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## Dear Residents....

Spring is almost upon us - I have definitely seen sight of the sun one or two days this week! The daffodils were out earlier than ever this year, and thankfully most survived the storms of early February! I loved the photos on our front cover sent in by David Bell, Chair of the Splatts Abbey Wood Conservation Group showing the student volunteers from UWE hard at work in the local woodlands on recent Conservation Group work days. There are more on our facebook page.

We relaunched our website at the start of the year, with a fresh new look and hopefully it is now much easier to navigate and locate the wealth of information that is stored there - do pay it a visit if you have not done so lately.

We have been made aware of two local petitions in the Stokes since the start of the year. The first is in respect of the popular Little Stoke Parkrun (see more of this on pages 12-13), and the second is to do with the proposed route of the Metrobus through Stoke Gifford. On the latter we have been contacted by local resident Adam Gentle who has initiated a petition against the use of Hatchet Road as the main route for the Metrobus. You can read more about Adam's petition and viewpoint on his website regarding this issue [www.TheGiff.co.uk](http://www.TheGiff.co.uk). The Parish Council have also issued a statement regarding their objection to the Hatchet Road route - this you can read on page 32 within the Council's notices.

We have news of the redevelopment of the Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre which started work mid-February, and also news from the local British Legion, locals schools, the police team and more.

We hope you enjoy the read! Deadline for our next edition will be 10th March.

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Chris has been in the trade since he left school, working in a variety of places around the South West in both shops and stalls until he was given the opportunity to start his own business. This started with a shop in Devizes, Wiltshire but after 2 years of travelling Chris made the decision to move the business closer to home. He opened a shop in Thornbury, while still keeping a stall in Devizes for three days a week to serve the loyal customer base he had built up there.

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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**We have now set some beat surgery dates which we will be holding at Little Stoke Community Hall (in the Owl room).**

Please feel free to come and speak to us if you have any issues at all or anything we can help with. Even if you just want to come along and say hello!

Please see times and dates below.

**Wednesday 23rd March 7-8pm  
Wednesday 27th April 2-3pm  
Wednesday 4th May 7-8pm  
Wednesday 15th June 2-3pm**

We will also be running beat surgeries at St Michael's Church but at time of writing we are waiting to confirm dates. As soon as this is done we will advertise them on the church notice board and on the Avon and Somerset police website.

We would also like to let you know that we now have access to twitter and will be putting out tweets letting you know what the local beat team have been up to and any upcoming events. You can find us on twitter by looking for ASPTTheStokes.

Burglary remains a priority for the Constabulary both at a force and local level due to the nature of the crime itself. We urge you to properly mark your valuables and make the details viewable to the police by registering them on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). You can register your belongings for free, improving the chance of getting them back if they are lost or stolen.

We are also asking people to be on the alert for rogue traders and distraction burglars, and particularly to keep a look out for the elderly and vulnerable who are most often the victims of these crimes.

Rogue traders are criminals who take advantage of people by using high-pressure sales techniques. Their work is often overpriced, poor quality or not required at all. A distraction burglar is someone who tricks their way into your home and then distracts you while they steal your valuables or cash.

### **Top Tips on staying safe from rogue traders and distraction burglars:**

- Check the identity of the caller by telephoning the company they claim to be from. Use the telephone numbers listed in your local directory or provided independently by your service provider.
- Genuine callers won't mind making an appointment for a date when you can have someone with you. This gives you time to check their identity too.
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- The key message is: **'Not sure? Don't open the door'**
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## Multi million pound redevelopment for Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre

Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford Matters was pleased to be invited along last month to see the plans for the redevelopment of the Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre. New and improved facilities including adventure climbing walls, two storey adventure play, a 12-station toning suite and fully refurbished changing rooms are being created as part of a £3.6m redevelopment programme.

The work, which started mid-February, will also result in over 100 new parking spaces and a major extension to the existing gym area.

The project is a collaboration between Circadian Trust, who operate Active Centres across South Gloucestershire, and South Gloucestershire Council and will be carried out in three phases. The first is the conversion of squash courts to accommodate two new, larger dance studios across two floors and the refurbishment of the female dry changing rooms.

Later in the spring, the main sports hall will be converted to accommodate a revolutionary new auto-belay climbing wall experience and an extensive adventure play. Alongside this, the male dry changing rooms will be refurbished, the gym and café extended and additional parking spaces created.

The final phase will be the conversion of the existing softplay into a new Shapemaster toning suite, two party rooms and refurbishment of the function suites on the first floor. There will also be improvements to the library to make it more accessible.

It is anticipated the work will be completed by January 2017.



New 3 storey adventure play



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New 12 station toning suite

Circadian Trust Director of Commercial Development Ben Beasley said: "As a not for profit organisation, we are continually looking for exciting and innovative ways to reinvest in leisure facilities across South Gloucestershire. Working in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council on this project means we can offer our customers the very best in a range of brand new leisure experiences."

"Bradley Stoke is one of our most popular Active centres and we need to accommodate growing customer demand, both in numbers and the sort of activities that are becoming more popular. There will be a change in some facilities but we believe that the new mix will provide better overall outcomes across age ranges and will increase the numbers taking part in physical activity locally."

"There will inevitably be some disruption, such as noise and changes to the car parking arrangements, but we plan to keep this to a minimum and run the vast majority of services as normal. We will be keeping customers up to date with regular newsletters and information displayed within the building and on the website."

Active Bradley Stoke is one of seven Active Centres run by Circadian Trust, an innovative, charitable social enterprise who deliver and manage leisure facilities across South Gloucestershire in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council.

Heather Goddard, Chair of the South Gloucestershire Council Communities Committee added: "This £3.6million investment by the council will allow Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre to grow, offering more choice of activities for more people in a growing area. The upgraded facilities will reflect the council's commitment to future demand and to encouraging active lifestyles."

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## Stoke Gifford Branch Wins Again!

At the recent Royal British Legion Gloucestershire County Conference the Stoke Gifford Branch of the RBL 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."*

### Volunteering:

In February, the Stoke Gifford Branch of the RBL held its annual "Thank You" dinner for its many volunteers. You don't have to be a member of the RBL to volunteer, so if you are interested in volunteering please contact branch Chairman John Moloney on - on 07802535591 or ja\_moloney@live.co.uk.

Sera Jess, a former UWE Student, has won the volunteering award at the UWE Celebrating Talent event, for her volunteering work with the Stoke Gifford Branch of the RBL. She did a great amount of volunteering for the Legion during her time at UWE, and she is one of many UWE Student volunteers, many of them recruited at the annual UWE Volunteering fairs.

