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## Dear Residents....

Never usually ones to sing our own praises, we have decided to hang out the balloons this summer (see right!) and shout loudly

**"WE ARE 10!"**

We have spent some time looking back over the last few weeks 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 across the Stokes 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!!

A huge shout out to all the advertisers who have supported us over the last 10 years - **THANK YOU** we simply wouldn't be here without you.

**THANK YOU** also to you, our readers, for constantly feeding back to us, for reading, keeping and utilising the magazines to find your local services and traders - your continued input helps us to make your community magazine better. **Community really does Matter.**

**We always welcome new ideas and input from local people, so if you've anything to contribute or there is something that you would like to see included, do let us know and we will do our best to accommodate this.**

Our next deadline for the Bradley Stoke edition will be 10th September. We will be off in our caravan soon so are hoping for some lovely sunshine, and no doubt we shall be seeking out more Shauns across the city too!

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## Stoke Gifford RBL give thanks to Terry Webber

Stoke Gifford Branch of the RBL presented a special award to Terry Webber, the outgoing joint Poppy Appeal Organiser, at the recent annual Volunteers Thank You dinner held on 25th June.

Terry has served as a Poppy Appeal Organiser for 12 years and this year helped to raise the Poppy Appeal total to a record £48,000 to date! The 2014/15 Poppy Appeal year has still got until 30/9/15 to run.

Branch President Brian Hewitt MBE commented *"What a tremendous amount for Terry to officially 'bow out' on after nearly 12 years in the post as Branch Poppy Appeal Organiser. He took the Account over at £12,000, so £48,000 is a big, record-breaking increase. £3,000 per year is a fantastic rate of growth, especially as we are considered a 'Small Branch'!"*

The branch holds a Thank You Dinner for all the brilliant volunteers every year, in recognition of the great work they do for the organisation as collectors, woollen Poppy Knitters, and many other roles. The event took place at the Stoke Gifford, Mile Straight Football and Cricket Club where Branch Events Manager Nick Husher is also Chairman and a Director. All money raised for the Poppy Appeal goes to the RBL's Welfare Fund which is used to give help and support to current and ex-service personnel and their families.

If you or someone you know needs help from the Royal British Legion please contact the RBL national helpline - 0808 802 8080.

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## Project Update

As reported in our June edition of Little Stoke Gifford Matters, the new church and community centre in Stoke Gifford is now open and in regular use, however the project and the fundraising still has some way to go before it is finally completed.

A recent congregational appeal, aimed primarily at new members and those who had been unable to give previously, raised a tremendous £110,000. However it wasn't enough to continue with the fitting out at this stage, and building work has therefore been suspended until further funding is identified.

The auditorium is now in regular use for church meetings and events. It was very useful for the recent annual Open Air Service on 28th June – offering a large enough space when rain forced everyone indoors! During the evening service on 28th June the church held its first full immersion baptisms in the new baptistery and on 12th July Bishop Lee Rayfield (Bishop of Swindon) led a confirmation service. About 25 people from across the Deanery were confirmed on that occasion - and with a congregation of nearly 300, the auditorium was packed!

The auditorium and seminar room are also available to hire – contact the Church Office for more information.

Fundraising to progress with the project is ongoing and the HOTC committee continues to apply to charitable trusts and look for other possible sources of grant funding, as well as organising community events to boost the available funds.

The first fundraising event in the new auditorium took place on 16th May when the Bristol Male Voice Choir performed a concert. There have also been two group photo shoots to date whereby a member of the congregation utilises her interest and skills in portrait photography by offering sessions for families and other groups, and donating the proceeds to HOTC. On 7th June the auditorium hosted a Children's Concert and on 19th July there was an open garden, plant and produce sale.



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## Forthcoming Events in the planning include:


**Saturday 3rd October – Harvest Celebration Supper**

**Sunday 27th September – Charity Motorcycle Ride Out**


**Annual Christmas Fair – date tbc**

**Saturday 5th December (TBC) - Christmas Brass Band Concert**

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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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## Bristol's first University Technical College rated "Good" by Ofsted Inspectors

Bristol Technology and Engineering Academy in Stoke Gifford has several "outstanding" features and has been rated as "good" following its inaugural Ofsted inspection.

Inspectors who visited the BTE academy in April commended its principal Rhian Priest and other senior staff for providing "strong leadership, so that the academy has clear strengths less than two years after opening."

They added: **"The academy is well on its way to meeting its vision of becoming a centre of excellence in teaching engineering and environmental technologies."**

The BTE academy in Stoke Gifford is one of 30 University Technical Colleges across England, catering for pupils in Years 10 to 13 and with a strong focus on engineering and environmental technologies. The state-of-the-art academy opened in September 2013 to create a specialist technology and engineering school. It gives students technical knowledge and focuses on work-based skills in addition to their academic qualifications. Students experience real life industry projects supported by key engineering employers including GKN Aerospace, Airbus, Astra Zeneca, Rolls Royce and Atkins Global. Additionally, it is formally affiliated to the Royal Navy and will have a Combined Cadet Force (CCF) on site from late 2015, being one of only five schools nationally to receive this recognition.

