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Dear Residents....

Hello and welcome to your June edition of Little Stoke Gifford Matters, it has been lovely to feel some sunshine of late and hopefully we shall see much more of it in the weeks to come!

We have lots of local news and stories for you this edition including an update from the Heart of the Community project - amazingly a year has flown past since our last update when it opened its doors and fundraising is now underway to be able to complete this fabulous local resource. There is the chance to participate in a gospel choir on 11th June, so if you've ever fancied joining in now is your chance - see over for more information! There is festival fun in Bradley Stoke over 3rd-5th June and the local primary schools are all busy planning their summer fares - do try and get out and support these if you can, even if its just to pop in for a cuppa and a piece of cake.

We also bring you news of two local residents taking on fundraising challenges this month - Jason Philips is kayaking the length of the Avon & Kennet canal for the Stoke Gifford Royal British Legion poppy appeal and Emma Cooke and the MS Warriors are throwing themselves out of a plane for the MS charity BrAMs. There are some local companies advertising job opportunities on pages 8 and 9 and a whole host of other local events taking place from tribute nights to basket weaving at the Winterbourne Barn, who also host their Medieval Fayre on 12th June. This is just a sample ... there is plenty more to read inside!

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Kayaking trip to fundraise for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

A Father and Daughter team - Jason Philips and his daughter Georgia - are teaming up for a special event in the summer, to fundraise for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The fundraising kayaking trip start on 31st July, and will finish on 6th August.

Jason told us: "I am a member of Stoke Gifford Branch of the Royal British Legion and all the money raised from my canal kayak is for the Poppy Appeal fund to provide welfare support to the extended Armed Forces family."

Jason will kayak / row the length of the Kennet and Avon canal for the Poppy Appeal, covering around 85 miles with 96 lock gates, two aqueducts and one long tunnel. Georgia will be cycling on her mountain bike alongside on the canal towpath. Georgia's role is to be in support, carry equipment and for safety, she will also be the person providing updates via social media and photo's.

The trip will take 7 days and Jason and Georgia will be camping for the six nights at or near pre-set public houses along the way. All equipment will be carried by the kayak and the bike. We look forward to seeing the photos taken along the way as they travel through the Wiltshire countryside, planning to finish at 1pm on the 6th August at The Cottage Public House, Hotwells, Bristol City Docks.

Jason would like to thank Clare from the North Avon Canoe Club for all the help and support in preparation for the event and sponsors Beverley Barron Personal Travel Advisors, www.facebook.com/Bristolsbestholidaydeals.

If anybody would like to support Jason and Georgia by sponsoring their adventure, donations are very welcome via their JustGiving Page at - <https://www.justgiving.com/Jason-Philips>

Or donations can be sent care of Brian Hewitt, 255 North Road, Stoke Gifford, Bristol.

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 also has a Pop In Centre at 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 has it's own Facebook Page, so please take a look and follow and like it, <https://www.facebook.com/StokeGiffordRBL>



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Heart of the Community project (HOTC) was established with the specific mission of **“living to make a difference by being a Christian heart at the centre of the community”**.

Little Stoke Gifford Matters has been following the progress of the project since 2013, when building work began.

While the new centre is the most visible and costly part of the project, it is only one part. The church has pledged to:

- preserve and improve the 14th century church building for increased use in the years ahead. There are plans to provide toilets, restore the external lighting and return the sound of bells to the village following a successful trial of electronic bells.
- refurbish the Old School Rooms – home to many community groups and the popular Coffee Shop
- complete the St Michael's Centre by adding catering facilities, fitting out the corridor and further downstairs meeting rooms, providing upstairs toilets, offices, further meeting rooms as well as finishing the balcony over the auditorium to provide seating for an additional 220 people.

A tenth of all money donated by St Michael's is being used to support building and development projects by the church's mission partners in the UK and overseas.

The church needs to raise £4.04m to complete the project, which includes repaying loans and interest, taken out to enable completion and use of the first phase of the centre.

It's just over a year since the new St Michael's Centre in Stoke Gifford opened it's doors – and already thousands of people have attended events and celebrations in the building.

The first phase of the centre, which cost £4.51m to build, includes a ground floor auditorium with 300 seats, a reception area, office, toilets and showers, seminar and meeting rooms. It's proving to be a popular venue for concerts as well as local and national conferences, with bookings well into 2017.

It's hard to believe that in 1980, St Michael's was a small rural church with fewer than 50 regular worshippers at the only Sunday service. As Stoke Gifford grew, so did the church and there are now over 400 adults and children regularly worshipping across the three main Sunday services. More than 720 people attended the services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

More are being reached through the church's outreach and weekly family service at Cheswick Village.

The church purchased the land next to the Old School Rooms in North Road, on which the St Michael's Centre stands, in 2006, thanks to the generous and sacrificial giving of members of the congregation, who to date have given a total of £2.73m (including Gift Aid).

Planning permission to build on the site was granted in 2010 and the St Michael's Church



The Rev. Si Jones, Rector of St Michael's explained: *“The Heart of the Community project is not about community buildings, It's about building community.*

“The HOTC project is integral to the vision of St Michael's Church. We are seeing growth in the life of the church, our work with the community and the wider sharing of our resources. Young people, the elderly, local people and those from further afield, church groups, community events and national conferences, are all finding a home with us.

“We are passionate about our pledge for growth and mission at St Michael's. We are committed to reaching out within our local community – and further afield – through discipleship, outreach and service.”

Interested in finding out more or holding an event at the new centre? Contact St Michael's Church Office, tel. 0117 969 2486 or email heart@stmichaelsbristol.org.



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At the same time there is a national shortage of nurses, including in care of the elderly. Care home nursing offers a challenging, rewarding, and fulfilling career. Nurses have often thought of care home nursing as less interesting than hospital work in the NHS. It is different, but it's no less interesting. Hospitals are for short term clinical intervention. Care homes provide long term holistic care in a community setting. Many care home providers like Bristol Care Homes are very innovative, leading the way by

computerising care planning and medication, and deploying advanced bathing and mobility technology.

