receive. We have a very stable and experienced team at the Aztec Hotel and Spa and this award is a great testament to our hotel principals, Quality Integrity and Care."*



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Friday 5th June 2015

Jack Valentine brings Frank Sinatra to life with his tribute performance. Includes three-course meal. £35 per person.

#### Elton John tribute night

Friday 10th July 2015

Marcus has been performing as Elton John for 10 years up and down the country as well as abroad. Includes three-course meal. £35 per person.

#### Freddie Mercury tribute night

Friday 28th August 2015

An incredible solo tribute to the sounds of Freddie Mercury and Queen. Includes three-course meal. £35 per person.

#### Michael Buble tribute night

Friday 9th October 2015

Welsh singer Rickie Arthur earned recognition as the No. 1 Buble tribute act in the UK last year. Includes three-course meal. £37.50 per person.

#### Michael Buble and the Ratpack

Friday 4th December 2015

Rickie Arthur returns with the Ratpack tribute act to bring you another night of music. Includes three-course meal. £40 per person.

### Bradley Stoke Carnival - Saturday 29th August

The Carnival Committee, which is made up entirely of local community spirited people, is once again planning to bring the family atmosphere of Carnival back to the locality! If you enjoy getting involved and would like to help please do get in touch!

Things are progressing and carnival day (29th of August) is coming together nicely. This year a new route is planned for the carnival parade. Details will be confirmed soon but please do visit the Bradley Stoke Carnival Facebook page to download your parade entry form and return it to be involved in what is sure to be a great day.

The parade theme this year is PARTY so you can wear your party gear or perhaps come in fancy dress. If you have a club uniform then may be you would like to wear that in the parade - it's really up to you!

On the field this year will be a bigger stage for an afternoon of quality live music to enjoy - so don't forget to bring a picnic, maybe a blanket and some chairs, settle down and enjoy the day! A licensed bar will be available and there is some great talent lined up already (a few slots still available) including, by popular demand, a return visit from the Twerzels (a Wurzels tribute band) and, new for this year, a spectacular fire breathing show, plus a traditional Punch & Judy!

A demonstration area will be available in front of the stage in between the live acts and if any community groups would like to perform then please get in touch with the Carnival team. Stalls are available, free of charge to charities and



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community groups and a small charge for any traders pitches. Please visit the Bradley Stoke carnival Facebook page to download the pitch booking form.

The ever popular funfair will be returning from Thursday through to Monday and Bradley Stoke Radio will be keeping the carnival atmosphere going by holding a mini live music concert of its own on the Bank Holiday Monday, featuring a line up of some awesome local talent.

**If you would like to get involved in the carnival, either as a performer, stall holder, in the parade or perhaps helping out with marshalling on the day then please do get in touch via the carnival email address: [bradleystokecarnival@gmail.com](mailto:bradleystokecarnival@gmail.com) or download the parade and stall forms from our Facebook page.**

For further details and updates on the carnival, please keep an eye on the Bradley Stoke Carnival Facebook page, follow us on twitter @bstokecarnival, or get in touch via our email [addressBradleystokecarnival@gmail.com](mailto:addressBradleystokecarnival@gmail.com).

**We very much hope to "see you there"!**



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## Hope for Morgan Update

The fundraising appeal for Morgan Walker has attracted a huge amount of local interest and community support. Hope For Morgan was set up with a target of £70k to cover costs for 11 year old Morgan to undergo specialist surgery in the USA and rehabilitation afterwards. In under 5 months, the Walker family have worked tirelessly at efforts to raise monies and have gained tremendous support in that time.

We are delighted to announce that by raising more than they thought at this stage they have accepted a cancellation to go ahead with the procedures on 24th July.

Darren told us *"We are reasonably close to our target. With promised monies to come in, we have only about £9k to achieve."* He went on to say *"Without the level of local help received we wouldn't have been able to accept this cancellation and earlier date from the USA; we are overwhelmed with the generosity given, both time and finances from family, friends, local residents, businesses and organisations"*.

The last five months has been a whirlwind with many more social dates than usual in the Walker family's diary. Darren explained *"We've had fantastic times and as well as raising monies Morgan has enjoyed some great experiences. He's met Sugar Ray Leonard & David Haye, both professional boxers as well as Neil Ruddock and Lee Sharpe, Russell Howard and fellow comedians. Morgan has recently been mascot to Bristol City FC and hopes to attend the Rec with Bath Rugby soon. As a family, we too have met so many lovely people who have all been keen to help"*.

Darren paid tribute to Calvin Groves and the Small Move Co who organised the recent charity sport dinner as well as attracting support from ex BCFC players Scott Murray, Colin Cramb & Louis Carey, Broadchurch actor Joe Sims and local gymnast Claudia Fragapane.

Calvin said *"it was a great night with great photo opportunities. The feedback we've had has been very positive"*.