It is sponsored by the University of the West of England and GKN Aerospace and there are also strong links with the City of Bristol College and South Gloucestershire and Stroud College.

BTE Academy was rated by Ofsted as being "good" overall and it received the same rating in several other categories: leadership and management, behaviour and safety of pupils, quality of teaching, achievement of pupils and sixth form provision.

Inspectors describe the teaching of top ability sets in Years 10 and 11 maths and science as being "outstanding" and say its governing body "provides outstanding support and challenge to the academy's senior leaders." Provision for students who are disabled or who have special educational needs is also "outstanding", as is



support for students' personal development and well-being.

The Ofsted report also highlights the "exceptionally mature relationship between teachers and students that creates an excellent climate for learning" in the sixth form. "These lessons often feel more like high-level seminars than typical school lessons," it says.

**"The BTE Academy is a brand new type of school, the first of its kind in the West of England and one that is providing a unique learning opportunity for young people,"** says principal Rhian Priest.

"As such, we are delighted to have been rated in our first Ofsted inspection as being 'good' across the board but also having several outstanding features. After less than two years, we are already seen to be on course to achieving our core vision – that of becoming a centre of excellence for teaching engineering and environmental technologies, and preparing students for a potential career in these crucial and exciting disciplines.

"However we are not complacent and will continue to strive to become outstanding across all categories."

**BTE Academy currently has some places available for September 2015 for current Year 9 students. Visit [www.bteacademy.co.uk](http://www.bteacademy.co.uk) or call 0117 983 8080 for more information.**



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## Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford 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 through the door. 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 quite a shock 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 house 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 the Stokes 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 around the area. 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

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



*Don't forget to mention Bradley Stoke Matters when applying to visit website launched in May 2007*



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,



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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 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 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 local communities are benefitting from local

"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 Day Nursery

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 in June. 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 across the Stokes within the pages of our local magazine – **10 years on, our overwhelming feeling is still - Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford 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  
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*"Bradley Stoke Matters have always given us a great service, with help and good advice on the advertising side, as well as being a support for local businesses in the community. Our best wishes for the future!"*

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## Ready for Business - Bradley Stoke Community School

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 wondering 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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## When should a mother be expected to return to work?

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Considers Two Recent Cases on Financial Provision After Divorce**



Over the course of, say, a ten-year marriage a wife may have given up her job and have three young children in primary school. Why do I mention this? Mrs Wright was in the news recently as a Judge told her that she is expected to go back to work now that her children are 16 and 10 years old.

When the original maintenance order had been made, in 2008, the youngest child had been only 3 years old. The Judge at that time said that within a couple of years the wife should be contributing financially, whilst fitting in with her child care responsibilities. Before the marriage she had worked as a Legal Secretary and an Administrator. The Judge said that there was "a general expectation that once a child is in Year 2, most mothers can consider part-time work consistent with their obligations to their children". By 2012, the husband's financial circumstances had worsened so he applied to the court for the maintenance to be reduced. It seems that in the intervening years, the wife had not made any effort to find employment. It is also reported that the wife was rather evasive on questions about her own earning capacity. Her spousal maintenance was reduced.

This case is fact specific as are all cases you hear about, each case depending on the circumstances. There are a number of factors, not just the length of the marriage and ages of the children that are relevant to the financial outcome in each case.

### *How long after a divorce can a spouse make a financial claim?*

The facts of the case of Wyatt v Vince have been widely reported in the press. The parties divorced in 1992 and 19 years later Ms Wyatt applied, in particular, for a lump sum order against her former husband. During the marriage the parties had had one son but Ms Wyatt already had a daughter of her own who was treated by Mr Vince as a child of the family. They separated in 1984 and Mr Vince lived as a "new-age" traveller while Ms Wyatt brought up the children without any substantial financial contribution and in difficult financial circumstances.

Subsequently, Mr Vince set up a green energy business and became a multi-millionaire prompting Ms Wyatt's application in 2011.

Mr Vince applied to strike out his former wife's application on the basis of the delay in bringing the claim. His application was initially unsuccessful but he appealed to the Court of Appeal where the judges agreed with him and Ms Wyatt's claim was struck out. She recently appealed successfully to the Supreme Court which has re-instated her claim and the case will go back to a lower court for a judge there to decide on the value of her claim.

What this case illustrates is the importance of obtaining a financial order at the time of any divorce proceedings. In appropriate cases a court can make what is known as a "clean break" order that will ensure that parties do not have to face unwelcome applications many years after they have divorced.

If you are in the process of separating or divorcing or want to review an existing spousal maintenance order, AMD Solicitors can advise on all the financial implications.