Branch Chairman John Moloney (pictured right at the awards) said: - *"Sera was one of many students who came to help through the UWE volunteers fair in 2014. She was hard working and full of happiness in everything she put her mind to, and a very deserving winner of her category, helping the RBL."*



Awards photo courtesy of Tom Sparey

### Fundraising: Kayaking from Reading to Bristol

Jason Philips of the Stoke Gifford Branch will be kayaking from Reading to Bristol in June; the precise date has yet to be confirmed. Jason is looking for sponsors as well as a second kayak for support. If you can help, or are able to sponsor Jason, please contact the Stoke Gifford Branch Secretary, Rebecca for details at info@rejoove.co.uk or Jason at Jasonfirepro@hotmail.co.uk

**Stoke Gifford Branch of the Royal British Legion has raised £46,000 so far for the 2015 - 2016 Poppy Appeal, which ends on the 30th September 2016. This is a record amount for the Branch at this stage of the appeal.**

Branch spokesman David Bell said *"This is great news, and is a tribute to the hard work of Branch members and volunteers, and the great generosity of the public and the many organisations and businesses who support the Poppy Appeal, including the local media."*

All money raised for the Poppy Appeal goes to the RBL's Welfare Fund, which is used to give help and support to current and ex service personnel and their families. If you or someone you know needs help from the Royal British Legion please contact the RBL national helpline - 0808 802 8080.

The RBL has a Pop In Centre in 60 Union Street, Bristol, where people can call in for advice and information on the charity's support and community services.

**The Stoke Gifford Branch of the Royal British Legion now has its own Facebook Page, so please follow and like it. It can be found at: - <https://www.facebook.com/StokeGiffordRBL>**




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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

[www.stokegifforddance.co.uk](http://www.stokegifforddance.co.uk).

If you wish to contact Eve directly, please email her on [stokegiffordschoolofdance@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stokegiffordschoolofdance@yahoo.co.uk).



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## Community Matters:

### In the community with the Holiday Inn Bristol Filton

Little Stoke Gifford Matters was delighted to be invited in to the Holiday Inn Bristol Filton to meet with Margaret Coffey, Director of Sales for the Hotel. Margaret was keen to impress how much the hotel would like to improve its connections with the local community - their new General Manager, Shaun Wilde, being particularly focused on developing more community partnerships.

Each year the Holiday Inn Bristol Filton chooses a charity to support. Last year they raised in excess of £3,500 for the local Macmillan Cancer Support for the Macmillan Wellbeing Centre based at Southmead Hospital. They held a variety of raffles and cakes sales and also hosted a Family Fun Day and coffee morning which raised over £1,000. Members of staff from across the hotel team also got involved in the fundraising, such as Food and Beverage Assistant Lee Allen who raised £120 from a sponsored body wax! The Conference Ops Team hosted a bag packing session at the local Asda and raised £400, whilst the Housekeeping team raised £230 by making and selling magnets and good luck charms!

Shaun Wilde, General Manager told us: *"We're delighted to present to Macmillan the funds our team has raised last year, and look forward to seeing the difference it will make to the support centre at Southmead Hospital. Whilst we enjoyed every minute of our fundraising activities, the real reason for organising and taking part in the events was never far from our minds. Macmillan is a charity close to our hearts and we know what a difference every penny makes."*

The chosen charity for this year is the Make A Wish Foundation, although they are also still looking for a local charity to support too. The Holiday Inn Bristol Filton will be hosting its second Family Fete & Fun Day on 25th September this year, from 12-4pm. Margaret is looking for additional local community groups who may wish to join in with the fun day and participate by running a stall or putting on a demonstration on the field. If your community group would like to get involved please contact Margaret directly via email: [margaret.coffey@hibristoltilton.co.uk](mailto:margaret.coffey@hibristoltilton.co.uk).



*Photo shows Margaret Coffey, Raphael Herzog, Matthew Stubberfield and Georgina McMenamin*



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# Save our Parkrun!

A petition to keep parkrun in Little Stoke, which attracted over 5,000 signatures within the first 48 hours and over 7,000 in just a few days, has been initiated after its future has been threatened by the local Parish Council wanting to impose a charge on runners.

Parkrun organise weekly, 5km timed runs that take place around the world. The runs take place in parkland surroundings, are open to everyone, free, safe and easy to take part in. Everyone of every ability is welcome and encouraged to take part – whether you sprint the distance or walk it! Participants simply need to register (one time only) in advance to get their unique parkrun barcode which you can then use to register your time at any parkrun event anywhere.

The Little Stoke Parkrun was first trialled in August 2012 by South Gloucestershire Council, with a very positive response and the official Little Stoke Parkrun started on 3rd November 2012 where it continues to run every Saturday at 9:00 am, now attracting more than 200 runners every week. Junior parkrun for ages 4-14 and over a 2km course at Little Stoke Park started in June 2014. To date over 6,000 different people have participated in the Little Stoke parkrun and junior parkrun and more than 700 people have volunteered to enable this to happen.

In September 2015 the Little Stoke parkrun core voluntary team was informed that the Parish Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee had recommended that parkrunners should pay £1 per adult per run, to be collected by the parkrun volunteers and paid to the Parish Council as a 'maintenance charge'. The parkrun volunteers say that the charge goes against the founding principle of parkrun (that they should be free to participate in) and in subsequent discussions the Parish Council amended this by



*Photo right shows Founder of Parkrun, Paul Sinton-Hewitt, who came to celebrate the first anniversary of the Little Stoke Parkrun in November 2013 and to unveil the statue 'Momentum' (named by Little Stoke Primary pupil Meredith Rumney, then 6 years old) which is situated in Little Stoke Park opposite the entrance to the Council offices.*



asking parkrun to apply for Community Grant funding towards park maintenance.

However, whilst they are willing to support the parish council in applying for a grant, the parkrun volunteers again claim that parkrun cannot do so.