Creative activities are crucial to care of the whole person. Planning and sourcing these requires inspiration. A whole range of artists from Bristol's Jamaica Street Studios, and musicians from Live Music Now regularly come to Bristol Care Homes' homes. Nurses, rather than doctors, lead the life of the home. They develop care strategies, specify equipment and technology, oversee the work of the care team, and monitor care plans.

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St Mary's Old Boys RFC has recently become an official O2 Touch Centre with the backing of the RFU

O2 Touch at St Mary's Old Boys will run a minimum of 30 sessions throughout the year – ensuring it's not just a summer only activity. Once players are registered they can access training sessions and games advertised on the O2 Touch website and app.

Touch is a great way to improve fitness and have fun, whether you're 16 or 80, a beginner or seasoned player. Sessions are inclusive giving the perfect opportunity to get together with mates or meet new people. We now have 60 registered players with a regular 30+ attending training. Some parents of our Bradley Stoke Youth players now play Touch and two mums, who have never picked up a rugby ball previously, have just qualified as referees!

Sessions take place every Tuesday 1830hrs - 2000hrs at St Mary's Old Boys RFC. During the Winter season, we will be utilising local astro turf pitches and indoor sports halls.

The O2 Touch Centre is an RFU initiative with St Mary's Old Boys RFC receiving funding for the first three years of the programme, ensuring that in years 4 onwards the club still continues to run O2 Touch but by that stage should be self-sufficient. The first session is therefore offered for free and then just £1 for any subsequent sessions which is payable on the day. There are no upfront costs or obligations to attend every session!

We are currently in the process of putting together a league structure for those who would like to compete. There is no requirement to enter a league, so whether you're looking for a fun way

to get fit and meet new people or to compete against other teams, we cater for all.

The centre is run by volunteers: 3 Operators, who will run the sessions, book facilities, organise fixtures etc and 2 Ambassadors, who will work in a more promotional role driving social media, organising socials, and promoting O2 Touch in the local community. Training for volunteers will be provided by the RFU throughout the year and their partner, the England Touch Association, who provide Touch specific refereeing and coaching courses for free to O2 Touch centres.

In fact, the local Touch volunteers have in mid-May attended the Touch Takeover at Twickenham with on pitch training sessions and interactive workshops to increase the numbers playing Touch in Bradley Stoke. Kit has been provided for the 5 volunteers as well as equipment including balls, bibs and cones with branded flags and banners to help advertise the centre.

New players welcome - even those who have never thrown an oval shaped ball before!

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As we approach the Summer a local woodland is celebrating another successful year. The Group has completed it's transition to a fully independent group, (originally it had very close ties to the council). One of it's volunteers has won a prestigious award, and over the last couple of years the woodland has been transformed by regular workdays involving UWE GreenSpace Student Volunteers.

Splatts Abbey Wood Conservation Group

has many local residents on its committee. The group is keen to expand its group of volunteers to help it develop the woodland still further.

Fred Hillberg, the Treasurer and Vice Chairman of Splatts Abbey Wood Conservation Group, won the South Glos. Council Chair's Award 2016 for his volunteering with the group. Extracts from his citation for the award read: - "He is the Treasurer and Vice Chairman of Splatts Abbey Wood Conservation Group, since we became more independent of the Council last year. He has volunteered for the Group since 2003, both as a committee member and as an activist (going out on workdays).

"Fred has made a major contribution in terms of his extensive long term commitment and contribution to the Group - by being a hardworking volunteer on workdays, and as a committee member, making valuable contributions. He started in 2003, 13 years ago and is the second longest committee member / volunteer in the group. His contributions are invaluable."

Splatts Abbey Wood Chairman Conservation Group Spokesman, David Bell told us "Fred thoroughly deserves this award. I joined the group in 2002 and as a result have known Fred as a valued colleague during his 13 years on the committee. The survival and subsequent thriving of the group owes a lot to Fred."

Fred said "This award has come as a complete surprise and I am delighted to accept on behalf of all the Splatts Abbey Conservation Group, past and present. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the group and hope it has made a contribution to the community and the environment."



Splatts Abbey Wood Conservation Group has been working with it's sister woodland Sims Hill Community Woodland and they have forged a great link with UWE GreenSpace, a Student Volunteering group, who carry out workdays at both the Woodlands, the results of which have been transformational.

Jenny Idle, Project Officer at UWE Volunteering commented "The students really value their experience of volunteering with the local conservation groups. This year they have far surpassed our expectations and committed hundreds of hours to the project! We are also very proud of 2 of our Project Leaders who have recently been award Green Volunteers Awards for their work and look forward to building on this success in the next academic year"

David Bell commented "The Splatts Abbey Wood Group is very excited with the progress that it has made in recent times including becoming a more independent group and it looks forward to the future with great optimism. The UWE GreenSpace project has been quite inspirational, with dedicated, hardworking students helping to contribute to their local environment and community. When I first raised doing this with the UWE Volunteering Department last year I had no idea it would blossom into such a great project."

Both woodlands are keen to get greater involvement with the local community, including recruiting more volunteers.

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Rugby Community Supports Liam's Day

Around 1,200 people packed St Mary's Old Boys' rugby ground in Trench Lane, Winterbourne in May to boost a major fund-raising event for Liam O'Keeffe.

The 25-year-old captain of the Saints suffered life-changing injuries in a match before Christmas and Liam, who is now receiving treatment at the Spinal Injury Unit at Salisbury, made an emotional return to the club for the day which featured three special matches, a raffle and an auction, raising a five-figure sum for a fund set up to assist him.