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## Creation Twirlers Head to European Championships!

Wow! What a wonderful weekend Creation Twirlers had at the start of July! At the National Finals the Creation Twirlers scooped no less than 5 National Championship team titles, and an amazing 6 individual first places, 9 runners up, 3 third places and 4 fourth places. In addition to these highly coveted awards they managed to achieve another 5 top twelve spots.

In light of this incredible performance sixteen members have been chosen as England team representatives for the European Championships later this year in Italy. The twirlers will be performing 5 solos, 4 duets and 3 team events at this prestigious event.

Corp Director Anne said ***"Our motto 'Shine like the star you are' was truly reflected in our performances and the trainers and parents are immensely proud of every team member, recognising their effort and achievements"***.

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**Little Stoke Gifford Matters was delighted to be invited along to one of the Stokes' Brownie Packs to meet a winner of the Guiding "Design our Shaun" competition.**

Entries were judged at County Day and, with over 200 entries of a very high standard, judges had “a very difficult job” deciding upon the winner.

In the end, it was decided that the Guiding Sheep would be decorated with a combination of three entries.

One of those entries was from Emma Mitchell of 2nd Stoke Lodge Brownies. The judges *"loved how the different Trefoils on the body represented all the different sections"* so this part of her design has been used, as well as the colour coordinated hat and stripy ears.

Emma received a certificate as well as a visit from Robert, the Guiding Sheep, where photo's were taken of the Brownie Pack who meet Wednesdays weekly at the Jubilee Centre in Bradley Stoke. Robert was then displayed for the evening whilst the Brownies hosted their fundraising event in aid of the Wallace & Gromit Grand Appeal.



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## Little Stoke Garden Society – Update by Maureen Harris

Summer is well and truly here, and with a glut of strawberries there's a lot of jam making going on.

On the allotments we have had visits from the squirrels in 40 acres, who have been coming over and eating gooseberries. Some bushes have been completely stripped.

The Open Morning was very successful, especially considering the awful weather forecast, but luckily the rain held off for most of the morning. A lot of dough was made selling cakes! The raffle and other stalls also did well. A local beekeeper discussed the art of bee keeping, and had a group of interested people around him for the entire time. Many thanks to all who helped make the day a success.

If you garden at home, bake cakes, enjoy photography or craft work, why not enter a class in our annual show, you just need to be a member of the garden society to enter, there are classes for children as well as adults.

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### Saturday 29th August THE ANNUAL SHOW AT THE LITTLE STOKE COMMUNITY HALL.

Entries in by 8pm on Wednesday 26th August please.

The general public are welcome to come and have a look at the exhibits in the afternoon of the 29th, and enjoy a cup of tea and a cake or two.

Membership of the Society is open to anyone, and is only £3.00 per year to take advantage of our allotment shop. With good discounts and being able to buy in quantities you need, rather



than wasteful large amounts, it is worth having the membership.

Application forms are available at the shop at the allotments.

The shop is open every Sunday 10.00 – 12.00 from February–October, but closed throughout August.

More information can be found on the website: [www.littlestokegardensociety.co.uk](http://www.littlestokegardensociety.co.uk)

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](mailto:postmaster@littlestokegardensociety.co.uk), or pop into the shop on a Sunday morning to put your name down on the list, remember gardening is good for your health – exercise and fresh fruit and veg.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events!

## Textures in the Garden

**Mixing up different finishes, styles, textures and colours in the garden can add interest and keep the eye moving around your outdoor space.**

Reclaimed sleepers are a fantastic way to add a bit of rustic charm, they are also very versatile as they can be used not only for building raised planters and retaining walls, but also tables and seating in the garden.

Or for a more contemporary look why not have raised beds built, with seats incorporated into them, in a contrasting material - so that when the walls of the beds are painted they will look sleek and modern, and if you use a bright coloured paint you will have instant colour all year around.

Another way to add contrast and texture is by using different materials on the floor, cobbles mixed with aggregates, not just pebbles but coloured glass or slate can really jazz up an area. Some good paving edged with sleepers, tiles or bricks will also add interest; or why not go for something completely sleek and modern like granite, which will sparkle in the sun!

Alternatively you could have an attractive stone circle in your garden, it can be used as a quiet space to relax and escape. There are some really interesting sets available new, but you could also use reclaimed bricks or tiles,



which look fantastic and will be more unique, as well as being a great way to recycle!

Water when used in the garden will always add a different element; as well as stimulating the senses it will also encourage wildlife. Instead of just a pond or bubbling water feature, why not consider a modern letterbox feature pouring into a channel made out of sleepers? It will create a soothing noise, and with planting placed either in or around the edges it will add a whole new dimension, which can lighten up and enhance a tired area.

**So why not have a look at what you have in your garden and contact us to see how we can help you improve it.**

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Schools that were pleased to take part are: Wheatfield Drive, Patchway Community School, St Bedes, Chipping Sodbury, Coniston Road Primary, and Castle School.

