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Dear Residents....

Spring is most certainly upon us, as I go to print in mid-March we have had some beautiful sunshine. I hope you are enjoying the Easter break.

We'd like to thank those in the local community who helped support the SLS campaign to collect Easter Eggs for donating to the homeless on the street. We were happy to get involved in this and you can read more about the fabulous response on pages 8–9.

Good luck to those running the London Marathon later this month and to anyone else undertaking amazing challenges for charity. We bring you news of two such local residents in this edition – Neil Roff is swimming 1 Million Metres for St Peter's Hospice and Sharon Hicks is running the London Marathon for MS-UK. Personally I'm signed up for the 5k colour obstacle run at Bath Racecourse this month – a minor challenge compared to Neil and Sharon, but a struggle for me nonetheless!

There is much to look forward to and this issue is packed full of forthcoming events for you. The Fake Festival is coming again to Little Stoke in May, this year bringing tributes of Queen, Coldplay and Blondie as well as showcasing local bands, see page 13. The Castle Roc festival held at Chepstow Castle in August is well worth a look – you can read more about all the bands on offer each night on page 23. I can recommend the venue and have my tickets for the Bohemians already booked. We also include news of this year's Bradley Stoke Community Festival – make sure the date is in your diary 3–5 June.



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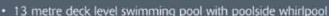




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"Building Community in **Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke"**

Bradley Stoke Matters was delighted to be invited along to the launch celebration of the new Parish of Bradley Stoke, held at Bradley Stoke Community School at the end of February. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces across the Church families of Holy Trinity and Christ the King, as well as St Michael's Stoke Gifford and St Chad's in Patchway.

Bradley Stoke Matters has written several articles over the years regarding the new Parish of Bradley Stoke, which finally came into being in October 2015 after some years of anticipation and many months of consultation, prayer and planning.

John Ford from Christ the King was part of the original congregation when it was 'planted' from St Michael's 27 years ago as the new church for Bradley Stoke and Little Stoke. It first met at the Little Stoke Community Centre and had many "lovely people who supported each other"; Steve Smith and his wife Liz were the cement that started to build Christ the King before the physical building was built.

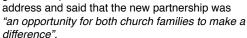
David Head from Holy Trinity Church recalled how the church first started in the vicar's house when it was planted by St Chad's in Patchway some 25 years ago. It quickly grew too big and moved to the 'blue hut', a portacabin, which was its temporary home for four years before the current school and building were completed.

The churches of Christ the King and Holy Trinity now make up the Parish of Bradley Stoke (previously they were in separate parishes of Stoke Gifford and Patchway), with Paul Hinckley as the vicar in charge of the Parish. Paul spoke of the good news of the new partnership between the two local churches and emphasised how this coming together evolved from a position of strength and should not be perceived as both churches failing in anyway - to the contrary both are very busy and the buildings are in frequent use by the community throughout the week! Both churches are currently working together in 2017 on a combined visit to Uganda.

Paul commented "This partnership is Good News and can only help in the building of community in Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke. Whilst the two churches will maintain their own identities, the partnership will enable us to share resources as

we share common objectives in the neighbourhood we live in and the community we serve".

Bishop Mike Hill gave an inspirational



Music groups for both churches combined to accompany the worship songs whilst prayers for a healthy partnership and community life concluded the celebration, whereby we retired to the foyer for refreshments and an amazing array of cakes!

Thank you to Chris Dobson from the Diocese of Bristol for sharing his photos with me, enabling me to enjoy the service.







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Since then Mason's have opened 2 more stalls, one in Trowbridge. Wiltshire and also the one we now see locally in the Willowbrook Centre. Chris tells us that his main focus is to provide the freshest produce at a reasonable price.

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Wow another personal reminder of how long I have been editing your local community magazine! I can remember covering the opening of Restore and now it is celebrating its 10th anniversary!

Restore opened its doors and arms to the public on 29th April 2006 as part of The Key to Life church's vision "to reach its community by being in the community". During its first two years, under the management of Julie McManus, the shop soon established itself as permanent feature on the row of shops by Flingers on the Gloucester Road. It's high quality but very affordable goods proved to be a big hit with its ever growing clientele.

In 2008 The Key to Life church became part of a new church in North Bristol called Edge church. At this point Restore also came under the leadership of Edge church and embraced its vision to serve the community with a message of hope, truth and love. Over the last 10 years there have been many ways in which Restore has been able to realise this vision from resourcing Patchway High School's breakfast club to renovating the gardens at The Psychiatric unit at Southmead Hospital.



Street Life, where every week over 100 homeless guests in Bristol City centre are given hot food and clothes. In addition to these partnerships Restore is also a drop-off site for The Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoe box appeal, it provides work experience to high school pupils and it also offers occasional placements for young people on community service.

Julie and Glyn, the managers at Restore would say that their philosophy is simple. They want to care for and serve the people in their community. As a result, they have worked hard over the years to build a culture, where Restore is able to provide a fantastic place for people to come and relax, have a cup of tea/coffee, unload burdens, pray and generally do life together. This is all fueled and aided by a very loyal and caring staff who hold fast to the values and culture of the shop too.

If you've never been into Restore then why not take the opportunity this week - the shop is open 9am-4pm Monday to Thursday and 10am-3pm on a Friday. If you're having a spring clean at home and would like to see some of your "older or unwanted" items put towards a great cause it's worth noting that Restore accepts good quality donations of clothes, bags, shoes, books, dvd's, houseware good but unfortunately it's unable to receive anything electrical. On a side note, if you are planning to drop off a donation, please could you only do this when the shop is open. Restore Address: 81 Gloucester Road, Patchway

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Bradley Stoke Matters gives a boost to Easter Eggs for the homeless campaign

A few weeks ago Bradley Stoke Matters posted a flyer on social media asking for Easter Egg donations to "make Easter sweet on the streets". The appeal was from the facebook group SLS (Street Life Sarnies) who work tirelessly behind the scenes generating donations for the homeless and those with mental health issues who live in hostel accommodations.

As well as personal donations, Bradley Stoke Matters was delighted that after speaking with Georgina Clutter, CS Manager of Tesco Extra Bradley Stoke, we ensured the safe delivery of £80 worth of donated eggs (during their buy two get two free offer!) to the Next Link refuge. The Tesco store based within the Willow Brook Centre also held a trolley collection in their foyer to encourage customers to contribute too.

Also at our instigation, Youth rugby players in Bradley Stoke collected 53 eggs at St Mary's Old Boys RFC and the Ladies & Girls teams collected another 32. Richard Townsend of Street Life collected these from the club and, on explaining the work in a little more detail. Kirsty Fido (Captain) and her team agreed to join the Edge Assist Street Life team over the Easter period to help give out the eggs on the street.



Our good links with Bradley Stoke Community School and the Olympus Trust gave another opportunity, with 30 eggs each being donated from BSCS Primary Phase and Charborough Road. Richard, who visited the schools along with Bradlev Stoke Matters to receive the eggs from the reception children, thanked them all and explained that Street Life was actually initiated by a girl not much older than themselves! These eggs have gone to Wick House - an accommodation and support work for the homeless and those

dependant on alcohol. We're sure this is now a

link that will build as the school grows.

We were also pleased to hear from Bradley Stoke Town Football Club Chairman Ian Drew who had seen the campaign on our Facebook pages and had rallied support from the Bradley Stoke Youth U9s & U12s as well as the Town football teams and his own donations! In total another 48 eggs were rallied and Richard Townsend was also pleased to pop down and collect these directly from lan.

Every Saturday evening there are wonderful volunteers, co-ordinated through Edge Assist Street Life, who go out to feed and clothe the homeless in central Bristol, lately seeing around 140 homeless and vulnerable people coming for food, which is double the numbers of last year. Most of the team helping on the street live locally across the Stokes and Patchway. More help is welcome as the need on the streets grows, you don't have to be a part of any of the churches to



be involved and there are many different ways in which you could help.

If you'd like to join the team call The Edge Church on 01454 837990 or email info@edgechurch.co.uk mentioning Street Life.

Richard also collected 140 Easter eggs from Sainsbury's East Filton (Abbey Wood). The Sainsbury's staff have been faithful supporters of Edge Assist Street Life for about a year, even joining the team on the street serving food and clothing to the homeless.