St Mary's chairman Pete Phelps said: *"It's hard to believe the response we've had from the rugby family, it's been overwhelming and very touching. We definitely exceeded all expectations ... the kitchen ran out of food and the bar has been drunk dry, but most importantly people have all been talking about what a great day they've had. We're very grateful to so many people for all their hard work and support."*

The great majority of clubs in the Bristol area were represented in the three games which began with the Bristol Wanderers facing the Combination Vets, refereed by Bristol Society chairman Steve Leyshon. The under-17 cup final from ten years ago, between St Mary's and Old Reds, was then replayed with Ivor Sobey again the man in the middle. The last match saw a St Mary's President's XV take on the Bristol Combination, a first half squad being selected from clubs in the Gloucestershire and Somerset divisions before clubs from Western Counties North and above took to the field after the break with former international official Tony Spreadbury in charge.



Thank you to Steve Hill and photos courtesy of John Kelland

A raffle of a long list of prizes further boosted the fund for Liam before a series of signed shirts, including two England Grand Slam jerseys donated by Billy and Mako Vunipola who played at junior level for Thornbury, went under the hammer.

Pete Phelps added: *"We've got plenty of adding up to do as money continues to come in from clubs for the sale of programmes, but a significant five-figure sum has already been raised for Liam which is absolutely tremendous."*

Fund-raising efforts continue with the Bristol Combination hosting a golf day at Henbury on 3rd June while St Mary's are organising a dinner at the Marriott on 20th August.

SMOB Ladies Unbeatable in 2015/16 Season

St. Mary's Old Boys Ladies rugby team received their silverware after an incredible season in the NC2 South West North league this season. The ladies only lost one league game and have been untouchable since September, finishing on a 13 league game unbeaten run.

Having only a small squad of 16 last July, the ladies have worked hard and welcomed players of all abilities, signing a total of 11 players this season, half of which had never played before. The team spirit and commitment from all players and coach have been the driving force this season and they look forward to celebrating their success together at the clubs Annual Dinner.

Captain, Kirsty Fido, praised her squads achievements this season and is looking forward to new challenges in a new league next season, under new coaching staff, saying *"We have a great set up at St Mary's with fantastic facilities. The girls are excellent and are always helping one another on and off the pitch, I wouldn't want to be a part of any other team!"*

The ladies will now enjoy some well deserved rest ready to start pre season on Tuesday 12 July.

If you'd like to join the ladies next season as an experienced player or are interested in taking up a new sport, you can find the ladies on Twitter @SMOBL and Facebook, St Mary's Old Boys Ladies. Alternatively, feel free to give Kirsty a call on 07811 805 917.



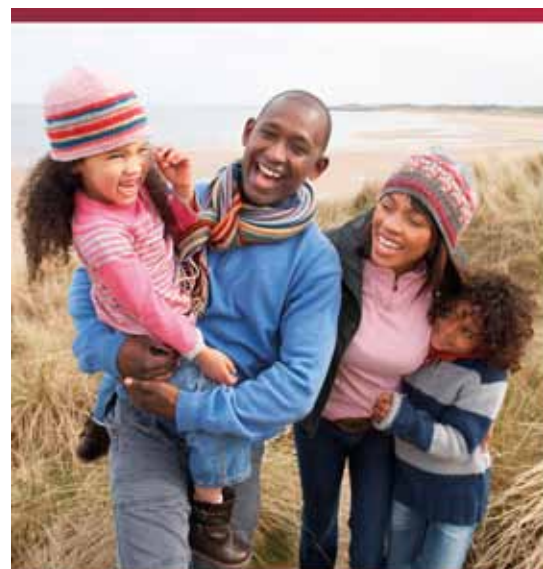
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Friday 3rd June

The Picnic in the Park starts at 10.30 until 14.00 at the Jubilee Centre. Professor Panic's circus skills 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 alongside local dance groups. 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 12.00 am on the top field soccer pitches.

Sunday 5th June

The annual 10K multi terrain race organised by the Sole Sisters starts at 09.30 and finishes at the Jubilee Centre. At Baileys Court Activity Centre there will be a joint "Church in the Park" outdoor service from the Bradley Stoke Churches starting at 10.30 followed at 12.00 noon by 25th anniversary celebrations by the Bradley Stoke Cricket Club (see right). 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.

Main arena	Football Pitch	Time slot	Duration	Jubilee Green
Band:	Dance Group			Demonstration area
Bradley Stoke School		11.30	30 minutes	
Gemma Davis and Sim Ashford		11.30	30 minutes	
		12.00	15 minutes	Kings Skate ramp demo
	SGAP Dance	12.00	20 minutes	
		12.20	20 minutes	Whitlock Martial Arts - Taekwon-do display
Telson		12.20	40 minutes	
	Yasmins Dance Group	13.00	20 minutes	
		12.45	15 minutes	Winterguard Display
		13.05	15 minutes	Skate ramp pro demo
		13.20	25 minutes	St Mary's RFC display
Elevation		13.20	40 minutes	
		13.45	30 minutes	Dragon Tang Soo Do
	Baby Ballet	14.00	20 minutes	
		14.15	15 minutes	Skate ramp pro demo
Seduction		14.20	40 minutes	
		14.30	50 minutes	Canine Relate Dog Display Team
	344 Dance School	15.00	20 minutes	
		15.25	25 minutes	St Mary's RFC display
Limited Edition		15.20	40 minutes	
		16.00	20 minutes	Skate ramp pro demo
			20 minutes	Movement Inc Yoga Display
	Street Envy	16.00	20 minutes	
		16.20	40 minutes	Canine Relate Dog Display Team
Tundra		16.20	40 minutes	
		17.00	20 minutes	GKR Karate R49
	Chinese Dance + Vitality Garland School of Freestyle	17.00	20 minutes	
Skeeter		17.20	40 minutes	
		18.10	End	

Bradley Stoke Cricket Club Celebrates its 25th Anniversary

Come and Meet former England and Gloucester Wicket keeper Jack Russell MBE
Sunday 5th June 12 noon to 4pm

On Sunday 5th June Jack Russell MBE (England & Gloucestershire) will be at the club at Baileys Court Activity Centre, Baileys Court Road, to meet and greet people, sign autographs and pose for photographs. There will be an exhibition of some of his paintings, sketches and books.