You can join in the hunt now until 31 August (during normal shop opening hours). To take part, go to the Haberdashery department on the second floor. Entrants will be invited to make a minimum donation of £1 in order to raise funds for The Grand Appeal, the Bristol Children's Hospital Charity. All entries will be put into a prize draw to win £100 gift card to



spend in John Lewis. Whilst at The Mall you can also visit their three fantastic Shaun sculptures.

Head of Branch Lucy Ramsyer said: "This has been a fantastic opportunity for local schools, Partners and our customers' children to get involved from the outset of this hunt. I have been really impressed with the quality of the knitted Shauns and their decorations. With all the excitement around Shaun in the City at The Mall Cribbs Causeway, we are really excited to be involved and hope, along with other activities planned, to raise a significant amount of money to go towards this very worthy cause."

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- **Behaviour and response:** Your child is much less active than usual, doesn't look content and doesn't smile
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- **Breathing:** Your child's nostrils flare, and her or his breathing appears much more laboured and faster than normal
- **Dry mouth:** Your child feeds poorly and has a dry mouth
- **Wet nappies:** Your baby has less or no wet nappies anymore.

- **Rash:** Your child develops a new rash
- **Vomiting:** Repeated vomiting

If you notice any of these signs, contact your GP surgery urgently.

Give first aid and call 999 for an ambulance if your child:

- Stops breathing
- Struggles for breath
- Doesn't respond and won't wake up
- Has a fit for the first time

Remember that most childhood illnesses are harmless – but trust your instincts and don't hesitate to seek advice if you're worried.

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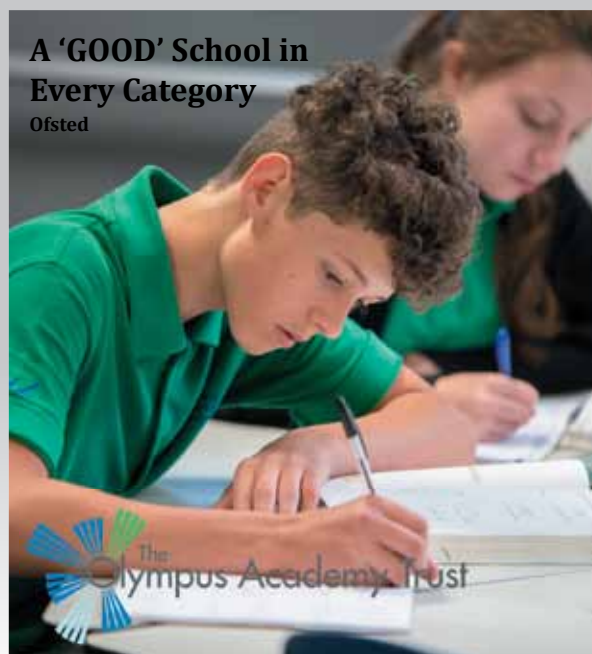
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In September 2005, Bradley Stoke Community School opened its doors to its first cohort of students. The school has grown successfully year on year and is now responsible for the education of over 1,200 local children ranging from 4 to 19 years old, incorporating a new Post 16 building in 2010 and a Primary Phase in September 2015.

The school became the founder member of the Olympus Academy Trust in January 2012. The Trust is now a family of schools led by Executive Headteacher, Dave Baker that also includes Abbeywood Community School, alongside Charborough Road and Meadowbrook Primary Schools.

Headteacher Jenny Sutton Kirby, recently retired at the end of term to spend more time with her family and to re-engage in her own artwork. She wrote in a letter to parents and pupils at the end of term *"I have thoroughly enjoyed all of my time at BSCS from the moment we began to plan for the opening in 2005 and through all the ten years we have been open; how quickly those ten years have gone by! We have been through many exciting times including the opening of our Post 16 Centre and now the opening of our Primary Phase in September and there have been many achievements to celebrate"*. Jenny also went on to thank the *"fantastic, dedicated and hard working staff"* for the support they have given her and *"sense of team and common purpose they exude every day"*.

Steve Moir successfully competed against a strong field of candidates to be appointed to the role of Headteacher from September. Steve joins the school from Bridgewater College Academy where he has been Associate Principal for several years. He is already a passionate advocate of the school and its students, having worked at BSCS as the Deputy Headteacher until 2010. Jenny says *"Steve knows the school well and was instrumental in helping us set up from the beginning; he truly understands our ethos and will steer the school through the next exciting phase"*.

Having been involved in education for 22 years, Steve was *"drawn to apply to an amazing project – the building of a brand new school in Bradley Stoke. I became Assistant Headteacher of BSCS in April 2005, shortly before the school opened, and later Deputy Headteacher, working alongside Mr Baker and Ms Sutton Kirby, until I left in 2010 to gain experience of leadership in a different context. BSCS clearly left an indelible mark on both my personal and educational outlook"*. **For Steve, returning to Bradley Stoke Community School "is a real privilege"**.