*"Please keep Little Stoke Parkrun. We attend this fabulous event on a regular basis with our three teenage children. Taking part in this Parkrun most Saturdays is teaching our children to be organised, motivated and have ambition. Most importantly it is helping them develop a sense of social community and that you get out of life what you put in. Without Parkrun they would be even more tempted to spend Saturday mornings glued to their laptops and phones. We cannot over-state the positive impact this event has on our social community, the well-being of our people, our families and children. It is a tiny investment for enormous benefit."*

*Simon Dakin*

*"I'm writing to you because I love park run and Little Stoke is the closest one to where I live. Parkrun has increased my fitness and enjoyment so much I would be devastated to lose it. It is a part of my life and I love the volunteer culture and that it is free and open to everyone. I have only had positive experiences. I have been participating for over a year now and I have noticed significant health benefits. In fact I have not had a days sickness all year. I have lost weight and felt generally less stressed, happier and stronger. All the people I have met have been very friendly and encouraging and I have made many friends. Please do not stop it. I would be devastated."* Matt Burden

A full Parish Council meeting on 13th October voted to defer a decision on the future of Little Stoke parkrun for 6 months. In January a decision was to be made at the next full Council meeting on 9th February. This has since been deferred until the April meeting, with a statement on the Parish Council website as follows:

*"At the Parish Council meeting in October 2015 the discussion concerning our continued support for parkrun was deferred for a period of 6 months, in order for full negotiations to take place. That period has not yet expired and the Parish Councillors have always indicated their preference for the run to continue."*

*The Parish Council have requested South Gloucestershire Council who are the land owners to assist with talks with parkrun on our behalf. A decision regarding the future of parkrun at Little Stoke Park will be made at the Full Council meeting on Tuesday, 12th April 2016, 7pm at the Little Stoke Community Hall."*

Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford Matters have been copied in on multiple letters sent to the Parish Council in support of the parkrun - we have included a few extracts here to show how important this free, weekly event is to local people and the impact it has had on their lives.

*"I am a regular runner and volunteer marshal at the Little Stoke parkrun and am one of the over 5000 people who have signed the petition in 48 hours requesting the parish council continue its support for this event."*

*"I have also been a treasurer of a boys' football team, fixtures' secretary for a children's football league spanning 9 year groups, and a long term Scout leader, so have significant experience of the pressures of successfully operating volunteer activities based on the harnessing of goodwill and limited funds."*

*"The health benefits of parkrun across a wide demographic are well known and in my experience its success is unprecedented. The volunteers of Little Stoke Parkrun have utilised the facilities you maintain to great effect for local people and I'm sure in a manner consistent with your objectives for recreational facilities."*

*Steven Grant*

*I am writing to say that I honestly think stopping Little Stoke Parkrun would be a great loss to the community. I live in BS7 and really appreciate the event. Please read below for a bit about how welcome the event made me feel!*

*When I moved back to Bristol for university in October, I had only done 2 Parkruns before, one in London and one in York. I wanted to carry them on as I was finding them good exercise and they were improving my ability to run as well as my overall fitness. I was quite apprehensive about going to Little Stoke as I am not a fast runner, was going alone and was concerned about what people may think of me."*

*However, as soon as I arrived (on a miserably rainy day in October!) I immediately spoke to a marshal about the course and an elderly lady who lived very close who reassured me that she walked the majority of the route, telling me that everyone was very supportive."*

*At the start line I talked to a couple of other women around me about whether they'd been before. 28 minutes later at the finish, chatting to the people I saw at the start, I knew I had nothing to worry about that morning going to the park."*

*Everyone was extremely supportive and I have been back many weeks since! I have also volunteered at the Junior run on a Sunday and chatted to parents and their kids - all equally positive about the events."*

*From the moment I arrived at my first Little Stoke Parkrun I felt part of the community and like I wasn't being judged."*

*It is an opportunity for a few hundred people, from the keen/club runners to those just trying to get a bit fitter to do something productive with their Saturday mornings. It gets people out doing exercise, in all weather, as a community, meeting new people and making new friends."*

*Please do seriously consider all the comments from runners and park users alike... It is a very friendly event that takes all the intimidation out of running."*

*Finally, I attach a picture of the event on 5th December 2015... I'm smiling... while running... This is a miracle in itself! :-)*

*Natalie Jacques  
Student (UWE)*





"The official charity of the Bradley Stoke 10k this year will be the Bradley Stoke Mayor's Charities. Sole Sisters are pleased to confirm that the following organisations are again supporting this year's event - thank you, without your continued support we could not put on this great event."



**We need marshals for the  
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# BRADLEY STOKE FESTIVAL 10K

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## Vicky Sets Her Sights on London this April

**Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford Matters was pleased to hear from local resident Vicky Lovell who is running the London Marathon this April - for the charity "Ambitious about Autism".**

*"I feel inspired every year watching the London Marathon, and have always dreamed about being part of it, now I'm ready to make it reality with the added incentive of doing it before I reach 40!"*

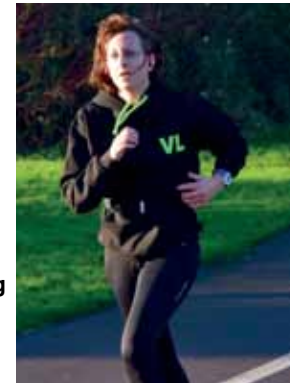
*"I am running to raise money and awareness for Ambitious about Autism - I've pledged to raise at least £2,000. This is a national charity for children and young people with autism, providing services, raising awareness and understanding for Autism, as well as campaigning for change."*

*"Running has got me through some really stressful times and gives me the time and space I need to be the best person I can be to support my 9 year old son Alex and our family. Alex has had a very difficult start to his life, not only was he born with CTEV bilateral clubfoot, but he has also had to change schools 3 times as a result of being misdiagnosed. As a family, we have had a real battle to get Alex properly diagnosed, it took about 4 - 5 years, despite our hardest efforts, and we had to really complain to get him assessed and to get the right professionals involved. Eventually, Alex was formally diagnosed following an ADOS assessment at the end of December 2014 as having Autistic Spectrum Disorder with traits of ADHD. This has made an enormous difference to Alex as we have been able to access the right support for him within his Educational Health Care Plan. Since September, Alex has attended a specialist independent school and things are looking much brighter."*

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## ***“Oi Vicar, do you believe in life after death?”***

*Now I guess this is the kind of question you'd expect someone to ask a Vicar. However, the circumstance of this question made it more than theoretical...*

The 20 year old, let's call him Dave, was asking me the question whilst holding a broken bottle to my neck. I could feel the cold, serated green glass against my skin. *“Do you believe in life after death?”* Loaded question.

I wish I had said something meaningful or inspirational to Dave on that housing estate in north London. Before I could say anthing his hand was pushed away by a 14 year old girl, who said, *‘you can't kill Simon, he's our mate!’* He didn't!

I replay that moment in my mind every Easter time. Ever thought of clever retorts long after a conversation is over? *“Yes Dave, I do believe in life after death. But more importantly, I believe in life before death.”*

The Easter story of Jesus' resurrection was not an escape trick from life. It wasn't simply an insurance policy for life after death. The Easter message is that the risen (and by the way, still alive) Jesus gives life before death. Jesus himself summed it up in a simple phrase, *“I have come that you would have life in all it's fullness”* (John's gospel chapter 10 verse 10)

In a painful, frustrating and sometimes cruel world, Jesus' words stand the test of time. Because He is alive, he can put His life into us. It's not escapism, it's realism. His life helps us when we are confused, desperate, lonely, upset, angry or frustrated. Our life, His life, the perfect match.