Bradley Stoke Matters is pleased to support this campaign and has given support to the Street Life project, since Richard first told us about it when he was part of our regular delivery team across the Stokes. This inspirational man told me at the time how he donated his delivery earnings towards purchasing necessary items for the people on the street that he helped through the Street Life project and how it was especially needed in the winter months. Bradley Stoke Matters was pleased to donate £100 to buy hats and gloves that winter and has been pleased to help where we can since.

Thank you to all those across the Stokes who have supported this latest Easter Egg campaign. In total the SLS group gathered 900+ boxed eggs and another 1000+ creme eggs, delivered to more than 20 homeless projects/centres. The food and the clothing collections are ongoing on a daily basis, but it's the little extras that also lets those in less fortunate circumstances than ourselves know they are worthwhile and cared



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For a beautiful lady ...

Last October, after a 10 month illness, Kenrina May Thomas lost her battle against the cancer that was only diagnosed at the start of 2015. This lovely lady was well known and loved in the local community, having made many fantastic friends since making Bradley Stoke her home on arriving from South Africa with her husband David in 1989. Having a strong Christian faith since childhood, Kenrina very quickly became part of the family at Holy Trinity Church where she also did a lot of voluntary work for the pastoral fund. Kenrina and David soon became a family giving birth to daughters Megan in 1992 and Jane in 1996.

Kenrina gave her heart to everything and it was through the church that I met Kenrina. She was always so warm and welcoming and was part of our alpha group and later cell group that moved to meet at our house on a weekly basis after I had my first child. She was always thinking of others and I remember Kenrina telling me she had added my daugher's name to the Rainbows waiting list at just 4 weeks of age! Kenrina was a regular assistant leader at Bradley Stoke Rainbows for many years and also went on to help set up the Bradley Stoke Wise Owls group too. Kenrina also helped out for many years as a regular member of our delivery team for Bradley Stoke Matters, along with her beloved westie Jock; she even filled in as a 'roving reporter' for me on more than one occasion!

Kenrina also worked at the local Kids Klub and latterly at the Bradley Stoke Community School. She made friends wherever she went, always seeing the best in everyone and always going out of her way to help everyone, friends or strangers. She had a knack of making everyone feel valued and a good friend and loved introducing people and hosting events, always making sure everyone was very well fed and watered.

Kenrina was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in January 2015. She went through 3 rounds of chemotherapy and then surgery, having her ovaries and tumours removed. She was determined to fight the cancer until the end, but sadly passed away in St Peter's Hospice in October 2015 having spent the last weeks in company of her closest friends and family. She was only 55. Her daughters Megan and Jane have since set up an Ovarian Cancer Awareness facebook page that they would encourage everyone to look at to share awareness of the symptons of this silent killer. "Our mum was dismissed by 3 different doctors, until the 4th doctor sent her to hospital, not because he knew or thought she had symptoms of ovarian cancer... It was due to a fluid on the lungs caused by the spreading of the cancer, (not that he knew that either). FACT - It takes an average of 6 months for a women to be diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer... Imagine what diagnosis 6 months earlier could do!"







Kenrina could often be found in the local Costa or the coffee shop at John Lewis catching up with her many friends. She had a great sense of humour and loved a bit of dressing up and fun. For her 50th party she held a 'movie theme' fancy dress party which was a great evening. This gave Megan and Jane the theme for a Charity fund-raising night in Kenrina's memory to take place on Kenrina's birthday on 14th May. There will be live music, great raffle prizes and an auction and everyone is encouraged to come as their favourite character





Bucket List: left - Kenrina shown on the beach at St Ives with good friends Susie Dingle and Joanne Lawson. Above left on the beach with her father as a child and right on her wedding day

"She was an encouraging mother, always pushing us to our limits making us go as far as we can in life to succeed. She loved us unconditionally and taught us everything we know, she had a great sense of humour. We just loved her so much and really still don't know what we're going to do without her. She was our rock but I know she wouldn't want us to dwell, she would want us to move forwards and "Carpe di em" which is what she used to say to us! It means sieze the day." daughter, Jane.

from the movies! All monies raised will be split between the two charities: Target Ovarian Cancer and St Peter's Hospice.

Jane and Megan have secured some fabulous prizes for this event. If you would like come along on 14th May and support their fundraising efforts for these worthwhile charities, tickets are £20 and more information is available from janelaciebarker12@gmail.com or Susan Greener at Holy Trinity Church.

A regular supporter of various charities all her life, donating on a monthly basis, Kenrina specified no flowers at her funeral but requested that any donations be split between the charities she supported. Kenrina absolutely loved the beach and the ocean; she said that it was in her soul. After the funeral her family took her back to South Africa, where she is now resting in the ocean on Fish Hoek Beach, Cape Town, where she grew up as a child living on the beach.

Thank you to Jane for supplying the information and photos for this article.

Swimming a
Million Metres
for St Peter's
Hospice in
memory of
Kenrina

Bradley Stoke Matters was pleased to catch up with local resident Neil Roff for this issue. Neil is a familiar figure



often seen pounding the streets of Bradley Stoke or volunteering at Parkrun. No stranger to challenges, Neil ran his 100th marathon last summer (he now has 109 under his belt), the latest being an 'ultra marathon' - 28.5 miles - Rok the Stones on 30th January this year, and has also participated in 5 Iron Man events.

Last year he made the decision to commit to a different challenge in 2016. Given the idea by the columnist Martin Brunt, Neil discussed it with dear friend Kenrina before she died and promised he would do it for her this year raising funds for the charity of her choosing. Kenrina chose to thank St Peter's Hospice who looked after her care in her final weeks.

Thus on 2nd January 2016 (the pool was closed on New Year's Day) Neil started his challenge. As I go to print on this edition in mid-March, Neil has so far swam 70 days in a row, accumulating 230,000 metres. If you divide 1,000,000 metres by 366 days it equates to 110 lengths of a 25 metre pool, per day. To give himself some flexibility in case of unforeseen events, Neil is swimming a minimum of 120 lengths (3km) per day (with the exception of the day after the ultra marathon when he only swam 60 lengths!) So far all of his lengths have been swam in the Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre,

In all of his many past events Neil tells me he has never asked for a single penny in sponsorship. He is therefore hoping friends, family and the local community will dig deep and support him in this monster challenge for a very worthy cause.

Please show your support for Neil if you see him at the pool! Any and all donations would be very much welcomed via his fundraising page:

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Little Stoke Fake Festival joins in 10th anniversary celebrations

The UK's only touring tribute festival is back and is celebrating its 10th anniversary this summer. All the fun takes place in Little Stoke at Little Stoke Park on Saturday, 14th May, with three major tribute acts and five local support bands, who will be turning up the heat this summer.

Little Stoke Fake Festival makes a welcome return on the 10th anniversary UK tour, and licensee, Pete Marsh, is delighted to be part of the celebrations.

"Last year was yet another success for Fake Festivals in Little Stoke, and everyone had a fabulous time. This year we are back even stronger with another fabulous line-up with something for everyone," Pete told us. "Now people know what to expect from a fake festival, we hope to have a full house, and tickets are already selling fast."

2016 will see world-class tributes to Queen,
Coldplay and Blondie hit the stage at Little
Stoke Park inside the famous Fake Festivals marquee,
along with five lucky local support bands.

"I love being a licencee, and the whole experience of promoting the festival and the days building up the event helping turn a beautiful green area into a festival site,"



Pete added "It's great fun working on the day meeting friends existing and new, meeting the bands whose professionalism makes the festival a hit, serving the public with refreshments, and generally having a good time. Then on the Sunday we work hard to put the site back to how we took hold of it some 48 hours before."

The 10th anniversary celebrations will be going on all day and evening and, there will be the main bar inside the marquee, and a variety of food and entertainment stalls in the outside arena.



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Make sure you don't miss out on the celebrations, and grab your tickets now to what will be a fantastic day of live music and entertainment for all ages.