There will be a prize draw with the chance to win some fantastic cricket related prizes. These include three of Jack's paintings (prints) including one of the Oval gasometer which has been in the news recently after becoming a listed building. Of the other two, one is entitled the 'Spirit of Cricket' and there is also the 'Catch of the Season'. Alongside these will be a full size cricket bat signed by the 2015 Australia test squad, a full size cricket bat worth £250 and a family ticket to a T20 match featuring Gloucestershire CCC.

Entry to the event is by programme only and these cost just £3 each. Each programme will admit one adult but the purchaser can also bring one child Under 18 with them for free. This offer enhances the Club's commitment to youth cricket. Each programme is individually numbered and has a prize draw entry form in it. We hope to see many people on the day but attendance is not compulsory to win a prize as the completed entry forms can be submitted prior to the actual day.

Also on the day, there will also be an auction of sporting memorabilia in aid of the charity 'Kicking Out for Kids'. Weather permitting we will have a 20/20 youth match followed by an adult T20 featuring some local celebrities. There will be outside catering, local media coverage, the Club bar will be open, and there will be music in the evening.

Programmes can be obtained from the Club bar on match days (Saturdays & Sundays) or by sending a stamped self addressed A5 envelope and a cheque for £3 made payable to Bradley Stoke Cricket Club to: Bradley Stoke Cricket Club, Baileys Court Road Activity Centre, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8BE. Any remaining programmes will be available on the day.

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Tell people you saw them in Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford Matters

Local MS Patient to Skydive for Charity

Little Stoke Gifford Matters was pleased to hear from local resident Emma Cooke, who is jumping out of a plane later this month in order to raise money for BrAMS (The Bristol and Avon Multiple Sclerosis Clinical Centre) at Southmead Hospital.

Emma, 33, is a university graduate who has lived in Stoke Gifford since a toddler, choosing to stay local when she moved to her own home just across the road from her parents where she currently lives with her cat. She was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis 6 years ago, following 2 and a half years of testing. This was a low point in her life and there have been times when she has lost the ability to walk unaided and had to depend on her cane. Through this time BrAMS have helped by listening, and prescribing treatments to keep the MS at bay. They have a superb Neuro Physiotherapist who has prescribed balance courses in order to improve Emma's mobility. BrAMS also pay for part of the courses, with the rest being funded by a small cost to the patients and a big part paid for by the BS7 Gym. The gym provides the location and personal trainers to assist the patients and help them improve. The physiotherapist has created these fantastic courses and has also introduced a Hydrotherapy course at Horfield Leisure centre.

Emma is so thankful to all the specialists who have helped her along the way that she wanted to give something back. She told us *"I am passionate to raise as much money as I can to help these courses continue. They have really brought the MS community together."*

No longer able to run or take part in sporting events to raise money, she came up with the idea of a sponsored sky dive two years ago and originally had a team of 12 fellow MS sufferers taking part. Unfortunately not all those who wanted to take part could get their doctors permission to do so, so the team has dwindled to 3 participants with MS along with 4 friends and supporters. They have called themselves the MS Warriors!



"Being diagnosed with MS was the lowest point in my life – I didn't know what my future would hold. I thank with every bone in my body all of the neurologists, MS doctors, physiotherapists and specialist nurses who have helped turn my life around. With the other skydiving Warriors I want to raise as much money as I can to help others get the same support that I've received."

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is the most common disabling neurological disease of young adults. In the UK alone, over 100,000 people suffer from MS and it affects thousands more through their friends, family and carers. The Bristol and Avon Multiple Sclerosis Clinical Centre (BrAMS) combines leading clinical services with cutting edge research. It is recognised as a centre of excellence, bringing together world-class neuroscientists to advance research, clinical care and discover new treatments for this life-changing disease. It treats over 2,000 MS patients a year.

Emma also frequents and volunteers at the MS Therapy Centre in Bradley Stoke, *"The MS Centre is just fantastic, there are so many therapies and treatments they can offer. I love helping out on reception and being able to talk to people who call in with queries. Obviously having MS myself gives me a better understanding of some of the difficulties others are dealing with and I have experienced the treatments myself too. The MS centre has asked me to do a sponsored Sky Dive for them next year but I need to get this one out of the way first!!"*

Can you Help provide a minibus? Emma is also looking for help to provide a minibus on the day of the sky dive - 18th June - to transport the team to Salisbury. They have someone capable of driving the minibus but so far quotes to hire are several hundred pounds, which isn't affordable when the team is trying to raise as much needed funds as possible. If you are able to help with this please let us know and we will forward to Emma.

You can help other MS patients to lead better lives by sponsoring Emma and the MS Warriors here: <https://southmeadhospitalcharityfundraise.everydayhero.com/uk/ms-warriors-skydive>

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Holy Doors at Downside

Pupils in Year Four at Holy Family have returned full of enthusiasm from their recent pilgrimage to Downside Abbey. On an annual basis, pupils from the South Gloucestershire Catholic Schools Cluster meet to participate in a retreat day. This year the venue was chosen especially so that pupils would also have the opportunity to pass through the Downside Abbey Holy Door.

In December of last year the Pope opened the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica in Rome to launch the Catholic Church's "Year of Mercy". The Pope has said that by passing through it, Catholics should take on the role of the Good Samaritan. The children have learned that in passing through the Holy Door they are opening their hearts to God and striving for holiness.