As a parent himself with a son also about to start Secondary, Steve empathises with those parents whose son or daughter is starting at BSCS in September. He shares his thoughts and the need to *"prepare our young*

*people to be ready for work, or the next stage in their learning or training, so that they can achieve their career and life potential."* Steve said *"Jenny has nurtured a school that promotes innovative teaching methods and a dynamic curriculum, designed to meet the needs and individual aspirations of our students. I am delighted to return to the school and am committed to providing an outstanding education for our young people, driven by our unrelenting focus on creative, challenging and engaging teaching and our commitment to offering enriching and stimulating learning experiences."*

We look forward to catching up in the new term with Steve once he and the students have settled back into the new school year, including those joining the new Primary Phase in September. Several activities are planned to commemorate the opening of the Primary Phase, including a balloon release, as well as a presentation to Head Teacher Sharon Clark, to welcome the Primary Phase as the newest members of the Olympus Academy Trust.

Time capsules will be placed within the grounds later in the term when the ribbon will also be cut to officially open the Primary Phase.



*"I am incredibly fortunate to be stepping into the Head Teacher role. I am very excited about this opportunity to take BSCS to the next stage in its impressive story. I have grown and developed as a leader since I left five years ago and am keen to use that experience to Bradley Stoke's benefit"*.  
**Steve Muir, new Head Teacher for BSCS**

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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 local 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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## FAB Science Sessions



Science Week has gone with a bang yet again at Holy Family Primary School. Children have experienced a Wacky Wizards Day and turned detective with a Crime Scene Investigation Day. Pupils relished the learning opportunities that this week provided for them and enthusiasm for science has exploded across the school!

Pupils in Years Five and Six were privileged to have an extra special opportunity to work alongside members of the School for Policy Studies at Bristol University, and take part in dedicated FAB Science Workshops. FAB is an acronym for Food, Active and Body. The eldest pupils at Holy Family have participated in three investigative workshops to learn more about their bodies and how to look after them as they grow up.

The Food workshop focused on analyzing the sugar content of a number of different food and drink products, with some really surprising results. *"I knew energy drinks were full of sugar but I couldn't believe how much sugar there was in my yoghurt drink!"* said Christopher Willmott of Year Six. As a consequence pupils and staff will be changing their drinking habits!

During the Active Workshop pupils had the exciting opportunity to learn about the effect of exercise on the human body. In fact a number of pupils wore heart monitors throughout their morning playtime, just to see how their bodies would respond. They returned puffing and panting after a energetic game of tag.

Hubert Galczynski groaned, *"My heart rate went from a resting 80 to 180 beats per minute after vigorous exercise. My heart was working harder*

*to provide my muscles with more oxygen."*

Creating a giant puzzle of the human body was the challenge during the Body Workshop. Pupils were tasked with placing the internal organs accurately before learning about what each organ in the body does. They were then taught about how to exercise and eat well to look after those organs, linking the ideas from the other two workshops.

This educational and exciting morning was the highlight of an already thrilling week of explorations and experiments. Science co-ordinator, Mark Handley, commented, *"Science is taught regularly at Holy Family but it's always great to raise the profile of such a practical subject in Science Week. I am already looking forward to next year's!"*



## Primary Champion Of The Year

For many years pupils at Holy Family Primary School have had the benefit of learning in partnership with volunteers from local businesses. The Ablaze project provides reading and number buddies for children in Key Stage Two. Workers from Airbus visit the school each week with the aim of improving pupils' attainment and developing self-esteem.

Pupils from a number of different classes look forward excitedly to their weekly buddy session, where they can share books, listen to stories and practise their maths skills. Not only are they making great strides academically but meeting adults from different walks of life raises pupils' aspirations regarding their future in the workplace.

Each year the Ablaze project holds an annual award ceremony, where schools, volunteers and headteachers are recognised for the vital part they play in promoting this innovative venture. This year's award ceremony was held at Bristol Zoo and Holy Family School is proud to announce that headteacher, Mrs Dawn Breeze, was presented with the Primary School Champion of the Year award for 2014-15.

The award is given to those who demonstrate best practice in co-ordinating the Ablaze project and improving outcomes for pupils. Mrs Breeze has ensured that volunteers have always been welcomed with open arms at Holy Family and the positive outcomes for pupils are obviously apparent. Attitudes to learning are good and children with buddies demonstrate a true love of reading and maths.

Children at Holy Family Primary School are incredibly proud of their headteacher's achievement and look forward to continuing to work alongside Airbus and Ablaze in the future.

## Say Hello, Wave Goodbye

As the summer approaches, and the term draws to a close, we look forward to a new school year at Holy Family Primary School. Children currently attending the school are already prepared to work alongside a new teacher in the new term but we have also welcomed our newest pupils who will be joining us for the first time in September.