Darren also speaks highly of his wife Zoe recognising her determination and hard work. Whilst working in paid employment and looking after her family of three children, she has put everything into the events organised - the dinner dance in April raised over £6,000.

The next organised fundraiser is a bike ride from Old Trafford to Ashton Gate. Morgan's Dad Darren, his Uncle Lee Broming, Simon Ward and Kevin Pickles will be cycling 180 miles on 30th May. They have nutrition, a support van and over night stay donated. What they'd now like is sponsorship for their efforts which can be pledged using the following link <https://justgiving.com/hopeformorgan/>



## The Stokers Family Fun Day

Raych Johnson, manageress of the Stokers pub in Gipsy Patch Lane heard about Hope for Morgan from one of her regular customers and decided to organise a fundraiser with the support of Landlord Eddie Benjamin.

Raych admits now *"it was a challenge and a lot of hard work"*. With a host of volunteers, flyers were distributed and posters displayed. Facebook was utilised for getting the word out and the local groups demonstrated how our communities pull together. With local stall holders booked and raffle prizes donated from local businesses and organisations, Raych told us that she was overwhelmed with the response.

Staff donated their wages on the day, some returning to work behind the bar after 9 years absence and one having never worked behind a bar before!). Eddie paid tribute to the local neighbours, who were all informed of the event in advance, saying they'd even received donations. He said *"there was a fantastic atmosphere on the day and although the weather couldn't be controlled everyone seemed to enjoy themselves even as it rained"*.

*"It was great to see so many new faces, we have been amazed at the local help and generosity"*.

Knowing the funds were going to someone local was a huge motivator and both Raych and Eddie are proud to have raised a fantastic £2,570 from the day's events, collecting tins behind the bar and the generous donation from the pub's darts team.

**Eddie informed us he would make the amount up to £3,000 - a wonderful gesture and an awesome amount to assist Morgan with his hope for a better life!**



## Carly puts her best feet forward!

A member of staff from the local Specsavers store has pledged to walk more than 32 miles on Saturday 27 June to fundraise for Hope for Morgan.

Carly Thorne, corporate and capacity supervisor at Specsavers in The Willow Brook Centre will be donning her walking boots and heading to Glastonbury, but not in the traditional sense. On the Saturday, the store will have a treadmill outside the store where Carly will walk the distance of more than 32 miles (from Bradley Stoke to Glastonbury) for the day in an effort to boost fundraising for the charity.

Ed Stanleigh, store director at Specsavers in Bradley Stoke, says: *"With the help of customers and passersby, we managed to raise a fantastic £253 from our first charity event for Morgan. It was also great that we could welcome Morgan and his family into the store to share their story. The team has put in a lot of effort so far and we hope to continue our fundraising right through 2015, with some really fun events coming up later in the year. So please pop down to the store on Saturday 27 June and help cheer on Carly, we'll be armed with plasters and ice when she finishes!"*

**For more information or to make a donation, pop in to Specsavers, Unit MU4 The Willow Brook Centre, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, BS32 8EF, call 01454 275 020 or visit [www.specsavers.co.uk/stores/bradleystoke](http://www.specsavers.co.uk/stores/bradleystoke)**

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*photo shows Carly Thorne on the left and Julie Rafferty on the right outside the Specsavers Store.*



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### BABY AND TODDLER GROUPS

**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

### LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

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

**Goldies** - a light hearted weekly fun sing along session for those who enjoy the songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s. We're not a choir but a group of local people who enjoy getting together and having fun. We meet every Tuesday 2-3pm The Old School Rooms, Stoke Gifford. £2 per session. All welcome.

**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** - Clive Mason, Group Scout Leader - tel 0844 3181907 or email clivemason@blueyonder.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/aretiansrsc

**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

**Bradley Stoke Cricket Club** - throughout the cricket season, we run 6 adult teams and five youth teams. All contacts are on our website at <http://bradleystocecc.co.uk>

**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.bradleystokejudoclub.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,

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](mailto:community@mattersmagazines.co.uk) and we will do my best to put it right for you!

in-school coaching and football festival. Visit web site [www.bsyfc.co.uk](http://www.bsyfc.co.uk) or contact [mlee1@btopenworld.com](mailto:mlee1@btopenworld.com)

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

**Bristol Extreme Allstar Cheerleaders** - Wednesdays 7-9pm Little Stoke Primary School, [bristolextreme@gmail.com](mailto:bristolextreme@gmail.com)

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

**North Bristol Rugby Club**, Rugby teams from 4+ [www.pitchero.com/clubs/northbristoljuniorsrsc/](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/northbristoljuniorsrsc/).