The day at Downside Abbey was an enlightening experience for both children and staff. Head teacher, Dawn Breeze, had prepared maps of the Abbey and the children explored all areas of the building, hearing stories and sketching the architectural features, such as the carving on the benches. Pupil Joanne Binith was enthralled by the

history and artwork she saw. *"Many works of art were destroyed by fire but there was one amazing tapestry that had been saved,"* she commented.

The Benedictine monks of Downside were very gracious with their time. The children were able to hear the monks chanting and to join in the midday prayer. Following this the children were allowed to interview the monks in a question and answer session about what life is like in monastery. They found out all about the daily routine and clothing involved in a religious life.

The day was a fabulous opportunity for prayer and reflection alongside our sister schools in South Gloucestershire. The children have really benefitted from this unique experience and particularly enjoyed the opportunity to experience walking through a Holy Door. Nana Nsor-Ambala smiled as she remembered, *"It was like walking through a normal door but I could feel Jesus was with us."*



Play Day Fun at Holy Family

Year Six pupils are celebrating today (13th May) in spectacular style, as the end of their statutory assessment week has finally arrived. Along with every other 10 and 11 year old in the country, our Year Six class, The Chipmunks, have been working at a furious pace to prepare themselves for their SATs tests this week. However, at Holy Family we have been struck by the amazing attitudes displayed by our eldest pupils. Despite a very intense beginning to the week, with an incredibly difficult reading test, our children have shown nothing but the greatest resilience.

Each day of SATs week began with the exclusive Year Six breakfast club. The class poured in each morning, with great enthusiasm, and enjoyed a large breakfast of cereal, toast, croissants and juice. Best of all was the last exam day, when the teachers arrived earlier still, to prepare the most delicious bacon sandwiches as an extra special treat.

Now the tests are over the children get to enjoy the annual Year Six Play Day. The classroom has been transformed, as for one day only the children take over. They can choose to play inside or out, with bikes and scooters littering the playground. In the classroom, music is playing as children share their favourite board games or give each other radical make-overs! All good fun as the class let their hair down.

However, the hard work is not yet over for Year Six. Monday will see new learning projects begin such as rehearsing for the end of year production and organising The Apprentice Project for our Summer Fair. The Year Six teaching team, Mrs Carter, Miss Lloyd and Mrs Scriven, couldn't be more proud of the class. Miss Lloyd reflected, *"They have given their all this year – well done The Chipmunks!"*

Take One Picture

Holy Family will become a hive of artistic activity for the last week of the term as Take One Picture week begins once more. Take One Picture is a creative week in which all learning, including Maths, Science and PE, is centred around an outstanding piece of art. In the past, Holy Family pupils have studied a range of paintings. Last year spectacular work was produced in response to the study of a Wedgwood vase. However, this year the focus will be the four Walter Crane Lunettes, semi-circular frescos, which can be found in the Royal West of England Academy in Clifton.

Each class will be producing artwork inspired by the work of Walter Crane. Children will be designing and making their own lunettes, using a range of artistic styles from comic book art to street art. Children will be painting, sewing and printing, using a wide range of materials including felt, charcoal and clay. In addition to this, the artwork will inspire maths lessons, with a focus on pattern and symmetry, and in English pupils will write biographies of the artist and hold debates about the nature of art itself.

The week will get off to a flying start with a special visit by a troop of local Morris Dancers. Walter Crane was famed for defending the workers' right to a May Day holiday. So our children will celebrate May, the month of Our Lady, with a Morris Dancing session and even a May Pole dance.

We are particularly looking forward to sharing the efforts of all our hard work with parents and family members in our end of term Take One Picture Exhibition. Families will be invited in at the end of the day to sip a glass of 'fizz' whilst viewing their child's creations from this exciting week.

Art co-ordinator, Nicky Green, commented, *"I am sure, as always, it will be an inspirational week. We are always so pleased by the children's reactions to Take One Week and they gain such a lot from these rich experiences."*



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The Beaver, Cubs and Scouts have all used the Scout Activity Centre at Woodhouse Park and had a great time on the climbing walls.

The Scouts have been practicing their map work, learning how to read a compass and how to navigate by the sun and stars and shown how to use GPS. This will be put to good use when they camp on the Gower in the summer. In readiness

for camp they have been practicing erecting tents and checking them over for summer camp. The Scouts will also be Kayaking in Bristol harbour taking part in their annual Hike and Chips night.

The Troop said goodbye and good luck to Jason Gray who has been helping over the last few months and whose work commitments now take him on to pastures new in the USA.

Can you help?

We are always looking for additional Leaders and Helpers to support our Group. There is no minimum amount of time required to commit and we can always work around work and other commitments. Volunteer today and join our friendly enthusiastic team.

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Local Dance School Raises £4,000 for Charity

Sharon Phillips School of Dancing held their biennial dancing show on 29th-31st March at The Olympus Theatre, Stoke Gifford.

200 children took part, aged from just 2 and a half years up to 18, performing tap, modern and ballet dancing. Having experienced two of these shows myself in past years Matters can vouch for how spectacular they are! This show was no exception and was a huge success, raising £4,000 for the charity CICRA which supports children and young adults with Crohns or colitis disease.

Sharon Phillips School of Dancing is based in Alveston and Patchway and children attend lessons from all the surrounding areas, from 18months old to adults. If anyone is interested in classes you can find them on Facebook or can contact Sharon directly on 07989 652 780.