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Bradley Stoke Community Festival 3rd=5th June 2015











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Friday 3rd June

The Picnic in the Park starts at 10.30 a.m. until 14.00 at the Jubilee Centre. 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 also available

Saturday 4th 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 demonstration is dog agility displays by Canine Relate of South Glos. Music is provided by local bands; Telson, Elevation, Seduction, Limited Edition, Tundra and Skeeter alongside local dance groups including; Yasmins, Baby Ballet, Street Envy and the Chinese Dance Group along with other local 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 Tournament for Year 1 Boys and Girls, with 14 schools and 140 children taking part, starts at 10.30 a.m. on the top field soccer pitches.

Sunday 5th June

A 10K multi terrain race organised by the Sole Sisters starts at 09.30 a.m. and finishes at the Jubilee Centre. 500+ Competitors are expected. 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 followed at 12.00 noon by 25th anniversary celebrations by the Bradley Stoke Cricket Club. Ex Glos and England cricketer, Jack Russell will be attending along with a display of his paintings and a cricket match featuring a celebrity XI v BSCC XI starting at 2.p.m. finishing with a cricket tea and evening entertainment in the clubhouse. The BS 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 New Bradley Stoke Skate Park with circus skills and other entertainments from 10.30 through to 16.00 and everyone is welcome to enter.

Taking part

If you would like to enter a team in the Sole Sister's 10k Run, the Football Tournament, the Skate Board competition or book a stall, please go to the web site www.bradleystoke.gov.uk or contact BSTC on 01454 205020.



Information correct at time of printing, but could be subject to change

BRADLEY STOKE FESTIVAL 10K Sunday 5th June 2016 - 9:30am

A 10k run, approx. 6 miles, course along tracks and footpaths through Bradley Stoke's Conservation Area. The course will start and finish at the Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke BS32 8HL Run open to men and women over 16 years.

Parking, refreshments, showers and toilets available - technical T shirts and medal for finishers. We will endeavour to ensure that receive your desired T shirt size but cannot guarantee to meet every athlete's requests.

Entry fees: Affiliated clubs £13.00

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Entries on the day £15 (availability permitting) or can be obtained at the festival on Saturday 4th June however the race sold out very early last year!

By post to the address below or online applications through https://race-nation.com/bradley-stoke-10k-2016 Entry limited to 650 runners.

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Little Stoke Beavers go global and beyond!

The Beavers at 1st Little Stoke have been working for the International Activity badge. For this they have made their own passports to record their travels around the world in the activities they have taken part in at the Headquarters. When they travelled to Italy they made margarita and ham and cheese pizzas. In China they played a tricky game with chopsticks and marbles and then in Egypt they had a go at building pyramids, only on a small scale! They have more countries to visit and learn about.

The Beavers have also achieved the Space Activity badge and followed with great interest the mission to the International Space Station by Tim Peake. They identified and painted all the planets in the solar system, studied the stars and made their own star constellations.

In May they will be attending the Avon Scout Jamboree for a day and will be able to part in lots of exciting activities.

Can you help?

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Volunteer today and join our friendly enthusiastic team. For more information or to book a place please contact Tony Edmonds, Group Scout Leader, on 01454 772005 or email him at tonvedmonds108@vahoo.com

You can also follow us on twitter @1stlittlestoke or at www.1stlittlestokescouts.org.uk

Stoke Gifford Branch Wins Again!

At the recent Royal British Legion Gloucestershire County Conference the Stoke Gifford Branch of the RBL, which covers Bradley Stoke, won the Marling Cup for the most efficient small Branch, for the third time in recent years. Branch President Brian Hewitt said: - "This is great news and a tribute to the great work carried out by branch members and volunteers throughout the year."

The Branch is also delighted to announce that its branch Chairman, and Poppy Appeal organiser, John Moloney has been awarded the South Gloucestershire Council Chair's Award 2016 for his volunteering with the RBL. John (photo right) has raised over £46,000 so far

during the current 2015 - 2016 Poppy Appeal which runs until 30/9/16.

Branch Spokesman David Bell said - "John thoroughly deserves this award. He has been volunteering for the RBL for many years and does so many roles in the RBL"

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Bradley Stoke Cricket Club Celebrates its 25th Anniversary

BSCC is looking forward to the new season in 2016, with the first game being held on Saturday 16th April when they will have an inter club friendly to help blow the winter cobwebs away!

The Club is very focused on its special day in June in celebration of its 25th Anniversary in 2016, and would love to see as many of the local community as possible. It's part of the community festival weekend.

Come and meet former England and **Gloucester Wicketkeeper Jack Russell MBE**

Sunday 5th June 12 noon to 4pm

Jack is a very accomplished artist and on display will be some of his paintings, sketches and books.

On the day there will be a prize draw with a chance to win six fabulous prizes. These include three of Jack's paintings (prints), a full size cricket bat signed by the 2015 Australian test squad, a full size cricket bat retailing at £250 and a family ticket to a T20 cricket match involving Gloucestershire

Entry is by programme only and includes an entry form into the prize draw. Each programme admits one child under 18 free when accompanied by an

Other events on the day include a charity auction of sporting memorabilia in aid of Kicking out the Kids and (weather permitting), a T20 youth match and after the prize draw at 3.30pm an adult T20 match involving some local celebrities - names to be confirmed - watch this space!

The club bar will be open and catering will be on site along with Bradley Stoke Radio.

To buy your programme please send a stamped self addressed envelope (a5) and a cheque or p/o for £3 to: Bradley Stoke Cricket Club, Baileys Court Activity Centre, Baileys Court Road, Bradley Stoke BS32 8BH.

Please note that to win a prize it is not compulsory to be present on the day, just send in your completed entry form to reach us by 3rd June 2016.

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BRADLEY STOKE TOWN FC - Season Update

by Club Chairman Ian Drew

So far this season it has been quite frustrating due to the very wet weather over the winter. Very few games were played between November and the end of January. Luckily things are beginning to dry up, re arranged fixture dates have been set, some are midweek so do check out our website for fixture dates. Sometimes it can be a nice evening at the Jubilee Centre in spring.

All three teams are going well in their respective divisions and at the time of writing Firsts were in 5th place, Reserves in 7th & A Team in 8th, so all are well placed to commence a promotion push. Especially the A Team who are in their highest League position for some years which is credit to them as generally the average age of the team is about 21, quite young compared to other teams in the Bristol & District League.

So good luck to all the Teams & Players!



The Reserve Team (above, sponsored by Bradley Stoke Matters) continues to produce some good results, including a 7 - 1 away win at DRG Frenchay & a 9 – 0 home win played on a very heavy pitch at the Jubilee Centre.

Check out our website at www.pitchero.com/ clubs/bradleystoketownfc for updates and news.



The Youth section continues to grow, with our very young age groups full to overflowing, sometimes we need extra help with Coaching. So if you fancy Coaching in a fun environment check our website at www.

bsyfc.co.uk, there are separate pages for each age groups & squad.

The Ladies team, which is affiliated to the Youth section, continue to play well & get some good results.

Congratulations to our Under 14 Girls for reaching

the County Cup Final (for the second time) held at GFA Headquarters Almondsbury versus AEK BOCO. More on this opposite.

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BSTFC 1st Team currently sit in 5th position in the Bristol & District Senior Division. After a strong start to the campaign an indifferent October and November saw them slip off the pace. The cancellation of many games due to waterlogged pitches has disrupted the progress of the side.

Since before Christmas the 1st Team have only played once at the Jubilee which is frustrating for both players and supporters. The result of these cancellations will see evening games appearing at the Jubilee shortly.

The team during February have been back on form with three wins out of three. If they can continue with this momentum then they will be in with a shout for a second promotion.

Fixtures are on the clubs website, please come along and support on Saturdays and the evening games. Let's keep are fingers crossed and hope the weather improves!

Jon Welsh, Manager, **Bradley Stoke 1st Team**



When BSYFC U14 Girls entered the early rounds of the GFA County Cup way back in Oct 2015 no-one expected that they would be announcing they would be playing in the Final on March 13th 2016.

In the early rounds the team managed to avoid any pitfalls and qualified without too much trouble for the quarter final stages in November, where they were unfortunate to get drawn against the unbeaten Cheltenham Spa Blues team who were sitting top of the Gloucester County U14 League with a proud record of played 12, won 11 and drawn 1 for the season. At least BSYFC did have home advantage for the match!