You see, there's something of a “Dave” in me. Frustration, hopelessness and anger can easily spill out. I need life before death to be the best that I can be. It's an Easter promise.

And yes...I went to see Dave next day after he'd sobered up. *“Do you remember wanting to kill me last night?”* I asked. *“Nope”,* he said. *“Let's talk about life Dave.”*

*God bless,*

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Their lavish 40th ANNIVERSARY production of the 1920s madcap musical: *Thoroughly Modern Millie* runs at Thornbury's Armstrong Hall from 23 to 26 March, 2016, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday evenings, with a 2.30 pm Matinée on Easter Saturday.

It's 1922 and young ladies are flattening their chests, raising their skirts and bobbing their hair, in pursuit of modernism, and another naive young lady (Millie) arrives in New York from Kansas, determined to follow the 'modern' grand plan: find a job as a Secretary and then marry the wealthy Boss. Unfortunately, the owner of Millie's dingy hotel is involved in people trafficking, while the man Millie actually falls for appears to be penniless (or should that be dimeless?) and

can the quaint, well-spoken new female arrival really be as innocent as she appears? Add in a curmudgeonly Stenographer, a glamorous, yet kind Stepmother, plus two Chinese illegal immigrants and you have the perfect mystery, tinged with romance, just waiting to be discovered!

Interwoven throughout the story, we hear such catchy tunes as *Forget About The Boy* and *The Speed Test*, with a nod to Gilbert and Sullivan, plus surprisingly beautiful ballads like *I'm Falling In Love With Someone* and the heartrending *Jimmy*, or the Billie Holiday style number: *Only In New York*. The nine-piece Band accompanies frisky Flappers, dashing male Dancers, a vile Villainess, a bombastic Boss, a m  le of Moderns, illegal Aliens, White Slavery, a slinky Speakeasy and a myriad of madcap Merriment, brought to you through Tap, Charleston, Black Bottom and Soft Shoe routines, while magical sets and hundreds of colourful costumes provide a visual feast! As always, enthusiasm reigns supreme, so why not go along and enjoy this hilarious musical!



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## Changing Times at Little Stoke Primary School: An Update

Following on from our article in the December 2012 edition of Little Stoke Gifford Matters, when Head Teacher Scott Howes had only been in position a couple of months, it was lovely to be invited back again in February to find out how his plans for the school had developed.

Back in 2012, Little Stoke Primary was classed as "Requiring Improvement" by Ofsted, this was upgraded to 'Good' in January 2015. It is now considered to be a growing school as numbers have increased over the last two years.

Scott emphasised that great effort has gone into ensuring that the correct staffing is in place to make the school as good as it can be. There have been many staff changes and Scott tells me that he now has a devoted, committed team who all appreciate that 'average just isn't good enough!'. The team of governors has also changed dramatically and Scott is very happy that they have good quality governance, with expertise in specific areas such as SEN, finance and school leadership. They also have a very experienced Clerk to the Governors. This change in the level of governance has also been recognised by Ofsted. All governors are volunteers and Scott feels the school has been incredibly lucky in attracting such a high calibre group.

Pupil numbers have increased by 18% in the last two years - which is a class full. In September 2015 the school was oversubscribed for the Reception intake for the first time and early indications of pupil numbers for September 2016 are that the Reception classes will be full. This is partly due to a rise in the school's popularity and partly due to an increase in requirement of places. It had been thought that the school may go to a two-form entry in 2016, but it appears that this will not be necessary this year although could well happen in future years. There is certainly plenty of room for expansion, with the school situated in huge grounds and with plenty of scope for expansion in the existing buildings.

There are not many schools lucky enough to benefit from two halls, allowing for one to be used for lunchtime activities whilst the other is being used for lunches. During my visit there was first football and then dance clubs taking place in the extra hall.



On my visit in the autumn of 2012 I can remember being astounded by the outside play area *"The playground and playing fields are another marvel, with so much outside land available to them, including a wooded area. Scott told me it is his intention to utilise this fabulous resource and investigate becoming a 'Forest School'".* There have since been additional resources invested in to the playground, with new equipment added. Recent articles in Little Stoke Gifford Matters have also dwelt on the great success of the Forest School now in place. Scott has also implemented a system in the playground whereby a group of the older children are trained in leading games and activities to engage the younger pupils, and to encourage the involvement of anyone who might be looking lonely.

One of Scott's visions for the school he talked to me about in 2012 was to open up this then largely hidden asset to a greater extent within the community - aiming to see it become a 'centre of the community' where people feel connected with the school. He also wanted to achieve a "whole site provision" covering playgroup and preschool activities, enabling local children to grow into their school life at Little Stoke. The school now has a great connection with the Bright Sparks early years centre which opened up on site a couple of years ago, creating a natural progression into school for the children when they reach reception age. The school also hosts the South Gloucestershire Music Centre on site.

The school is hoping to be awarded an LPPA - Leading Parent Partnership Award - an Ofsted recognised award following a programme to improve communication with parents to encourage their involvement with the school, as well as good governance. There has been the instigation of a contact group, with meetings, encouraging feedback from parents to say what



they think. In response to these comments direct changes have been made such as creating a bigger reception area.

The school has also seen a change in the profile of reception children, with parents wanting to become more involved and interested in what their children are doing at school. This all gathers momentum whilst refining the quality of provision.



With the popularity of the school growing, the local authority have been willing to invest in the school. A new library area has been created which will be the cornerstone of lots of reading initiatives this year to raise the profile of reading throughout the school. With a big push to improve reading across all age groups, the school has introduced 'reading buddies' with year 6s reading to the year 2s and Year 5s reading to the year 1s. Other initiatives such as 'Top 100 books', and the 'Read Me' challenge are all part of the recent drive on reading. Scott stated *"It is so important to raise the quality of the spoken language and give confidence to the oral word in order to support the future aspirations of the pupils. I want each of them to have a good quality of grammar and to not be frightened of words: this ability will open doors for them in their future".*



We were pleased to be invited along to the official opening of the new library area by Ian Bland, performance poet, on 19th February. Scott is now looking for ways to fund £5-6,000 of new books to give a boost to the reading drive.

Scott recognises that there is a great deal of support needed for individual learning needs at the school and that they need more room, to do more of it! One plan is to revamp the old caretaker's flat for use as a breakfast club in the mornings and as an additional learning zone throughout the day. During the creation of the new library the doorway was unblocked in readiness for this expansion to take place at a later date.

90% of pupils made expected progress in Reading during 2015 and 95% in Writing and Maths. Value-added measures in 2015 that track the progress of all pupils from Y2 to Y6 are higher in Little Stoke Primary School when compared to the average for schools nationally. In some subjects pupils moved from Level 1 to Level 4.