Our new Reception class, The Chicks, have spent two afternoons with their teacher, Miss Crane, and everyone seems very excited about their new learning opportunities. We have also enjoyed meeting the new families, with whom we will be working alongside for the next seven years, as their children continue their journey through education. Assistant Head Caroline Carter reflected, *"A new school year is always an exciting time, but especially so for those joining Holy Family for the first time. It's great to see such enthusiasm for learning."*

In contrast, we have sadly said goodbye to our fabulous Year Six pupils this summer. The class of 2015 have achieved great things during their time at Holy Family Primary School and have grown into a wonderful group of mature students. They have worked so hard throughout their time at the school but in particular during this



final year, which culminated in all pupils making incredible progress and achieving outstanding SATs results.

Year Six pupils were determined to make their final term one to remember. They have been frantically busy, taking part in a number of spectacular projects. They have taken part in The Apprentice Challenge - competing to make enormous profits at the school's summer fair, whilst at the same time rehearsing for their all-singing and dancing production of The Lion King. In between these events the class has participated in a number of visit and workshops, including a mind-blowing trip to Cadbury World, to support their learning about chocolate production and fair trade.

Tearful goodbyes followed a memorable performance at the end of term Leavers' Mass, where the children performed a range of songs, accompanying photographs of them dating all the way back to their first year in Reception.

**So time moves on again at Holy Family and we wish all of our Year Six children the very best for the future.**

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## Green Flag Success

We are delighted to announce that Clifton High School has been awarded the Keep Britain Tidy, Eco Schools Green Flag Award. They are the first all-through school in Bristol to receive the award and only the 8th School in the local area.

The award builds on the Silver status that the school was awarded last year and is due to the hard work and commitment of the boys and girls of Clifton High School especially those on the Eco-Committee in Eco Club and their Eco Warriors. The boys and girls were guided and supported in this initiative by Mrs Laura Giles, Head of Geography and Mr Tom Walmsley the school's Environmental Lead.

This is the highest award given by Keep Britain Tidy which assesses schools for their environmental credentials. The assessor was impressed by both the quality and quantity of environmental work undertaken at Clifton High and by the fact that children and pupils from the Nursery School to the Sixth Form benefited from its keen environmental focus.

The Green Flag status is a huge achievement for Clifton High and demonstrates a true commitment to environmental issues.

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). You can also find further information their website [www.cliftonhigh.bristol.sch.uk](http://www.cliftonhigh.bristol.sch.uk).



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At the end of each year our Y6 leavers put on a music and drama performance which is always a treat. This year the production was 'Yee-Hah!', a cowboy-themed play, and the children did a brilliant show, with great acting, singing and dancing.

## Arts Weeks

Each year we hold three theme weeks in school which have a strong artistic aspect. Our first, in October, was on the theme of the environment; our second, in March, was based on a puppet show, following which children throughout the school made their own puppets and puppet shows. Finally, in the summer we held a sports themed week with artwork linked to Nepal.

## Next Year

We are looking forward to another exciting year ahead. We will be welcoming 90 new Reception children in September, and hope that they will enjoy the opportunities and facilities here just as much as those who have just left.

**For more information please visit our website: [www.stmichaelssg.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelssg.co.uk) . This also contains details of visits for parents with a child due to start school in Sept 2016.**

As another school year draws to an end, it seems a good time to reflect on some of the highlights of the past year, as well as looking forward to the next. At St Michael's we believe passionately in providing outstanding opportunities for all children to develop their talents.

## Sports

We provide a whole range of sporting opportunities for children throughout the school. Within the school day children learn a whole range of skills, including sports such as gym, football, netball, cricket, rounders. We use a number of specialist coaches to support particular areas such as gymnastics and dance, and this is supplemented by numerous after-school sports clubs. Over the course of the year children have represented the school in: football (boys and girls); netball; athletics; cross country; swimming; basketball.

Next year we are developing a partnership with Bristol Rugby, and all children will learn how to play tag rugby. We also organise a number of house competitions within the school.

## Dance

The school holds an annual dance festival, and all children in Key Stage 2 can enter either as soloists or in groups. As usual the standard of entry was very high this year, and children thoroughly enjoy the chance to show off their dance moves! We employ a specialist dance teacher to work with children in Key Stage 2.

## Music and Drama

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PARISH COUNCIL

## South Gloucestershire Policies Sites and Places Plan (PSP Plan):

### Local Green Space (LGS) Designation

A recent consultation was held relating to the South Gloucestershire Policies Sites and Places Plan (PSP Plan): Local Green Space Designation across South Gloucestershire.

The consultation provided details of the nominated spaces, the suitability of designation, and details of the justification submitted to support the designation for particular areas within communities of South Gloucestershire.

There are around 560 spaces nominated for designation and no further additional spaces can be accepted at this stage.