The early signs were not good as the Cheltenham Spa team were 3-0 up after just 20 minutes. But football is a funny game and you just never know what may happen - and so the comeback began with BSYFC getting a goal back through Libby Hunt, then another with an own goal and then just before half time the equalising goal was scored by Libby Hunt again to make the match all square at 3-3. The second half started just like the first half had finished with BSYFC on top and pressing for more goals. BSYFC got their reward and they scored another 3 goals in the second half through Amber Lewis, Emily Holbrook and Cassie Whittle to win through to the semi-finals with an unbelievable fight back to win 6-3.

The semi-final match was played against Bishops Cleeve Colts on Feb 7th and was supposed to be another home match for BSYEC.

The weather was so bad during November, December, January that when BSYFC arrived at for the match in February the team had last played back in early December. Worse still BSYFC could not play at home as the pitch was still too wet. The match was played in terrible conditions with a high wind blowing end to end down the pitch and the rain coming down at certain stages of the match. However BSYFC fought hard, holding on to the win with the final score 3-2 and a place in the Cup Final secured.

FINAL DAY: 13th March v AEK Boco

It was a very tight match where both teams had chances to score. AEK Boco took the lead in the first half when they broke through and shot. Abbie Pickett the GK saved the shot but it rebounded and hit the striker and the ball ended up in the net. Just before half time Emily Holbrook shot but the defender just got her foot to it and deflected the ball wide of the

Very late on in the 2nd half when BSYFC were pressing to try and score, AEK Boco had a break away and crossed the ball and their player cut inside to shoot into the net. The final score was 2-0 to AFK Boco.

The match was end to end and played at a high pace on a sunny day. Both teams must be praised for the high quality of football on display in the final. BSYFC girls gave everything and managers Martin Lee and Ross Lee are very proud of their achievements.

The Managers having got to 2 cup finals in 2 years with the team are hoping their jobs will be safe for next season!

The BSYFC U14 Girls squad is as follows:

Emily Holbrook(capt), Faye Wyatt, Morgan Spill, Libby Hunt, Erin Hodson, Charlotte Mason, Aimee Hancock, Molly Bose, Katie Jones, Cassie Whittle, Amber Lewis, Emily Razey, Amber Barley, Abbie Pickett, Amelia Roff, Sarah Challis, Rebecca Humphrey, Sophie Robertson, Danielle Devonshire.







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Triathlete Champion at Launch of Triathlon in aid of MS Therapy Centre

The West of England MS Therapy Centre held its launch party at the Players Club, Chipping Sodbury, on Thursday 10th March, for their first annual Players Spirit Triathlon.

Bradley Stoke Matters was delighted to be invited along to the launch to learn more about the event that will take place on Sunday 2nd October 2016.

The triathlon will include a 750 metre swim, a 20 kilometre bike ride and a 5 kilometre run in what will be the charity's biggest ever event, raising funds for the services provided at the local Centre for people living with Multiple Sclerosis and other neurological conditions.

Jane Leslie, mother of MP Charlotte Leslie and British Champion Triathlete, opened the event registration stating "for those of us lucky enough to have health and opportunity we must try to give something back. I really hope we will be very well supported in this.'

"If you are thinking about setting yourself a physical challenge this year, this event is perfect; to get fit and at the same time support people in our community, it is a win, win situation all round!" Jane Leslie, British

Champion Triathlete

Speaking of the importance of exercise for everyone at the launch Jane said "If you are thinking about setting yourself a physical challenge this year, this event is perfect; to get fit and at the same time support people in our community, it is a win, win situation all round!"

It was a pleasure to chat with Jane, who only started running herself in her fifties and in 2014 became Gold medallist in Edmonton! She told us "it's about your ability, how hard you train and how good your diet is. It's not about age". She went on to say "I got hooked; it's a lot of hard work and 7 hours at a time on a bike can be gruelling but the rewards outweigh the pain". Jane encourages anyone who's not tried before to give it a go, with the advice of finding a good training partner (she has John, pictured with her above) as well as the right equipment and a coach. She is a testament that you don't have to be in your twenties to compete in a triathlon and, with her biggest following being young women, Jane hopes that she can be an inspiration to all and proof that anyone can achieve anything they want to if they set their mind to it.

The launch party was attended bv some of South Glos' finest dianitaries to promote

Jon Greenwood, GB Triathlete and Jane Leslie, British Champion Triathlete and assist The

West of England MS Therapy Centre's good work. Councillor Erica Williams, Chairman of South Gloucestershire Council, commented: "It is lovely to have this event in South Gloucestershire. MS is not as widely supported as a lot of national charities but I think this will certainly raise the profile and it certainly deserves the support."

Terri McDonald Head of Fundraising for the MS Centre said "The Triathlon will be held at The Players Club, one of the region's most prestigious golf courses and the first of its kind to be held at the championship golf club.

"The course will see participants swim 750m in an open-water lake, cycle 20km through village lanes and finish with a 5km run along the scenic greens of the course itself. We will be working alongside Triathlon England, governing body for the UK's Triathlon, with their wealth of experience from health and safety regulations, accreditation and having a Triathlon England race official at the event will put our Players Spirit Triathlon on the map in the West Country".

Competitors can now register online at www.mstherapybristol.org.uk/triathlon.

Opportunities for event sponsorships are also available with packages starting at £500; please email terri.mcdonald@mstherapybristol.org.uk or emma.sansom@mstherapy.org.uk or call 01454 628725 for more information.



Little Stoke Boxer in First Title Fight

Kane Stewart from Little Stoke is a professional boxer whose first title fight is coming up next month.

Kane started boxing at just 7 years old for the Broadplain ABC. He later moved to Paddy John's Gym where he has had a very successful amateur career, winning 41 fights out of 65 and boxing for England in 2013.

In 2015 Kane won the Senior Elite Western Counties Title for a historymaking third year in a row!

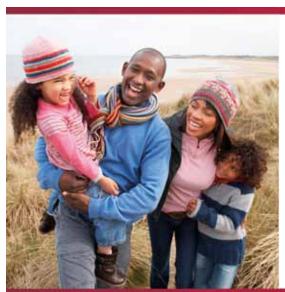
Kane signed his professional contract

in June 2015 and had his professional debut in September 2015. He now has three professional fights under his belt and has won all three.

His next fight is his first title fight, for the British Challenge Belt. The fight tops the bill on Weston pier on 14th May.

Standard tickets cost £35, or VIP tickets £75 to include a 3 course meal and ringside seat. If you would like to give local support to Kane, you can contact him for tickets via facebook - Kane Stewart - or call his mobile: 07530 062 512.







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From the minute that visitors approach the imposing entrance of the wonderful venue that is Chepstow Castle you know you're in for something special! Chepstow's Castell Roc Festival 2016 has something for everyone. Comedy, Country, Pop, Rock, Blues right through to a rather intriguing Orchestra. Kicking off in style with an old school knees up...

18th sees "The Sausage & Cider Festival" featuring the West Country's finest export 'The Wurzels'. Taking the very best local food, adding the very best local cider and the very best entertainment promises to be one heck of a summers evening. A choice of 10 different locally sourced sausages are on offer as well as the largest cider collection ever to come to Chepstow, plus all the laughs and sing along's that you can handle.

19th sees a more relaxed affair as the World's finest Fleetwood Mac Tribute arrives in Town. Endorsed by Mick Fleetwood himself and replicating the classic 'Rumours' line-up (which is still the 5th biggest selling album of all time), Fleetwood Bac have received massive praise everywhere and perform all the big hits with stunning accuracy.

20th welcomes record breaking Country act 'The Shires', who have quickly become a UK Country institution. Their debut album 'Brave' went gold in 2015, making them one of only 4 uk debut acts to break gold that year. The first ever UK act to play the legendary Grand Ole Orpy in Nashville.

21st prepare to 'Walk 500 miles' with the one and only 'Proclaimers'. Twin brothers Craig & Charlie Reid have over the years enjoyed huge

Twin brothers Craig & Charlie Reid have over the years enjoyed huge success across the Globe, enjoying gold and platinum singles with songs that are etched in people's memory.



24th has a truly wondrous evening in store with 'The Simon & Garfunkel Story', using projection photos, original film footage and a live band this is an enchanting and emotional evening with all the hits including Mrs Robinson, Cecilia, Bridge Of Troubled Water, Homeward Bound and many more.