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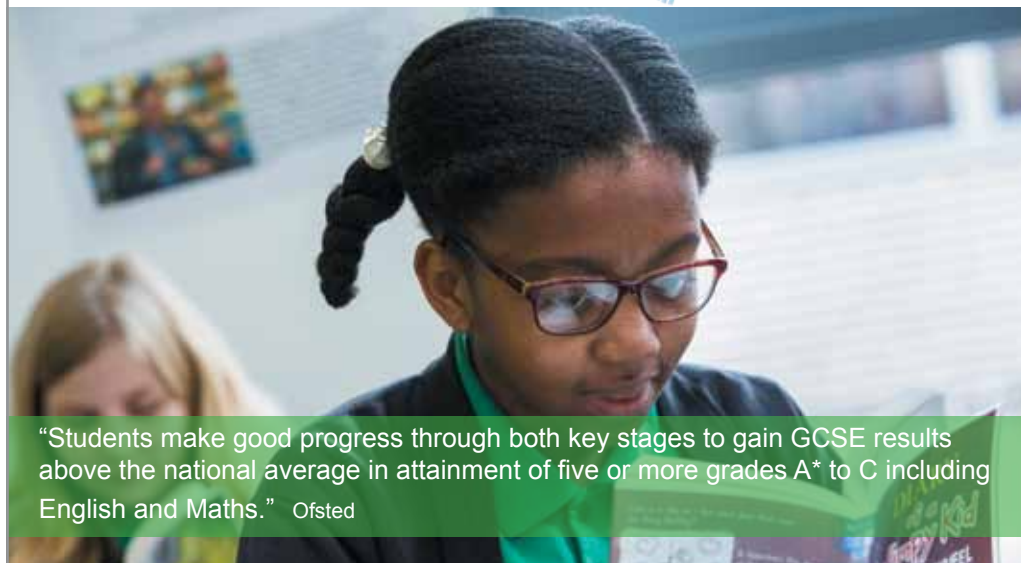
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UWE BoxED at Bailey's Court Primary School

The children of Bailey's Court Primary School year 5 have for the past five weeks been involved in a science project with the BoxED team from the University of the West of England, Bristol (UWE). Pupils were tasked with finding bacteria in the playground capable of producing electricity and they did just that!

To begin with they had to build the bacteria a home, called a microbial fuel cell. Within the fuel cell, bacteria were well nourished by the children over the course of the project and rewards for their effort they began to see electricity being produced. Electricity is the waste product of the bacteria as they metabolise, or eat, the food the pupils gave them.

During the course of the project the pupils also had the opportunity to find how well (or not!) they wash their hands by using a special glow cream (which is invisible until a UV light is shown on it), do an experiment to see how easily 'bacteria' aka glow cream could spread from person to person and even grow their own bacteria from hands on special jelly called agar. They began to appreciate that bacteria are all around us, some good, some bad but washing your hands well prevents bacteria spreading.

Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford Matters was delighted to be invited along to the final session at Bailey's Court where the pupils became engineers, being challenged with building a wind turbine out of waste materials to produce as much energy as possible when powered by wind. The pupils had to consider what was required to make the most effective fan – 2 blades or 4, plastic or cupboard, angled blades or flat. Pupils learned that engineers need to build, test and then modify their designs to produce the best results. The session closed with an opportunity to link all the teams' microbial fuels cells together and show the pupils that combined they could power small electrical appliances, such as an LED and electronic thermometer!

The pupils in a few weeks' time will be visiting Drs Debbie Lewis, Jon Winfield and the rest of the BoxED team at UWE's Frenchay campus to cement their learning by visiting the Bristol Robotics Laboratory, Science and Education department here. They will see real scientists and engineers at work and hopefully be inspired for their future careers.

UWE BoxED is a school focused outreach programme of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) related activities. The aim is to support schools in delivering engaging STEM content and keep students excited about STEM subjects. Please contact them directly for further information and opportunities for 2016/17 at BoxED@uwe.ac.uk.



Baileys Court Primary School Summer Fair Saturday 9th July from 11am-2pm.

Every year the fair raises valuable funds to enrich the pupils' time at school, and is a hugely enjoyable day for all local families.

If your child has been accepted to start their Reception year in September 2016, then come along to meet other families and have a chance to get involved in the vibrant community we share.

This year the fair will include a display programme including Taekwon Do, SW Winterguard Academy and Lula Gardland's Dance School with Bradley Stoke FM supporting the event. Bouncy castles, pony rides, sports try-outs, a wide variety of hot and cold food available in our food court and a host of local businesses showcasing their wares – a great Saturday for your diaries!

For more information on future events please check the 'Friends' link on www.baileyscourt.com

School News from St Chad's

by Head Teacher Darren Brown

There is so much to tell you about what has been going on in St Chad's since we last wrote, I have needed to keep it to the last 5 weeks only. I really want to tell you about such things as the Festival of Youth Dance we entered, our bikeability training, our trip to Cheddar Caves, Reception teddy bear's picnic and even the 670.33 miles travelled by pupils of St Chad's on our Sports Relief day, but there isn't room. Instead, here's some of the things we have done in St Chad's Primary School in the last few weeks:

Movie night at the very end of last term was a huge success as always. More than half of the school returned to school, trussed up in their nightwear, many with a pillow or a teddy to enjoy an evening of movies, popcorn and hot chocolate. Thank you to the Friends who organised and helped run the evening (and for all of the other great things you do Friends as well).



Dance Dazzle Day

St Chad's held its first ever Dance Dazzle day this term. In the weeks building up to the special day, each class across the school from EYFS to Y6 had been learning a dance linked their current topic or a book they have enjoyed. On the morning of Dance Dazzle day, each class then performed to the entire school while a panel of impartial judges including Victoria Hole (a guest dance teacher) acted as X-factor style judges. Every child in school got to the stage and performed which is a huge achievement in its own right. We had serious and funny dances, fast and mournful, modern and classic. The school shone on this Dance Dazzle day indeed! Throughout the rest of the day, classes



Visit to cheddar caves

were individually treated to a specialist dance workshop led by the aforementioned Victoria.

As Patchway is twinned with Gauting we are lucky each year to be joined by some German exchange students. This year our students Toby and Julius were superb additions to the school, getting fully involved in the life of the school, supporting our pupils and you can see why they are looking for a future in education. Unfortunately they only stay for a week as I know pupils (and staff) would have happily had them here longer.