Further details of this consultation, including how and where the relevant documents can be accessed, can be found at [www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/lgsd15)

Responses will now be appraised by officers, and the list of spaces for designation finalised and agreed by South Gloucestershire Council. The final list of spaces, which will form part of the proposed submission PSP Plan, will be subject to a formal public consultation – this is anticipated in September/October 2015. Following this period, the list of LGS will be included in the PSP Plan and will be subject to examination by an independent Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.

**Any questions should be directed to South Gloucestershire Council either by email: [PlanningLDF@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:PlanningLDF@southglos.gov.uk) or by telephone 01454 863464.**

The Parish Council have responded to the questionnaire providing justification for a number of parks and open spaces located within the Parish of Stoke Gifford and further information can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

### Stoke Gifford Parish Council Meeting Dates 2015

(All meetings to take place at the Little Stoke Community Hall at 7pm unless stated)

**FULL COUNCIL (2nd Tues of Month)**  
Tuesday 13th October 2015  
Tuesday 10th November 2015

**FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE (2ND Tues of Month)**  
Tuesday 8th September 2015  
Tuesday 8th December 2015

**RECREATION & LEISURE (3rd Tues of Month)**  
Tuesday 15th September 2015

**PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (4TH Tues of Month)**  
Tuesday 22nd September 2015  
Tuesday 27th October 2015  
Tuesday 24th November 2015

**YOUTH COMMITTEE**  
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The Parish Council has also recently purchased a World War Two Memorial Bench, which is located nearby to the Cenotaph off the Village Green in Stoke Gifford, and was also installed by Volker Fitzpatrick.



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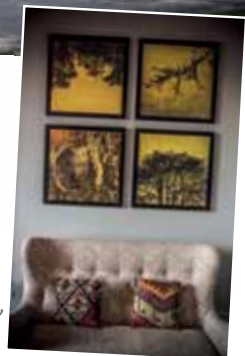


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Despite a variety of weather conditions, members of the 1st Little Stoke Scout Group have taken part in some great activities during the summer months. To gain the Gardener's Activity Badge, the Beavers planted pots of flowers around the HQ. They also had a visit from a nurse as part of their 1st Aid training and worked for the Cyclist Activity Badge.

The Cubs had a visit to the London Science Museum, a fantastic day out with lots of hands on things to do and learn. They had a visit from the Police, but no arrests were made! A water sports day a Cheddar lake was held where they tried their hand at windsurfing and sailing. They also have worked hard on their Challenge Badges and so far this year the Cubs have earned a total of 106 badges!

Scout 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 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 Scouts have also been preparing themselves for the annual camp in Germany at the end of August. This has involved packing their rucksacks and getting used to the weight by walking round the playing field. They have also been bag-packing at TESCO to raise money to fund the trip. 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 of activities and camps. It is always pleasing to hear that this hard work is recognised.

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. He was presented with the Award by Mary Prior, the Lord Lieutenant of the County & City of Bristol at a Scout County award ceremony.



### 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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## 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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## Warm Welcome from Aretians RFC

If you fancy taking up a new team sport, are looking to play at a good level of rugby and enhance the first team push for promotion to Gloucester 1 or just fancy a social game, Aretian RFC welcome you.

Aretians are based next to the Riverside Leisure Centre in Little Stoke and play every Saturday from September until April and train every Tuesday or Thursday 7-9pm.

Preseason training has now started, every Tuesday 6.45-8.45. The sessions are led by county level head coach Andy Nethercott and his assistant Ade Tayler. Training numbers are up, and the club is looking forward to a promising season.

Aretians are a family focused, fun, progressive, community club with a great social spirit, with strong links to Patchway, Charlton Hayes, Little Stoke, Stoke Gifford, and Bradley Stoke.

The club is looking to run 3 teams from September and, it being World Cup year, are expecting an influx of new players!

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## Bradley Stoke's First Triathlon!

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The Active Triathlon is taking place on Sunday 30th of August 2015. 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.

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.

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## Bradley Stoke Library

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Friday: 10:30am – 20:00pm  
Saturday: 09:30am – 17:00pm  
Sunday: 11:00am – 15:00pm

Rhymetime: Rhymetime will start again when schools  
go back in September

Pre School Storytime: Storytime will start again when  
schools go back in September

Our Chatterbooks Group for young people in Years  
5 and 6 will be taking a break for the summer and  
will meet again in October. We are looking for new  
members, so please speak to a member of staff if you  
would like to join!

Our New Teen Group will also start in October. Please  
speak to a member of staff if you would like to join this  
new group!