25th is another chance to cast yourself back to heady days of Stadium Rock. A band no stranger to Castell Roc - 'The Bohemians'. The world's biggest and best tribute to the late great Freddie Mercury. It will be their 3rd time at Castell Roc to sold out performances each year.

26th sees a real giant of the Blues Scene. Fronted by Paul Jones (singer/actor/BBC radio personality/ TV presenter), 'The Blues Band' are held in admiration by generations of rhythm and blues fans. With almost two and a half decades together and over 16 albums it's not unheard of to see three generations from the same family at a concert. Support includes Aynsley Lister recently voted 'best UK guitarist'.

27th sees a gentleman who needs no introduction, 'Mr Jools Holland with his rhythm & blues orchestra', featuring , 'Gilson Lavis', and special guest 'Marc Almond' and guest vocalists 'Ruby Turner', 'Louise Marshall' and 'Beth Rowley'.

28th sees what has become a National Institution hit the

Town. "The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain" brings a hilarious, virtuosic, twanging, awesome, foot-stomping evening all played on the 'baby guitar'. A musical trip from Tchaikovsky to Nirvana via Otis Reading and Spaghetti Western soundtracks showcases just what can be done with a 'Uke'. Wonderfully entertaining, fun, innocence and daftness all wrapped up in Castle?

29th celebrates two highly talented, yet different legends of the music scene who were recently sadly lost to cancer. 'A Tribute 2' hosts two highly talented shows, with a chance to applaud, revel & commemorate both Lemmy & David Bowie. Both ground breaking and enduring artistes that broke musical barriers. Performed by Motorheadache & The Bowie Experience, the ticket price includes

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a donation to Cancer Research.

venue), all shows are standing only (foldable chairs can be brought to all shows, used in designated area only). Loads of information on the Festival including all shows is at www.castellroc.co.uk

For more information and how to buy tickets check out: **www.castellroc.co.uk**or call the box office at Hannah's Music: **01291 627122**

Famous Organist to Play at Inaugural Concert

Roy Edwardes

The organ in Pilning church has been there for at least a century; it needed an overhaul and Jonathan Edwardes (my son) began to research its history 5 years ago. He discovered, with experts from the organ building world, that it had been built by William Allen of Soho around 1794.

During its life several of its original stops were removed due to changes in fashion and ease of tuning and a pedal board was added. Evidence within the case showed the locations of a 'shifting movement, a hautboy swell, a mixture stop and a bassoon stop.

All this has now been corrected by Messrs Goetze and Gwynn Ltd of Worksop and the case has been repaired and the front pipes re-gilded. The organ is now 'as built' and a rare classic of its kind. The work was achieved by grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Leche Trust, Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust and the ON organ fund, together with over £4000 raised by villagers in Pilning and Severn Beach.

Jennifer Bate became involved when Jonathan spotted an organ similar to this one at Kenwood House in London whilst watching an episode of 'The Apprentice'. He discovered a recording by Jennifer at that organ and wrote to her; she visited Pilning and supported our lottery bid. She offered to give the inaugural concert and we still cannot believe that an artist of global fame will come to our village church to perform works of the Georgian period. You may find out more about her on http://www.classical-artists.com/jbate/

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Put the spring back in your step! Top tips to make the most of the season

With the arrival of spring, the longer days signal an end to winter hibernation and bring the promise of a more active life. However, for those who suffer with joint and muscle pain, time can feel like it's passing them by.

This spring could be different. The experts at ActiPatch®, the makers of drug-free pain relief products, have put together a guide to enjoying the best of the season; it's time to discard the winter coat and ensure pain doesn't hold you back.

Head to the garden. Springtime is one of the busiest times of the year and your garden will need lots of attention. As the spring-flowering bulbs appear it is important to keep on top of the weeds. Gardening is an excellent way to enjoy the warmer temperatures and embrace a more energetic life. Start by pruning the roses and planting new shrubs and perennials.

Try a natural solution to pain. Rather than reaching for over the counter pain relief, a natural drug-free solution could hold the key to a brighter season. Whilst pills may help in the short-term many have problematic side-effects with longterm use. ActiPatch® pain relief devices use electromagnetic pulse therapy and are clinically proven to be very effective in the long-term ensuring those with arthritis, fibromvalgia, and anyone with muscle or joint soreness can face a more positive future.

Enjoy a walk in the sunshine. What better way to spend the day than going for a long country walk to enjoy spring in all its glory. Now is the time to spot snowdrops, daffodils and the stunning bluebell displays which blanket our woodlands. Whilst you enjoy these sights you're also helping to lower cholesterol and reduce the risk of a stroke. Thirsty minutes of brisk walking a day can reduce the risk by up to 27% and can burn 75 calories!

Spend active time with the children and grandchildren. Without pain, the opportunities to enjoy 'busy' times with the children and grandchildren are endless; from nature trails in the woods to farm park visits to see the new baby animals. Simple pleasures like feeding the ducks mean so much to children.



Become a 'twitcher'. If you're an avid birdwatching enthusiast or a complete novice, spring is the perfect time to observe our feathered friends during their prime breeding season. Armed with only a pair of binoculars and wellies there is much to see in our gardens and parks; look out for seasonal migrating birds like chiffchaffs.

Ben Fichter, Marketing Manager of the BioElectronics Corporation, commented: "Being active and looking after your body are important ways to maintain good health and now is the perfect time to gain inspiration from the changes we see outdoors. Our ActiPatch® pain relief products will help long-term with any pains and strains without the need for taking pills and can also help heal the problem area over time, unlike other pain relief products."

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ActiPatch works using electromagnetic pulse therapy to ease pain in the muscles and joints. The clinically proven technology helps those suffering with strains, sprained muscles, arthritis, fibromyalgia and sore backs, offering drug-free pain relief with no side effects. ActiPatch isn't suitable for pregnant women.

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Why do they do that Heal Prick Test on Babies? Raising Funds and Awareness of MCADD

Bradley Stoke Matters is pleased to share this story from one local family looking to raise awareness and funds for this little known condition. Eloise and Nigel Cromer moved to the area 10 years ago and both work locally. Eloise is a fitness instructor at Active Leisure Centres and husband Nigel is the Area Manager for the Co-Operative Stores. Here is their story in mum Eloise's own words ...

On 22nd November 2012 our beautiful daughter Isabella Scarlett was born. She arrived on her exact due date and weighed a healthy 7lb 14oz. I'd never been so happy! We were allowed home 3 days later and the few days that followed were a whirlwind of excitement and lots of visitors.

When Isabella was 5 days old the midwife came to weigh her and do her heel prick test. She took a spot of blood and put it on a card. I asked what it was she was testing for and she shrugged off my question by saying not to worry all the conditions were treatable. 2 days later I noticed I had missed 4 calls from an unknown number within the space of 10 minutes, before I had chance to see if they had left a message it was it ringing again. We had visitors at the time but I thought it must be important so I ran upstairs to answer. It was a consultant from Bristol children's hospital (Dr Pierre - Metabolic Consultant). She told me that our perfect daughter had tested positive for a rare metabolic disease called MCADD (medium-chain acyl coenzyme A dehydrogenase deficiency) of course I had no idea what that was. Dr Pierre said that she wanted to see us that afternoon, and she had made us an appointment at the Children's Hospital for 2 hours later. She then asked if Isabella was feeding well or showing any signs of illness. She said that she must not fast for longer than 3 hours and I was to take her straight to A&E if she showed any sign of illness before our appointment. I was terrified. Despite being advised against it, I searched the disease online and made myself feel 100 times worse. Coma, seizures and death were the 3 words that sprung out at me over and over again.