Scott adds that the systems are now in place for children to achieve within the school but it is not so fixed so as to not allow individuals to flourish. A believer in developing independent learning skills, Scott considers it is more important to send children on to Secondary school with the self-belief that they can achieve things through their own learning.

Scott concludes by acknowledging that it has been a challenge to change the historic perception of the school and gives thanks to parents and governors for being such great ambassadors of the changing times at Little Stoke Primary School.



## Wallscourt Farm Academy: Project Grow

South Gloucestershire Council have worked closely with Ginkgo projects to plan and deliver on the Wallscourt Farm Academy Project Grow Public Art project. Wallscourt Farm Academy, part of the Cabot Learning Federation, is a new school, and is located at the heart of a new community.

The project has been running as a collaborative community project since the summer of 2014, and over the past year, Francis Thorburn, the artist leading the project, has spent time working as an artist in residence for much of the time – helping the school to develop and grow a range of multi-functional spaces to enhance outdoor learning experiences and opportunities for children, families and the wider community.

The school has worked with a wide range of partners in learning to develop different aspects of Project Grow – including UWE, Bristol, Splatts Abbey wood, local experts from the community and, most importantly, the children and families of Wallscourt Farm Academy.

Wallscourt Farm Academy is part of the LINE (learning in the natural environment) project, led by Natural Connections, England and is also part of the Incredible Edible Bristol group. Over the last few months, Francis has worked alongside the children, drawing in specialist support and expertise as needed, to create a stunning outdoor learning environment, including hexagonal growing and plantings spaces in the school allotment, a honeybee hive – with a thriving community of teamwork bees, and the final instalment has been a series of hexagonal outdoor seating areas for storytelling spaces. In addition, there have been opportunities for intergenerational learning experiences, including the building of a Fire pit, which was part of the UWE Community projects, and opportunities for learning with Beaufort Grange, the care home situated opposite the school.

The vision for learning at Wallscourt Farm Academy focuses on learning being fun, purposeful, progressive, the curriculum is connected to the community. This project has helped the school to make links with the community and grow the outdoor learning environment to be a rich and varied space for learning.

The project is being captured and documented by Francis, with support from Be Creative Studios, and there will be a shared knowledge base website established to share learning from this project.

On Saturday 23rd January from 11:00-2:00pm, the project culminated in a community wide celebration, with a host of events taking place at Wallscourt Farm. Activities included Storytelling with Martin Maudsley and multi-instrumental musician, Fiona Barrow; bee and wax workshops from Jeff Davey; Steve England lead open fire and pencil making workshops, the team from Incredible Edible Bristol ran planting sessions. There was also a live labour performance from the leading artist, Francis Thorburn – “the sweaty sasquatch!”. Lots of families and fun!

Susie Weaver, Principal of Wallscourt Academy said, “We are delighted that Project Grow has been such a successful learning experience for our children, families and the wider community, and that the project will have a lasting legacy and will help us ensure that outdoor learning continues to be a tool for building and growing community.”



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## Update on Discussions between the Olympus Academy Trust and Patchway Community College

Mr Baker, Executive Headteacher and CEO at the Olympus Academy Trust, writes:

### A joint statement from Patchway Community College and The Olympus Academy Trust:

*"Within the education system nationally, there is a move towards groups of schools working together for mutual support and for the benefit of their learners within multi-academy trusts, often within geographical localities.*

*"There is a strong record of partnership working between Patchway Community College and the secondary schools within The Olympus Academy Trust (Abbeywood and Bradley Stoke) through the Concorde Partnership. This has enabled students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 to study together in, and to be taught by, staff from one another's schools.*

*"The governors and staff of Patchway Community College recognise that they face significant challenges and that, operating as an independent institution, is unlikely to overcome the issues with its ageing buildings, lower student numbers and GCSE outcomes of late. It is fortunate to have secured the services of a very experienced Headteacher, Mr Roger Gilbert, to lead it through its next phase following the departure of its long-serving Headteacher, Mrs Jane Millicent, at the end of 2015.*

*"Governors of Patchway Community College and Directors of its Academy Trust, Fusion, have decided that the school would benefit from being a member of a multi-academy trust and have approached The Olympus Academy Trust about joining, as they have seen the positive impact the Trust has had locally and it seems logical to build on existing partnership arrangements rather than look elsewhere.*

*"Directors of both Trusts have discussed this possibility and have been in contact with the Regional Schools Commissioner, Sir David Carter, about potential support for such a proposal.*

*"It has been agreed that a programme of partnership support will be provided by The Olympus Academy Trust as a next step. This will prepare for the possibility of Olympus taking full responsibility for Patchway Community College in due course.*

*"Before that can happen, approval will need to be given by the Regional Schools Commissioner's Headteacher Board and a full consultation with members of both academy trusts' communities alongside further due diligence by both sets of Directors.*

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## Celebrating Learning! at St Michael's Stoke Gifford

by Head Teacher Mark Freeman

As usual this year we've had a mixture of great learning experiences, characterised by lots of practical opportunities (read on!), and the wide range of additional opportunities of which we are so proud. It's great to see so many children taking part in additional musical and sporting activities. Over 100 children have musical tuition, and many more take part in choir and instrumental ensembles, not to mention all of our school productions. Coming up soon: our production of 'Annie', for which rehearsals are in full swing. Many of our children take part in the sporting clubs we offer after school, and we participate in a whole range of tournaments and competitions, with next term focusing on football, netball and tag rugby.

### Some of our learning highlights last term:

**Reception:** Last term our Reception children have been learning about 'People Who Help Us'. This has included lots of visitors to talk about their jobs, including a nurse, a policeman and a Head Teacher! The children have been acting out different jobs in their role play areas; painting pictures, making models, and writing cards to their parents which they then go to post in the post box near school.

**Year 1's** recent topic has been 'Dinosaurs'. They have been finding out about dinosaurs, making models, and even dressing up as them! We look forward this term to our annual Year 1 musical performance.

**Year 2** have been studying China (linking in with Chinese New Year). They have had a go at Chinese writing; made lanterns, fans and dragons; made their own information books about China and tasted Chinese food. Best of all they all had a go at performing a Chinese Dragon Dance.

**Year 3** have been learning all about the human body in their topic 'Funny Bones'. This has had a particular focus on how to keep themselves healthy: the importance of exercise, sleep and eating the right balance of food.

**Year 4** have been studying a topic called 'Lights, Camera, Action'. They have been focusing in particular on the Harry Potter books and how they have been turned into films: they are shortly going on a trip to the Harry Potter studios in Elstree. Excitement is mounting!

**Year 5** have been studying 'Space'. They made masks, as well as animations of the solar system, and the topic ended with a visit by the space dome, where children experienced the sky at night inside a huge dome in the hall.