Knowing that many pupils ride scooters to school and out and about, we organised to have some Scooter Training for any of our Y3s who ride scooters (which is most of them!) Somehow the weather held out and we were able to run our training, which was really useful and also enjoyed by all who did it.

We take pupil safety really seriously and try to make sure pupils who leave St Chad's are able to moderate their actions to minimise risks in all settings, which is why we really value the pedestrian training we do with the Y6s and so have decided to roll it out to our Y5s this term too and they have enjoyed learning about their local area, route planning, making sure they are safe in their travels and exploring the area.

Rev David Powe, Former chaplain of HMPS Belmarsh & Bristol, visited St Chad's for a one off, very special assembly. More often, retired Reverend Powe works with much older audiences but showed he was more than comfortable with a younger audience when he charmed the entire school with his assembly based around our current theme of 'creativity'.



Rhyme Rocket CBeebies assembly

We had celebrity visitors from CBeebies Rhyme Rocket leaving EYFS, Y1, Y2 awe-struck during their recent visit. It is not all that often that we have TV celebrities at St Chad's school site and to have them helping to teach English from a school's perspective is a bonus. Pupils were excited days before and the team lived up to expectations.

Our new writing course for parents has been a smash hit. It has been full from day one and although I have yet to have any formal feedback, informally some parents have caught me and expressed how interesting and useful they have found it. Many have said it is a good way to find out what their child will be learning and "it's changed a bit from when I was at school!"



Some of the explorers on the SS Great Britain.

Y1 & 2 had a superb trip to SS Great Britain and Bristol Historic Dock Area! They explored the SS Great Britain (including below its water line) were entertained by stories from the staff and had a tour of key points of the floating harbour. The pupils are still talking about it.

The MAD science team visited us again and ran an amazing assembly, this time around air power

and flight. Children watched as items flew, popped and danced around in front of their eyes! Leading on from this, MAD have been running an after school science club which has been hugely popular.

St Chad's ran its first holiday club over the Easter Break. Running from 9.00 to 3.30 children played endless games, showed their creative side through crafts and had a chance to meet with their friends and get lots of enthusiastic ideas for play and entertainment from the holiday club team. This was a trial run and as it was so popular, we shall continue this in each of the upcoming holidays. If you are interested, please speak to the office or look at the banner on the school fence for more details.

SATs week for Y6s is now over. Irrespective of the controversy in the media and the mixed opinions many have around testing of primary aged children, I think the pupils deserve to be hugely congratulated for their exemplary approach to the tests, with a mature balance of a bit of worry (a shame, but inevitable, if for no other reason than they care and want to do their best) but also a sensible outlook and a really great supportive, caring way of being towards each other. The now traditional SATs breakfasts were a great start to the day, with cereal, toast, juice and more being gleefully consumed each morning. All of the pupils of St Chad's are always a credit to themselves and the school and the Year 6s have certainly been role models in maturity and appropriate behaviour – what more could a parent or school ask from them? Well done!

St Chad's School Summer Fair
Saturday 18th June
11am-3pm (weather permitting!)

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News from St Michael's

from Head Teacher Mark Freeman

What a performance!

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

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

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

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

We also offer several drama clubs both after school and on Saturday morning. These are run by our long-time partner Creative Kidz.

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

For more information please visit our website: www.stmichaelssg.co.uk



Inspire children to read by helping them to do the Summer Reading Challenge 2016

South Gloucestershire Libraries are looking for friendly and enthusiastic volunteers to help children do The BIG Friendly Read, Summer Reading Challenge 2016. Volunteers will work as part of a team and do a variety of activities including talking to children about the books they've been reading, helping children choose new books and assisting with holiday events.

This is an opportunity to develop skills in communication, team working and creative projects whilst having fun and making new friends.

The theme of this year's challenge is The Big Friendly Read which celebrates 100 years of the world's favourite storyteller – Roald Dahl. It begins in all South Gloucestershire Libraries on 16 July and runs until 10 September. More than 6,700 children took part in Record Breakers last summer helped by over 70 volunteers.

The closing date for applications is 18 June. Volunteers must be aged 13 or over. For more information ask a member of staff at any South Gloucestershire library, email emma.fisher@southglos.gov.uk or visit www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries.



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Snails Pace of an Olympic Race

As we went to print on this edition, the brave young people from Creative Youth Network's youth club, The Stokes, were excitedly anticipating The Olympics coming to The Little Stoke Fete on 30th May.

The young people have got together some of the best athletic names in the county to come and perform in this year's **Olympic Snail Race**.

"I can't wait to see who wins, we've looked high and low for the fastest snail in the West," said Anna (12).

Community events such as the Little Stoke Fete are a great way for young people to be part of the wider community and get experience in organising, preparing and marketing events.

"We have been working for the last month to prepare a stall to raise funds for the youth club. It's taken hard work from the young people we work with, but it's worth it. We'd like people to come and say hello, meet our young people and learn about our cause," said Dylan Barker, Lead Positive Engagement Worker at The Stokes.

The Stokes Youth Club organises positive activities for 11-19 year olds in Little Stoke. It's a safe and creative environment where young people can get together, have fun and make new friends, while learning new skills in playing music, the arts, taking part in discussions, debates and competitions.



Do you find it difficult to fit exercise into your busy day?

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If you can run/jog for at least 1 mile, you are welcome to join this session, led by Jade Pritchard.

Please contact NBRG via their Facebook page or contact Alan Wilcox (alanawilcox@tiscali.co.uk) or speak to one of the runners at the Bradley Stoke 10k on 5th June (they are the ones wearing the bright green running tops!)



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PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Ernie Brown re-elected for the fifth consecutive year as Parish Council Chairman

Cllr Ernie Brown was re-elected unanimously as Parish Chairman at the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2016.



Ernie looks forward to the challenges ahead during 2016/17 and working with the Council for the best interests of the local community.

Cllr Keith Cranney was elected as Vice Chairman at the same meeting.