MCADD - is a rare genetic condition where a person has problems breaking down fat to use as an energy source. This means that someone with MCADD can become very ill if their body's

energy demands exceed their energy intake, such as during infections or vomiting illnesses when they're unable to eat. Problems occur because fat is only partially broken down, which leads to a lack of energy and a build-up of harmful substances in the body. MCADD is a lifelona condition that's



Claire from babyballet

present from birth. It's estimated to affect up to 1 in every 8,000 babies born in the UK and is usually picked up using the new born blood spot

After our appointment we were sent away with information about an "emergency regimen" that we must follow if Isabella became unwell or wouldn't feed. The months that followed were very hard. I doubted myself constantly and worried that I would do the wrong thing or miss signs that she was unwell, and remember being

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paranoid about how I would be able to tell when we needed to give her the emergency regimen. The first few times Isabella was unwell, she refused to drink her high energy drinks and as a result was admitted to hospital on countless occasions during her first 2 years. Her first admission was at 8 weeks old and then once. sometimes twice, a month up until 2.5 years. Each admission came with a 4 or 5 day stay in hospital for both Isabella and myself, and involved either a nasogastric tube or cannula being inserted to ensure she gets the required amount of glucose. Fortunately we seem to have turned a corner over the last 6 months and life is easier now she is 3 vears old. She doesn't get admitted as often and we can manage the illness more easily at home. We have to follow strict guidelines on fasting even when she is well and as a result we still have a daily battle ensuring that she has eaten enough and doesn't fast for too long. When she is unwell her fasting time is reduced down to 2 hours day and night.

Since Isabella's diagnosis we have had support from a charity called CLIMB (Children Living With Inherited Metabolic Diseases) CLIMB is a registered charity in England and supports 1000s of patients with over 700 inherited diseases. It's great for advice and support in all areas of living with MCADD, it has helped to put us in touch with other families living with the same diagnosis and also provides information for when children start school and nursery. CLIMB also keep us up to date with new research into all metabolic diseases. We and other families like ours are indebted to CLIMB as they were instrumental in getting MCADD added to the new born screening programme in 2008. Before then many children remained undiagnosed until they became very seriously ill with sometimes fatal consequences. As difficult as it was for us to receive the call from Dr Pierre that day, I will be forever grateful that Isabella's condition was diagnosed at such an early stage of her life.

Thanks to Eloise for sharing her story. We would like to wish her well in the birth of her second child due in a couple of months. Because MCADD is hereditary (it needs a gene from both parents) there is a one in 4 chance that this baby will have the same condition but, as Eloise commented "at least we are prepared for it this time!"



babyballet 'Starmakers' take to the Stage

87 budding ballerinas aged 3 to 5 from across the Bradley Stoke area are taking to the stage to showcase their first fantastic babyballet show, 'Twinkle & Teddy's Big Day Out!'

babyballet Bradley Stoke are proud to be supporting CLIMB, a charity that has provided invaluable support to babyballet star Isabella Comer and all proceeds from the sale of programmes on the day will be donated to the charity.

The 'Starmakers' show is an enchanting and magical tale full of excitement and mystery. Twinkle & Teddy the babyballet bears take us on an amazing journey through various adventures. From experiencing the fun of the zoo, to jumping waves at the beach.

This amazing show gives children the opportunity to bring the fun and enjoyment they experience during class straight to the stage, where they can take pleasure in performing for their friends and

babyballet teacher Miss Claire says, "We're so excited about our forthcoming show; the children have been working so hard throughout the term and are looking forward to having the opportunity to show their friends and family just how talented they are." She adds, "We're delighted to have this chance for parents to see their little stars on stage so they can be as proud of them as we at babyballet are."

babyballet's show "Twinkle & Teddy's Day Out" will take place at the Olympus Theatre, Wise Campus, Bristol on Sunday 10th April at 4pm.

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News from St Mary's Primary by Year 6 Journalist team

World book day!

On Thursday the 3rd of March at St Mary's Catholic Primary school most of the children dressed up as their favourite book character. There was a competition between the whole school to decide who had the best costume, one winner was from KS 1; the other from KS 2. The winners were Elena from Reception and Luke from Year 6. In each of the classes there were fun age related quizzes about books, authors and book characters. The classes were split into groups of 3-5 children; they competed against every other group in the class it was a brilliant day for everyone!

St Mary's Choir Performance

On the 10th of March the St Mary's choir performed at St Bede's under the guidance of David Ogden. St Mary's were not the only school attending the evening performance; all the other Catholic Primary schools in St Bede's community were included, with approximately two hundred pupils on the day. We were really excited to be doing a solo performance of 'You've got a Friend in Me' and also performed a brilliant dance routine to go with it!

St. Mary's Cafod fundraising

For our annual CAFOD fundraising scheme, St. Mary's Catholic Primary school classes are all doing their bit by planning fun and inventive ways to raise money for CAFOD.

Y6 (St. Francis class) have thought of an extremely engaging way to raise money and it will surely entertain the parents in a hilarious way! They`ve planned an Iron Man Run, where they`ll be running five laps of the field conquering this mind-blowing challenge with extra courses to add to the entertainment side of things!

The other classes have come up with some other creative ideas to raise money for CAFOD:

Reception has decided to have a toy sale selling old but still great fun to play with toys to the rest of the school.

Year 1 and year 2 are planning to do a spectacular performance of poems, songs and dances to entertain their parents and anyone else who would like to come. Year 3 are doing a sponsored water carry around the school field to feel how hard and exhausting it is for poor children in developing countries to collect water every day.



Year 4 are making tie die handkerchiefs to sell to their parents and the rest of the school.

Year 5 are doing a sponsored 'Sponge my teacher!' where they'll presumably be sponging their teacher!

We are sure that all these ideas will be a bucketload of enjoyment and raise lots of money for this worthwhile cause!

Ten-Ten theatre production

In January Ten-Ten Theatre came into our school and performed three different productions, each spectacular in their own way. Ten-Ten stands for John chapter 10:10 in the Bible which says 'Live life to the full. The three plays were for years 5-6, years 3-4 and key stage one.

St Mary's Netball Matches

So far this year the St. Mary's netball team have had countless victories, winning every single netball match we've played! We've so far played against the following schools:

Wheatfield Primary School

Meadowbrook Primary School

Holy Family Catholic Primary School

St. Paul's Catholic Primary School

Christ The King Primary School

There still will be more matches to come!







New Principal at Stoke Gifford School of Dance

Little Stoke Gifford Matters was delighted to hear from Eve Brewer, Principal at the Stoke Gifford School of Dance, which has been offering dance classes in Stoke Gifford since 1989. Eve herself has taught at the school for more than 10 years and is now very excited to have taken over ownership from the previous Principal at the start of the year.

The Stoke Gifford School of Dance offers classes in Ballet, Modern and Tap to dancers of all ages and abilities, from 3 years to advanced. Classes take place at the Trust Hall and Poplar Rooms in Stoke Gifford on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 4pm and also on Saturday mornings.

Every other year they put on a Christmas Show which incorporates all age groups and abilities and is always a lot of hard work, but great fun! Photos are from this year's show "Winter Wonderland".

If you are interested in finding out more, feel free to look at their new website

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If you wish to contact Eve directly, please email her on stokegiffordschoolofdance@yahoo.co.uk.







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Junior Pupils make a splash!

Clifton High School Junior pupils made an impact this Spring with their performance of the Craig Hawes musical 'Splash!'

A comic retelling of the story of Noah's Ark, the play was superbly performed by Year 4 pupils. They delighted the audience with their joyful singing, riveting storytelling and hilarious jokes. The pupils performed confidently and clearly, enjoyed every minute of their time in the limelight, and parents, grandparents, siblings and friends had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Pupils in the Junior School are encouraged to take part in the many music and drama activities. Musicals are performed twice yearly by Year 4 and Year 6 pupils respectively. Pupils across the Junior School take part in the Christmas play, with Year 5 pupils taking a lead. Junior pupils are also encouraged to take part in the School's annual production which has included popular plays and musicals such as 'Comedy of Errors', 'Annie' and 'The Sound of Music'. Performing at these events is one of the many ways in which pupils at Clifton High School are encouraged to feel part of the school community; it gives them a real sense of achievement and helps develop self-confidence



Pupils receive weekly music lessons from the Junior School's specialist music teacher and are offered a range of one-to-one instrumental lessons from visiting music teachers, covering a wide range of instruments from drums to cello, and from violin to p.Bone. Music is integral to the life of the School, and pupils relish the opportunity to perform, whether it be singing or on a musical instrument, at the annual musical soirée, our end of term concert, and at our end-of-year Rose Day celebrations and Christmas Carol Service at Bristol's two prominent cathedrals.