**Year 6** have been studying robots. This has been a fascinating topic, including building and programming a 4 foot high robot! They have done some amazing technology work and been really engaged with their learning.

And that's just some of what happens in one term! To find out more about the school, please visit our website: [www.stmichaelssg.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelssg.co.uk).



## Super Shakespeare at Holy Family

Pupils at Holy Family Primary School have taken a step back in time for Book Week this year, as they have studied the works of William Shakespeare. This thrilling week began with a visit from Bristol Old Vic Theatre Company, who dazzled the whole school with an informative and humorous production of "The Ruff Guide to Shakespeare". This hilarious play covered Shakespeare's biography and highlights from his complete works. "It was great fun," declared Alice, from Year Five, "I can find the language quite tricky to understand but the actors made it all so easy and I didn't stop laughing!"

However, pupils and staff agree that the best performance of the week was a Holy Family original, in which Year 5 students presented their production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. The children first prepared this Shakespearian Comedy for the Shakespeare For Schools festival at The Redgrave Theatre in November. After receiving rave reviews they agreed to share their amazing achievements with the remainder of the school during Book Week. The audience were entranced by the quality of the production and the high levels of comedy, which had the children rolling in the aisles. "It was great," exclaimed Maximus Barrett of Year 6, "The whole play was so entertaining, they did an amazing job."

For the remainder of Book Week every class, from Reception to Year 6 selected a different Shakespeare play to study: from the tragedy of Macbeth to the romance of Romeo and Juliet. Through games and drama, pupils became familiar with the language of Shakespeare and were also inspired to write their own stories, poems, diaries and reports.

Book Week is always an exciting time at Holy Family. The Travelling Book Fair was open for purchases throughout the week and every day featured a different event, such as dressing up day. Parents were invited in to join their children at the annual Book Cafe. This event is always hugely popular; as families settle down together with a good book and a cup of tea and a biscuit. However, two activities remain the most popular. Pupils love returning to school for a Bedtime Story. Pupils and staff share a candlelit book,



in their pyjamas whilst sipping hot chocolate. More entertaining still is the eagerly anticipated grand finale of Book Week: the Holy Family staff performance. Pupils were in awe of this year's abridged version of Twelfth Night and staff enjoyed the opportunity to tread the boards.

English co-ordinator, Caroline Carter, reflected, "As always, it has been a fabulous week. We are so pleased by the high level of parental support for all the activities. The children have gained such a lot from these rich experiences."

## The Holy Family Crowd are Spell-Bound!



Pupils at Holy Family Primary School have taken to the stage once again. This year children from Key Stage Two have reaped the benefits of months of tireless rehearsals, in preparation for the South Gloucestershire Dance Festival, held at Abbeywood Community School. The festival involves pupils across the primary and secondary sectors but the Holy Family team hypnotised the audience as they leapt into the limelight.

Every school was tasked with the preparation of two dances: one performance of the school's choice; the other based upon the festival theme – the 2016 Olympics. The music selected by the

Holy Family group was clearly chosen to elicit intense reactions from the audience. Any feelings of stage fright quickly disappeared and feet were soon tapping, as the dance troop leapt onto the stage to the pounding Latin beat of the school's own Rio Megamix. The spectators were dancing in their seats as the children went on to perform their energetic interpretation of 'Black Magic' by Little Mix for their free choice number.

The audience was full of supportive parents from Holy Family, who were all amazed by the accuracy and enthusiasm of their children's routines. Teachers, Miss Crane and Miss Lloyd, were responsible for the organisation and training of the team and both were delighted with the final performance. Miss Lloyd commented, "They have all accomplished so much and given every ounce of energy to this presentation. I am incredibly proud of the way the mates have supported each other, from Year 4 right the way to Year 6. They are a great representation of the values of Holy Family School."

The success of the Holy Family dance company has made an impression across the school, encouraging younger pupils to participate in the future. "It was amazing," gasped Molly Wilson, of Year 3, "I can't wait for next year when I can join in too!"

## Singing Success

Teachers at Holy Family are celebrating this term as the school has succeeded in achieving the Sing Up Gold award. To achieve a Sing Up Award the school needed to prove that singing is embedded within the whole school through teaching and shared singing opportunities. Achieving gold means that a sustainable singing ethos has been developed in school which will last for years to come.

In order to gain the award, teachers at Holy Family have ensured that children have a wealth of singing opportunities. In addition to singing regularly during music lessons, children are enthusiastically participating in weekly singing assemblies, where superior singing skills can be recognised and rewarded by students acting as Singing Detectives. A challenging range of new songs has been learnt, with older children leading the singing and demonstrating to the younger children in the school. Lunchtime has



also become a singing opportunity as Singing Buddies can be heard echoing across the playground.

Equally important in achieving the Sing Up Gold Award was the opportunity for children to share their singing within the community. Pupils regularly sing Christmas carols for elderly parishioners and have performed for shoppers at The Mall shopping centre, at Cribbs Causeway. However, in order to achieve the award, Music co-ordinator, Mark Handley, needed to also get the teachers singing! The staff can now be found joining in with singing assemblies and has enjoyed a training session with a professional voice coach.

So, now that Gold has been achieved the school is busy preparing for the next challenge – Platinum! In order to achieve this next level, children from Holy Family will be sharing their singing talents with other schools. The school is also hoping to encourage our parents to participate through family singing days and parental music workshops. All of this should ensure that the musical opportunities for all pupils at Holy Family remain the best they can be.

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The precept has been kept low for a number of years thanks to the efforts of a value for money Parish Council. The general finances continue to be well managed and, despite taking over a number of services as part of devolution from South Gloucestershire Council, budget increases have been kept to a minimum, whilst the Parish Council has continued to deliver a range of projects across the wider local community. Additional services now funded by the Parish Council include the maintenance of highway grass and local youth provision.



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## Cribbs Patchway MetroBus Extension

### Notice of Formal Objection

#### Stoke Gifford Parish Council

Stoke Gifford Parish Council has registered a strong objection to the proposed MetroBus Extension Route insofar as it refers to the routing along Hatchet Road in Stoke Gifford.

The objection is based on the fact that the proposed route cannot, due to existing development, provide the required unfettered progress, yet at the same time will result in the unnecessary loss of an existing hedgerow and amenity space.

The Council is generally supportive of the MetroBus concept but considers that the Hatchet Road element of the proposed extension route as premature, and given the fact that there is an existing alternative route this element should be delayed until the full effect of the "Stokes Link" on local traffic conditions is known, together with the load factors associated with MetroBus itself.