**The Summer Reading Challenge is now underway  
and it's not too late to join in the fun! Join up at  
Bradley Stoke library and read six books throughout  
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personalised certificate!**

### Summer Activities for the primary age range

Thursday 6th August 10:30am – 12:00pm:  
Animal Magic! All sorts of animal crafts, games & quiz

Tuesday 18th August 11:30am – 12:30pm:  
Explore Learning literacy workshop 'Awesome  
Egyptians'

Thursday 20th August 10:30am – 12:00pm:  
Record Breakers! Fascinating facts & fun activities

Thursday 27th August 14:30pm – 16:00pm:  
Fantastical Feats Street Dance Workshop suitable for 8  
to 11 year olds\*

Saturday 12th September 10:00am – 12:00pm:  
The Finishing Line – your last chance to collect stickers,  
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Wednesday 12 August 11.30 – 12.30 Explore  
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Wednesday 19 August 10.00 – 11.30 Record  
Breakers craft activity.

Monday 24 August 10.30 – 12.00 Fantastical  
Feats Street Dance Workshop suitable for 8 to  
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Saturday 12 September 10.00 – 4.00 The  
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## RFU Lead Up & Legacy - Transforming Social Spaces



Local rugby received a major boost last 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."*

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

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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 & Little Stoke Gifford 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.

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"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."

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August is traditionally holiday-time, so you might need to enlist the help of friends and family to look after the garden while you are away.

When you are at home, take the time to prune summer-flowering shrubs.

### Lawns

Raise the blades on the mower before cutting fine lawns. This will help to reduce drought stress.

Mow lightly and frequently so that short grass clippings can remain on the lawn during hot summers to act as a moisture-retentive mulch. Excess thatch can be scarified out during autumn maintenance next month. Mulching mowers cut the clippings even finer than normal rotary blades, make mulch less visible.

Lawns on thin soils may benefit from a high phosphate feed. This will strengthen the roots for winter, rather than encouraging lush top growth that could suffer in the cold and weaken the grass.

Avoid using lawn weedkillers in late summer - they will be more effective in the cooler, damper autumn weather.

Dig over any areas due to be grassed over later in the year. Leave them for a few weeks to allow weeds to re-emerge, and then spray with a weedkiller or hoe off to ensure thorough weed clearance before seeding or laying turf in the autumn.

### 10 Jobs this Month

- 1 Prune Wisteria
- 2 Don't delay summer pruning restricted fruits
- 3 Deadhead flowering plants regularly
- 4 Watering! - particularly containers and new plants, preferably with grey recycled water or stored rainwater
- 5 Collect seed from favourite plants
- 6 Harvest sweetcorn and other vegetables as they become ready
- 7 Continue cutting out old fruited canes on raspberries
- 8 Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners
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## Local Clubs and Groups in and around Bradley Stoke, Little Stoke and Stoke Gifford

### BABY AND TODDLER GROUPS

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**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 month at 7:30pm. Geoff Stobbart 07714101354 geoffrey.stobbart@btpopenworld.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 Sew and So's** - Patchwork and Quilting Group, 3rd Monday in the month 1.30-3.30pm at the Jubilee Centre, Bradleystokesewandsos.weebly.com

**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.

#### 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/aretiansrfc

**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 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, in-school coaching and football festival. Visit web site www.bsyfc.co.uk or contact mlee1@btpopenworld.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, bristolextreme@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/northbristoljuniorsrfc/ .

**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.

**Severnside Ramblers** - www.severnside-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.solesistersrsc.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

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**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

**Edge Church International.** 1160 Park Avenue, Aztec West Business Park, BS32 4TL. Tel 01454 837990. www.edgechurch.co.uk

**Holy Family Catholic Church** Southsea Road, Patchway 0117 9081247 www.holyfamilyrcchurchpatchway.co.uk

**Holy Trinity Church** Broadcroft, Bradley Stoke 01454 620975 www.htcbradleystoke.co.uk

**Little Stoke Baptist Church**, Kingsway, 0117 969 6060. Coffee & Cakes Thursday mornings 10-12pm All Welcome.

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

**Trinity Network** -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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**Holy Family R.C. Primary School**, Head Teacher: Dawn Breeze, Amberley Road Patchway, 01454 866786

**Holy Trinity Primary School**, Headteacher: Jane Johns, Broad Croft Bradley Stoke, 01454 866735, holytrinity-pri.s-gloucs.sch.uk

**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

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

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**St Michael's Primary School**, Head Teacher Mark Freeman, Ratcliffe Drive, Stoke Gifford 01454 866781. www.stmichaelssg.co.uk

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

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**Abbeywood Community School**, (Formerly Filton High School), Executive Headteacher: Dave Baker, Associate Headteacher: Dave Howe, New Road Stoke Gifford BS34 8QT, 0117 307 5660, abbeywoodschoo.com

**Bradley Stoke Community School**, Executive Headteacher: Mr Dave Baker, Associate Headteacher Mrs Jenny Kirby Fiddlers Wood Lane Bradley Stoke BS32 9BS, 01454 868840, bradleystokecs.org.uk

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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 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 will be onsite with a good mix of community, charity and commercial stalls having booked a place, if you fancy having a stall there may still be time to be included - 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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