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Bradley Stoke Matters was pleased to catch up with Claire White from Winterbourne Rabbits (and Guinea Pigs!) for this issue. We learned that rabbits are the UK's 3rd most popular pet and there are more than 60 breeds to choose from (who knew that!)

Claire and her team know all about rabbits, having over 30 years experience in caring for and working with rabbits and guinea pigs. She offers a 5* holiday boarding service for your pet bunny or guinea, which offers large, clean, airy and spacious facilities, giving you peace of mind to enjoy your time away.

Winterbourne Rabbits operates a non-profit rescue centre for re-homing rabbits and guinea pigs. working very closely with the local vets in connection with re-homing and health checks of the rescued pets. The centre is vet approved and holds a full South Gloucestershire County Council Rescue Licence which allows them to provide a re-homing facility for pets that can no longer be cared for by their owner (for a variety of reasons). Winterbourne Rabbits will not judge anyone who brings in a rabbit or a guinea pig for rehoming - being only concerned about your pets welfare. They will provide a happy caring home for your pet until a suitable loving new home can be found.

However, re-homing is an expensive process, including not just food and board but also vaccinations,

neuturing (where necessary) and vets' bills. The rescue centre is operated on a very small budget, relying on donations to help contribute towards the expense.

There are plenty of rescues looking for loving homes, so if you are seeking a new pet rabbit or quinea pig, why not contact Claire - she may well have the perfect pet for you?

Winterbourne Rabbits will be at the Royal Bath & West Show on 3rd/4th June this year raising awareness of the Rabbit Rescue, along with some rabbits and guinea pigs looking for new loving homes!

Winterbourne Rabbits are dedicated to the welfare of rabbits and guinea pigs and are happy to provide advice and guidance where needed - there is a wealth of information under 'caring for vour pet' on their website www.winterbournerabbits.co.uk that you are welcome to browse and Claire would be pleased to hear from you if you require further information. Telephone 01454 774 965 or 0771 373 2210, you can also find them on facebook 'Winterbourne-Rabbits' and follow them on twitter /WbourneRabbits.

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Kemps Jewellers still going strong!

It was great to catch up with Michael Kemp in his family jewellers in neighbouring Westburyon-Trym. Kemps has been trading for an amazing 134 years!

It is always lovely to visit an independent business that is thriving: a string of customers came into Kemps whilst I chatted with Michael – a couple looking for an anniversary present, a young bride to be, confirming the words to be engraved on her wedding rings and somebody collecting their repaired jewellery.

I asked Michael why he thought this family business continued to be so popular? He told me he felt their diversity of product was a big attraction. They chose not to stock brands but instead source their jewellery from a wide variety of suppliers to include small independents, as well as buying secondhand jewellery from the public. This enables their customers access to unique items that you would not find in the chain stores or online.

I viewed some beautiful period pieces including an Edwardian brooch with vibrant diamonds, with a total of 1.00cts, a 15ct bracelet set with Amethyst and green Gamet and classic Onyx black brooch set with diamonds.

As well as these traditional secondhand pieces. they have a wealth of classic



modern items, something to suit all ages and tastes.

He went on to say that their items are extremely competitively priced. There is something for every budget, from silver earrings at £10 to £15 to diamond iewellery of several thousand pounds.

Michael told me if people have inherited collections of jewellery that are not necessarily to their personal taste, the jewellers will often take the items in exchange for another special item in their store.

It is clear the knowledgeable team of staff enjoy their work and are passionate about the iewellery and watches within the store. They are extremely approachable, on hand to assist customers with their every need.

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Local Salon Gains its Stars

Bradley Stoke Matters was pleased to hear from local salon Perfected which has recently received the prestigious 5* acclamation for both hair and beauty from the Good Salon Guide – despite only being open for seven months.



The salon, situated on the Gloucester Road North in Filton, underwent an intense three-hour assessment where it was judged on its facilities, products, staff qualifications, and its general look.

Owner of Perfected Angela Bagley, who has had many years experience working in the industry, said: "Whenever I used to look for salons for hair cuts or beauty treatments, it would have to be five stars. It's such a prestigious thing to receive. A lot of hard work has been put in and we're very proud considering that we're only seven months old."

Angela says that since opening the salon – alongside her daughters Emily Webster, an NVQ3 qualified beauty therapist, and Harriet Webster qualified make up artist – she has been heartened by the support she has received. -"It's been so lovely and satisfying answering the phone, and hearing that people have been recommended Perfected. We've also been approached by high end brands to stock their products, which has been a real privilege. It's good for the area to have a high end salon, that provides affordable luxury, as there's not been anything like this in the locality."

The salon offers a range of hair and beauty services for both men and women, including cuts, colour, and styles for special occasions. Beauty therapies include massages, facials, face mapping, spray tans, waxing, shellac nails, manicures, pedicures and micro dermabrasion. Perfected have recently launched its latest facial brand Elemis – a British spa and skincare brand for men and women. Coming soon - Prom and Bridal packages and Children's Pamper Parties!

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Local Resident Offers Counselling Help

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She has lived in Bradley Stoke for the last 10 years, before which she lived in London and Brighton as well as the Bahamas, Dubai and Australia. Originally with a career in Facilities Management, she has since attended courses in NLP (NeuroLinguistic Programming) and Reiki. With a strong interest in mental health issues, Christine has volunteered in a variety of charity work.



Christine now offers her counselling services at the Enso Healing Rooms on the Cheltenham Road. If you feel you need clarity in your thinking, strength to adjust to new situations or help with specific problems which have become unmanageable, then Christine may be able to help you. Being given time to be listened to, in a safe, non-judgemental, compassionate and confidential environment can enable key issues to be focused on and explored.

During times of stress or emotional upheaval it is easy for a person's confidence and selfdetermination to become blocked. Counselling may help release this and offers empowerment back to you.

Christine works in sessions of 50 minutes, (generally 6, sometimes more). If you feel you are ready to be heard and be listened to, please take the first step and call or email her for further information.

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Inheritance and the Changing Family

Shelley Faulkner of AMD Solicitors considers the impact of the changing family on succession planning

While many of the families who seek our advice on planning for inheritance remain a traditional structure, there are increasing numbers of more complicated families. There are often challenging issues to resolve when advising on succession planning for modern-day families.

Second Families

As the number of second and third marriages increase, the concern for many who have children from a first marriage, will be how to meet the needs of their current spouse, while ensuring that their children are not denied their inheritance. One option is to create a Will under which the surviving spouse is given a life interest in the estate, on the basis that the assets will eventually pass on to the children of the first marriage, on that spouse's death. An alternative is to trust the surviving spouse to do the 'right thing', which might perhaps be to leave their estate divided between the children of each side of the family.

What happens if the surviving spouse sets up a new Will leaving their estate entirely to their own children, leaving out the children of their former spouse? These children may be effectively disinherited, since some will be unable to make a claim against the estate.

The Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975 sets out the categories of those who are permitted to make a claim against an estate, where they feel that the Will has not made reasonable provision for them. One category is children of the deceased, and another is those who have been 'treated as' a child of the marriage. Whether an adult child can make a claim for a share of their step-parent's estate will depend upon their age at the time of the second marriage. If the relationship began after that child had left home, it will not be possible for a claim to be made. The child is therefore effectively denied their inheritance.

It is key that the possibility of such an eventuality is considered, and that the terms of the Will are drafted to prevent this outcome.

Unmarried Families

The Intestacy Rules (which determine how an estate passes



where no Will is left) have not kept pace with the changing structure of society. The Intestacy Rules do not provide for any automatic inheritance by unmarried partners, however long the couple have lived together. A claim against the estate can be made by the surviving partner, but only if they have been living with the deceased throughout the two years to the date of death, or were receiving financial support from them. It is clearly vital that unmarried partners have created a valid Will providing for the surviving partner, and that the terms of the Will are kept up to date in light of any change in circumstances.

For advice on Wills, Trusts, Lasting Powers of Attorney and the administration of deceased estates contact Shelley Faulkner, and the other members of the private client team at AMD Solicitors, on info@amdsolicitors. com or call 0117 962 1205.

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It was a shame the sun didn't put in an appearance but it was lovely to pop into some of the local schools on Friday 18th March to see what the children were doing to celebrate Sports Relief.