**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](http://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.solesistersrc.co.uk](http://www.solesistersrc.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](http://www.stokescyclingclub.org.uk) [stokescyclingclub@googlemail.com](mailto: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](mailto:beryl.smith@talktalk.net)

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

**TAGB Tae Kwon Do** - Thursdays and Sundays Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre, Russ Martin [Russ@Tkdbristol.com](mailto:Russ@Tkdbristol.com) 07778 421875 [www.tkdbristol.com](http://www.tkdbristol.com)

### CHURCH CONTACTS AND COFFEE MORNINGS

**Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church** Baileys Court Road 0117 9314716 [www.bsec.org.uk](http://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](http://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](http://www.ctkchurch.org.uk)

**Edge Church International**. 1160 Park Avenue, Aztec West Business Park, BS32 4TL. Tel 01454 837990. [www.edgechurch.co.uk](http://www.edgechurch.co.uk)

**Holy Family Catholic Church** Southsea Road, Patchway 0117 9081247 [www.holyfamilyrcchurchpatchway.co.uk](http://www.holyfamilyrcchurchpatchway.co.uk)

**Holy Trinity Church** Broadcroft, Bradley Stoke 01454 620975 [www.htcbradleystoke.co.uk](http://www.htcbradleystoke.co.uk)

**Little Stoke Baptist Church**, Kingsway, 0117 969 6060

**St.Michaels Church**, The Green, Stoke Gifford 0117 9692486 [welcome@stmichaelsbristol.org](mailto:welcome@stmichaelsbristol.org). Coffee shop open Mon to Fri 9.30 until 4pm, and Saturdays 10-12.

**Trinity Network** -[www.trinitynetwork.org](http://www.trinitynetwork.org) Amberley Road Baptist Church, Patchway, 01454 610808 Stoke Gifford Baptist Church 1, Rock Lane, 01454 610808

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS

**Baileys Court Primary School**, Head Teacher: Andrew Lynham, Breaches Gate Bradley Stoke, 01454 866666

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**Little Stoke Primary School**, Headteacher: Mr Scott Howes, Little Stoke, 01454 866522, <http://www.littlestokeys.co.uk>

**Meadowbrook Primary School**, Headteacher: Mr Jon Barr, Three Brooks Lane Bradley Stoke BS32 8TA, 01454 868630, [meadowbrookprimary.co.uk](http://meadowbrookprimary.co.uk)

**Stoke Lodge Primary School**, Headteacher: Richard Clark, School Close Bourton Avenue, stoke Lodge, 01454 866772

**St Chad's Patchway C of E Primary School**, Head Teacher Darren Brown, Cranham Drive, Stoke Lodge, 01454 866523

**St. Marys R.C. Primary School**, Head Teacher: Mrs Paula Marsh, Webbs Wood Lane Bradley Stoke, 01454 866390,

**St Michael's Primary School**, Head Teacher Mark Freeman, Ratcliffe Drive, Stoke Gifford 01454 866781. [www.stmichaelssg.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelssg.co.uk)

**Wheatfield Primary School**, Headteacher: Christine Dursley, Wheatfield Drive Bradley Stoke, 01454 868610

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## Reptile Ramble

Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group

Saturday, 20 June 2015 from 11:00 to 14:00

Join reptile expert Amy Schwartz on a walk through the Three Brooks Local Nature Reserve in Bradley Stoke in search of slow-worms, snakes and lizards. Amphibians will also feature on the tour. This event is FREE but numbers are restricted to prevent crowding and possibly disturbing wildlife. Please bring your printed ticket on the day.

for more information and to book visit:  
<https://eventbrite.co.uk/event/16647241347/>

## FREE Family Science Event - Harwell Open Day - Saturday 11th July

The Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) is welcoming visitors to the Harwell campus (Oxfordshire), where scientists and engineers work around the clock on cutting-edge research projects that are changing life in the 21st century. Don't miss this unique opportunity to get inside the laboratories and experimental areas to see the science up close.

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- Extracting DNA from strawberries
- Rocket building and launching
- Finding out how X-rays help us learn about dinosaurs
- Witnessing an exploding mini volcano
- Programming mini robots to navigate around a map

**A date for your diaries, The Bradley Stoke Rotary Club is holding another Barn Dance on:-  
Saturday 17th of October 2015  
at St Mary's Rugby Club  
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Free entry, we'll have a DJ, Games, a kids talent competition and some special guest will be attending, including:

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Sat 11th July, Opera in the Barn:  
Mozart's 'Così fan tutte', 7.30pm

Tickets from Tessitura Opera Company 07967 991902 [www.tessitura.co.uk](http://www.tessitura.co.uk)

Gates will open at 5:30pm for those who wish to picnic in the grounds beforehand.

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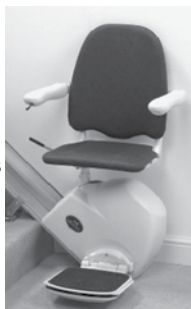
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