The Parish Council recommends that the route to be followed from the Gipsy Patch railway bridge (Eastbound) should be along Gipsy Patch Road to the Winterbourne Road, continuing along the Winterbourne Road to the roundabout known locally as the "Rabbit Roundabout". Then turning right at that roundabout, and along Bradley Stoke Way to the rear of the Parkway Railway Station and ultimately via the Stokes Link to Bristol.

The Parish Council has also submitted a number of suggestions to South Gloucestershire Council on how traffic flow can be improved along Hatchet Road.

For further information about the Cribbs Patchway MetroBus Extension please visit

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## Little Stoke Community Hall Improvements

The flooring at the Little Stoke Community Hall was re polished over the Christmas period and new chairs have been purchased for use at the venue. These improvements have been well received by a variety of hall users accessing the facility.

For further information regarding hall hire please contact the Parish Office or visit the Parish Website.

## Fun Fair at Little Stoke Park

The Fun Fair will be back in Little Stoke Park from Monday 16th to Monday 23rd May (operational between Wednesday and Sunday). Correspondence will be distributed to local properties nearer to the event and will display operational days and times and contact information for local residents. Please note that parking will be limited throughout the event.

## New Lighting for Meade Park, Stoke Gifford



New street lighting was introduced into Meade Park in November 2015 funded by the Parish Council. The Parish Council has now overseen improvements to lighting across a number of parks including Little Stoke Park, Forty Acres, Royal Park and now in Meade Park. The Parish Council continues to invest in the parks and open spaces managed by the Council for the best interests of the wider local community.

## UPCOMING STOKE GIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2016

(All meetings to take place at the Little Stoke Community Hall at 7pm unless stated but may be subject to change so please refer to noticeboards and Parish Council Website)

### FULL COUNCIL (2nd Tues of Month)

Tuesday 12th April 2016

Tuesday 10th May (Annual General Meeting at the Little Stoke Social Club)

Tuesday 12th July 2016

### FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE (2nd Tues of Month)

Tuesday 15th March 2016

Tuesday 14th June 2016

### RECREATION & LEISURE (3rd Tues of Month)

Tuesday 21st June 2016

### PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (4th Tues of Month)

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## Local Salon Gains its Stars

Little Stoke Gifford Matters was pleased to hear from local salon Perfected which has recently received the prestigious 5\* acclamation from 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 services, including cuts, colour, and styles for special occasions. Beauty therapies include massages, facials, face mapping, spray tans, waxing, shellac nails, manicures, pedicures and microdermabrasion. Perfected have recently launched its latest facial brand Elemis – a British spa and skincare brand.

For more information about Perfected, visit: [perfectedhairandbeauty.com](http://perfectedhairandbeauty.com) or like them on facebook for the latest offers and updates (Perfected hair and beauty).



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Youngsters who show potential could be selected for coaching scholarships. There will also be a chance to win free membership.

There are two two-hour sessions planned – at 10am and 2pm – but space is limited, so pre-booking is essential.

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**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 Dependents) 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.

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Winterbourne 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!)

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However, re-homing is an expensive process, including not just food and board but also vaccinations, neutering (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 guinea 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 your pet' on their website [www.winterbournerrabbits.co.uk](http://www.winterbournerrabbits.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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## Bradley Stoke Library

**Saturday 19th March 1-1.30pm**

**Fizz Pop Science:** A unique and unforgettable science  
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**Tuesday 15th March 3-6pm.**

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**Volunteer drop in session Thursday 3rd March**  
**2:30-4:30pm for any enquiries about volunteering.**

**Become a Reading Hack Volunteer and meet new  
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## Shakespeare and Company

with Nicole Mezey  
**Thursday 17th March, BSCS**

The South Glos Decorative & Fine Arts Society welcomes  
Nicole's lecture on Thursday 17th March celebrating the  
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intrigue, glamour, fear and squalor of London. An age of  
portraits, playbills, parades, theatres, a Virgin Queen and  
an anti-smoking, witch-hunting king.

Meeting at Bradley Stoke Community School BS32 7BS  
(near Bradley Stoke Library and Leisure Centre), we are  
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## Wind Band Association Celebrates Charity Status

Two years after its formation, Avon Wind Band Association is celebrating being granted full registered charity status by the Charity Commission.

The Association came into being in February 2014. It comprises four bands with a total of nearly 90 members. Between them the bands cater for players of all levels and abilities ranging from Grade 8 players to complete beginners.

The Phoenix Wind Band (top photo) is the senior band with the majority of its 28 players being of Grade 6 standard and above. It rehearses at Emersons Green Library on a Monday evening. The Phoenix Band was also formed in 2014.

The Apollo Band (photo 2) has been together for just over three years and caters for players of around Grade 3 and 4. It meets in Yate on a Tuesday evening.

The Westerly Winds Staple Hill Band (photo 3) has been playing for just over two years and, as its name implies, meets in Staple Hill Library on a Wednesday evening.

The most junior band is Winterbourne Winds (photo 4) which was formed just under eighteen months ago for complete beginners and returners. They meet at the Greenfield Centre, Winterbourne on a Thursday evening.

Having a "family of bands" at all levels offers the opportunity for players to move to a different band as their skills develop. Currently the minimum age for band membership is 18 years but the Association is on the point of offering membership to 16 and 17 year olds. Although based in South Gloucestershire, many of the players were attracted to the bands from further afield.

Keith Hunt, Chairperson of the charity, said "We are always open to welcome new members of all abilities and it would be a fitting way to celebrate the new status of the Association if the membership reached 100 this year."

**Anyone interested in joining should contact Keith on 0117 9049125 or by e-mail [keh35@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:keh35@blueyonder.co.uk) who will be pleased to answer any questions. Further information can be found on the Association's website**

[avonwindbandassociation.com](http://avonwindbandassociation.com)



## Local heating firm celebrates 30 years by pledging support to The Grand Appeal

Gregor Heating has been installing boilers for local homeowners since 1986 and is now one of the largest independent heating and plumbing firms with a BS postcode, employing over 100 people with a £10 million turnover.

To celebrate the significant milestone in their business journey, they have selected The Grand Appeal, the Bristol Children's Hospital Charity, as its charity of the year for 2016 and has set a target of raising £10,000 over the next 12 months. The Grand Appeal supports sick children and babies at Bristol Children's Hospital and the Special Care Baby Unit at St Michael's Hospital by providing life-saving medical equipment, patient activities, arts, music and play therapy, and family accommodation.

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.