We were invited to Baileys Court Primary School where pupils were inspired to partake in a sponsored school marathon following a special assembly about how Sharon Hicks (photo inset), who works at the school, will be running the London Marathon this April.



Sharon told us "I'm 46 and mum to two children and have been a Lunchtime Supervisor at Baileys Court for over 6 years. I took up running again three years ago after a long break following a house move, new job and children. I was unsuccessful in my initial application to run the London Marathon, but I was contacted by MS-UK who asked if I would run for them. As my husband's brother has MS I have seen the effect this disease has on a person and I was aware of the services that MS-UK offer and the difference that they make to both sufferers and their families. I will be delighted to run 26.2 miles for them in just a few weeks' time!

The children and Sharon will be running laps around the school and the playing field in an attempt to cumulatively run a marathon distance (or more!) Sharon has pledged to raise £2000 for her chosen charity MS-UK and the children have risen to the challenge by raising an astounding £5000+ in sponsorship which will be split between MS-UK and Sport Relief. Throughout the day each year group will take in turns to run their laps!

Good luck to you Sharon in London!





Wheatfield Primary School invited us to their school assembly to hear about this year's Sport Relief and to witness their whole school Wake & Shake in the playground.

We also popped back later for the cake sale - (after all it's for a great cause!)

We were pleased to bump into Bradley Bull (right), our sponsored mascot for the Bradley Stoke Youth Rugby at St Mary's Old Boys RFC, who was also out and about celebrating Sport Relief!



Osted at Holy Trinity
by Head Teacher Jane Johns

We were pleased to have an Ofsted Inspection recently. I say pleased because we have been working very hard and it's great to have the validation of all of the efforts of every single staff member, Governors, pupils and parents recognised.

The Inspection schedule and framework changed in September 2015 and so we were subject to a short inspection to check that the school is still judged to be 'GOOD'. The Inspection was carried out by an HMI and despite a duration of a day it was a very rigorous process. Given that schools only get one day's notice of an inspection there is little that can be done in 24 hours to enhance the position of the school, so it is felt that this provides a much better and fairer picture of the school. The views of all stakeholders were sought, either by face to face meetings or through questionnaires and responses on the school Parent View site. Naturally there was a great focus on the children - either through talking to them, reading with them and viewing them in lessons. The standards of teaching and learning are at the heart of the process and took up the most amount of time. Pleasingly the inspector commented "Leaders have developed a curriculum that excites, inspires and challenges pupils. As a consequence, pupils enjoy their learning and achieve well."

It was very encouraging to have a recognition in the report of the impact that staff have on the pupils:

"You have a strong and committed teaching team which is ably assisted by highly motivated and skilled support staff. All staff share a determination to ensure that pupils do as well as they can, irrespective of their backgrounds or disabilities. Pupils explained how they appreciate the care, guidance and support provided by staff who are determined to provide them with the skills they need for their future as learners."

Our last inspection in 2011 highlighted some areas to improve on and the inspector is required to report on how well the school has tackled

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these areas. Fortunately the work of the school to improve on problem solving in maths and in the quality of children's writing has resulted in great improvements in both areas.

It was very pleasing to read the comments that pupils had shared with the inspector regarding how they feel at school, and we're especially proud that high standards have not been compromised and can sit hand in hand with the excellent quality of care for the pupils that we feel marks our school out as a special place to learn.

"Pupils explain that their school is a very happy place to be where they feel safe and secure. They describe the strong relationships they have with adults and know that they can ask any adult for help. They are eager learners who listen attentively and contribute confidently in lessons. They are not fearful of 'having a go' or making mistakes. Pupils work hard, take pride in their work and enjoy the challenges set by their teachers."

At the end of a very long day a panel of senior staff, Governors and a representative from the Diocese of Bristol received the feedback that the school was still 'GOOD'. The report letter is shorter than previous inspection reports but we are proud of the glowing terms which are used to describe the school and have confidence that the school continues to grow and thrive in our community.

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April Events at Bradley Stoke Library

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BIGGERbooks: A group for young people in school years 7and 8 on meeting on Friday 22nd April at 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Please speak to a member of staff if you would like to join!

Creepy Crawlies Crafts Monday 4th April 10:30am-12pm for children aged 4-10 years, an adult will need to remain with the children to supervise them.

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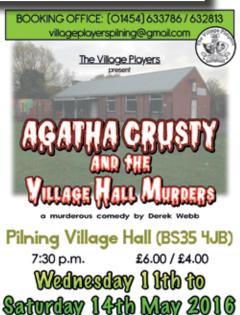
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From Toby, the Vicar, and Eleanor, Chair of the committee, to Harry Knott, the caretaker, and identical twins Olivia and Oliver Truscott-Pratt, there are plenty of suspects. And, with an investigating officer as incompetent as D.I. Twigg, there are plenty of laughs as the murders begin to pile up.

But, while packed full of wit and very funny scenes, this is also a genuine murder mystery with an ingenious plot which will tax the little grey cells of the audience at the same time!

Events at the St Michael's Church & Community Centre, Stoke Gifford:

Friday 22nd April 7.30pm

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Tuesday 24th May 7pm

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In addition to hosting a number of fundraising activities throughout the year, Gregor Heating has also pledged to donate £1 for every domestic boiler service and £5 for every domestic boiler installation they complete throughout 2016.

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Trinity Tots - Monday's 9:30 - 11:30 during term time. Contact Holy Trinity Church Office on 01454 620975

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

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

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

Afternoon Social Club 55+, every Wednesday from 2pm – 3pm at the Jubilee Centre, Bradley Stoke.

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 Lions meet at the Hilton Hotel on 2nd Wed of each month at 7.30pm. Ailsa Young, 07737 106836 ambyoung29@ yahoo.com

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

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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

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.

Little Stoke Ladies Club - meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7.30pm at the Community Hall, Little Stoke Lane. Julie 0117 931 5007

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. 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: tonyedmonds108@yahoo.com

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

Stokes Crafters - every Thursday evening between 8pm to 10pm at the Poplar Rooms, North Road, Stoke Gifford BS34 8PE with a small charge of just £3.00

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.

Thursday Ladies Group meets 3rd Thursday of month at 2pm. Community Hall, Little Stoke Lane contact Julie 0117 931 5007

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 7.30.pm 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

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://bradleystokecc.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 website at bsfc.co.uk

Bradley Stoke United Football Club - Football from U7's to U16's Various contacts, dependent on age, see website 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@btopenworld.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/northbristoliuniorsrfc/ .

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.solesistersrc.

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 Cricket Club — We 2 Saturday league teams, occasional Sunday friendlies and club days. All ages and abilities welcome at a real community club. Winter nets start spring 2016. Contact Mark Stephens on 07816962503.

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

Stoke Lane Athletic Football Club — FA Charter Standard Community Club, u6 to u16; U18 Colts and two senior men's teams; FA accredited coaches; contact via www.stokelane.co.uk or email Club Sect 'steve' pspayne@blueyonder.co.uk or Club Mobile 07972 039413

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 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

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
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PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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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: Paula Marsh, Webbs Wood Lane BStoke, 01454 866390.

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Wheatfield Primary School, Headteacher: Christine Dursley,

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Abbeywood Community School, Exec Head: Dave Baker, Assoc Head: Dave Howe, New Road Stoke Gifford BS34 8QT, 0117 307 5660, abbeywoodschool.com

Bradley Stoke Community School, Exec Head: Mr Dave Baker, Assoc Head: Steve Muir Fiddlers Wood Lane Bradley Stoke BS32 9BS, 01454 868840, bradleystokecs.org.uk

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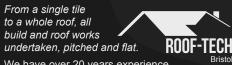
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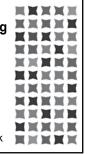
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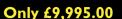
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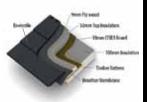
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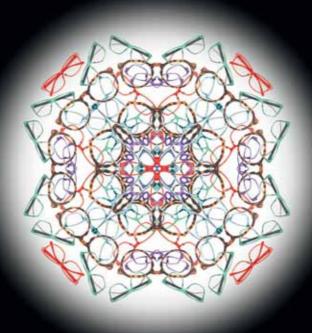


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