Founder and managing director, Steve Gregor (photo), said;

*"It's been an incredible 30 years and we felt that giving something back to the community was an excellent way to show our gratitude to everyone who's helped us along the way. We are really proud of our track record, with staff retention rate at 90% and three of the original members of the team still working at Gregor, our friendly, quality service is what stands the business in good stead today. We have always been supportive of the local community but this year wanted to do something a bit more special for a well-known charity that has supported people that we know."*

Helen Haskell, corporate partnerships manager at The Grand Appeal, said, "It's fantastic to have the support of such a well-established Bristol-based business for 2016. This year we are focusing on raising funds to help increase the family accommodation that The Grand Appeal provides, which is a lifeline for the families of seriously ill children and babies undergoing treatment at Bristol Children's Hospital and St Michael's Hospital. Every penny that Gregor Heating raises throughout the year will go towards helping even more families to stay together during what is often a very difficult time."

As part of the celebrations, Wallace and Gromit themselves will be appearing at the Gregor Heating Big Bank Holiday Family Fun Day at Bath Racecourse on the first May Bank Holiday. Race goers will also be able to take part in a Gromit Model-Making Workshop. The family fun day is open to all and tickets can be bought online from the Bath Racecourse website.



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## Local Clubs and Groups in and around Bradley Stoke, Little Stoke and Stoke Gifford

### BABY AND TODDLER GROUPS

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

**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 369 935

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

**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

**Bradley Stoke Small Business Forum** - meets 2nd Monday of the **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 7.30pm at Trust Hall, North Road, Stoke Gifford, Bristol BS34 8PF contact Sue Grimsted 01454 613016.

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

### SPORTS CLUBS

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

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

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

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

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!

Club, U7s to U18s, disability football, mentoring, in-school coaching and football festival. Visit web site [www.bsyfc.co.uk](http://www.bsyfc.co.uk) or contact mlee1@btopenworld.com

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

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

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

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

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

**Severnside Ramblers** - [www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk](http://www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk) All walks meet at Aldi car park, Bradley Stoke

**Sole Sisters** - ladies only running group, meets Monday evenings in various locations Bradley Stoke & North Bristol, [www.solesistersrsc.co.uk](http://www.solesistersrsc.co.uk)

**Stokes Cycling Club** - Cycling club in and around Bradley Stoke area as well as long distance rides, for adults and families - [www.stokescyclingclub.org.uk](http://www.stokescyclingclub.org.uk) [stokescyclingclub@googlemail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 Striders Running Club** - A free recreational running group, Mondays 6-7pm Little Stoke Park, <https://www.facebook.com/stokesstriders>

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

### CHURCH CONTACTS AND COFFEE MORNINGS

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

**Bridge Community Church** Bradley Stoke Community School 0117 2303330. Community Coffee Morning Brook Way Activity Centre Thursdays 10-12 [www.bridgecommunitychurch.org](http://www.bridgecommunitychurch.org)

**Christ the King Church** Mautraviers Close, Bradley Stoke 0117 931 2304. Coffee mornings with bacon butties Fridays at 9-11am. [www.ctkchurch.org.uk](http://www.ctkchurch.org.uk)

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

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

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

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

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

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

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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

**Bradley StokCommunity School Primary Phase**, Head Teacher Sharon Clarke 01454 868840

**Bowsland Green Primary School**, Head Teacher: Faye Kitchen, Ellicks Close Bradley Stoke, 01454 866766, [bowslandgreen.org.uk](http://bowslandgreen.org.uk)

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

**Holy Trinity Primary School**, Headteacher: Jane Johns, Broad Croft Bradley Stoke, 01454 866735, [holytrinity-pri.s-gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.holytrinity-pri.s-gloucs.sch.uk)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### SECONDARY SCHOOLS

**Abbeywood Community School**, Exec Head: Dave Baker, Assoc Head: Dave Howe, New Road Stoke Gifford BS34 8QT, 0117 307 5660, [abbeywoodschool.com](http://abbeywoodschool.com)

**Bradley Stoke Community School**, Exec Head: Mr Dave Baker, Assoc Head: Steve Muir Fiddlers Wood Lane Bradley Stoke BS32 9BS, 01454 868840, [bradleystokeys.org.uk](http://bradleystokeys.org.uk)

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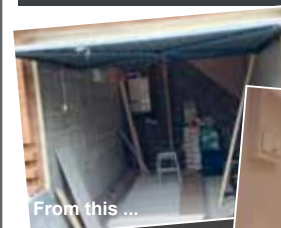
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Castell Roc is held annually inside the stunning grounds of Chepstow Castle, and tickets are already on sale and selling fast for all events.

The 2015 event saw headline acts such as The Levellers, Blue, Bellowhead, as well as a whole host of top tribute acts.

Organiser Carol Mutlow of Hannah's Music Chepstow, began to wonder how she could top the 2015 event, after having such acts, but 2016 looks to be just as exciting!

The festival starts on **Thursday August 18th** with the legendary 'Wurzels', a scrumpy and western band from Somerset. Best known for their number one hit 'Combine Harvester'

**Friday 19th Fleetwood Mac** The world's first and best Fleetwood Mac tribute band, endorsed by Mick Fleetwood himself. If you are a fan of Fleetwood Mac, then this is a show not to miss as they take you back in time to make you feel you are actually reliving the times.

**Saturday 20th** Castell Roc are thrilled to welcome 'The Shires' a country duo that is taking the world by storm. Their debut album 'Brave' went gold in 2015, making them one of only 4 uk debut acts to break gold that year.

**Sunday 21st** - Be prepared to walk 500 miles with none other than 'The Proclaimers'. One of the highlights of this year's festival, strikingly individual twin brothers Craig and Charlie Reid have over the years enjoyed huge success across the globe and are now joining us at Chepstow Castle.



**Thursday 25th**, 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.

**Friday 26th** The amazing 'Blues Band' featuring Paul Jones, Dave Kelly, Tom McGuinness, Rob Townsend and Gary Fletcher, who are today acknowledged through Europe and beyond as being amongst the very finest purveyors of rhythm & blues.



**Saturday 27th** A gentleman who needs no introduction, none other than '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'.

**Sunday 28th**: Last seen at Chepstow Castle in 2010, we are absolutely delighted to have back, the world renowned 'Ukulele Orchestra Of Great Britain'. As part of their 'Gigs a second tour', this highly entertaining and accomplished show is an experience not to miss. You will be amazed at what the humble 'little ukulele' can achieve as you are capulated from Handel to Sinatra, to Lady Ga Ga and back again!

**Monday 29th** - to finish off the festival there will be a very fitting finale from 'A Tribute 2'. A very unique evening to celebrate the lives and music of 'David Bowie' and 'Lemmy' who both recently lost their lives to cancer. Two very talented and yet very different legends that will be greatly missed in the music scene. Two very different people that shared a remarkable story. Music will be performed by, 'Motorheadache' and the 'Bowie Experience' and £1 from each ticket sold will go to 'Cancer Research uk' in memory of these 2 true legends.

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