Section 106 Charlton Hayes funding

The Parish Council have been successful with a number of funding bids for Section 106 Charlton Hayes Funding totalling £579,500 for new changing rooms and ground enhancements across two sites in the Parish of Stoke Gifford.

The Stoke Gifford Trust Ground will benefit from an investment of (£45,000) for improvements relating to both Cricket and Tennis. The Little Stoke Community Hall will be enhanced to provide new

changing facilities (£400,000) and an investment in sports pitches (£7,000), along with machinery costs (£30,000). Funding will also be provided for ongoing maintenance for the site (Pitches £7,500) and Changing Rooms (£90,000).

The Parish Council had also previously been successful in obtaining (£100,000) New Homes Bonus from South Gloucestershire Council which will be used to build a new cafe/social space within the extended building proposals which may also see new indoor sports provision introduced as part of the expansion plans.

New Compact Tractor and Terra Spike



Little Stoke Park Pitch Barriers introduced and funded by Section 106 Charlton Hayes



County Standard Football at Little Stoke Park

A recent site inspection confirmed that the ground grading criteria (step 7) of the Gloucestershire County Football League had been met at Little Stoke Park to provide County Standard Football in the Park from the 2016/17 Football Season.

Thanks for the terrific support from the Little Stoke Football Club who assisted with changing room improvements necessary to meet the strict criteria for this standard of football.

Parish Council Office Public Access Times

Please contact the office if you wish to arrange an appointment outside of the public access times.

MONDAY : 9am – 12 noon & 2pm – 4pm

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The Cribbs Patchway MetroBus Extension Updates

The Cribbs Patchway MetroBus Extension item was debated at South Gloucestershire Council's Planning, Transportation and Strategic Environment Committee meeting on 4 May 2016. The item was deferred until the next PTSE Committee on the 29th June 2016 for further consideration of the implications of each of the options for the CPME. Some options require additional funding which has not been identified at this stage. Your local Parish & District Councillors have been working hard behind the scenes objecting to South Gloucestershire Council Officers' recommendation to add an extra lane to Hatchet Road at a cost of £1.4m to save 30 seconds off the journey time.

Stokes Youth and Community Centre goes from strength to strength under the management of Stoke Gifford Parish Council

The Parish Council has turned the youth club from making a loss of approximately £90,000 per annum run by South Gloucestershire Council to now some three years later showing a slight profit run by your Parish Council. This was achieved by good management and hard work by your Councillors volunteers. The Parish Council carried forward a bank balance of £26,557 into the current financial year 2016/17 and have been successful with continued Positive Activities funding amounting to £21,000 for the current financial year. The Creative Youth Network has been commissioned for a further 12 months to deliver provision over 3 evenings per week. Anyone wishing to hire the facilities should contact the Parish Office.

Parish Council Accounts

The Parish Council approved the Accounts for 2015/16 at the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2016 and have expressed thanks to the Parish Staff for their work associated with the financial control and management of such information. Parish Councillors also welcomed the significant grant funding secured for a range of projects across the community over recent years. The Little Stoke Community Hall continues to be extremely popular throughout the wider local community and has exceeded funding expectations year on year over the last five years.

The Parish Council have organised a number of regular and occasional activities which have taken place across the community which have included the Bristol Meat Machine, a Fun Fair, Car Boots and a Music Festival which have all generated funds towards the future maintenance of facilities managed or owned by the Parish Council. The Parish Council continues to fund the Highways and Street Scene cutting services which are provided by South Gloucestershire Council and a 3 year contract is now established. The precept for 2016/17 will be £339,734 and has been maintained at a minimum increase over a number of years whilst continuing to deliver and move the Parish Council forward with its work on behalf of the local Parishioners.

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 July 2016
Tuesday 11th October 2016
Tuesday 8th November 2016

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE (2nd Tues of Month)

Tuesday 14th June 2016
Tuesday 13th September 2016
Tuesday 13th December 2016

RECREATION & LEISURE (3rd Tues of Month)

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Kemps Jewellers still going strong!

It was great to catch up with Michael Kemp in his family jewellers in neighbouring Westbury-on-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 second-hand 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 Garnet and classic Onyx black brooch set with diamonds.

As well as these traditional second-hand 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 jewellery 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 jewellery and watches within the store. They are extremely approachable, on hand to assist customers with their every need.

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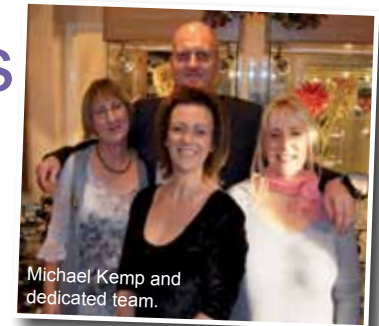


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Bradley Stoke Youth FC Under 13s on tour!



On a typical bank holiday weekend, wet and windy, BSYFC u13s set off to Woolacombe, in Devon, to compete in the Woolacombe Bay Championships 2016.

On arrival at Golden Coast Holiday Park everyone was delighted to be allocated lodges within easy reach of each other (no hunting around looking for a missing member of the party!). After a bite to eat and, having watched the somewhat dubious entertainment on the evening, it was time to retire to bed ready for the first day of the competition on Saturday.

Saturday arrived and brought with it sunny, cold and windy weather but no rain, thank goodness! After a 20 minute journey to the venue we arrived ready to play the first of 3 games scheduled for that day. Success followed as the boys won their first 2 games but lost the third. Teams from all over England competed and it was amusing how seriously some teams took the competition and how relaxed others were. Saturday night saw everyone taking part in Bowling (I am not sure who was more competitive the children or the parents) but enormous fun was had by all. On to the evening's entertainment and the parents certainly enjoyed themselves whilst the children were a little more restrained!

On Sunday morning, in the pouring rain, we headed back to the football pitches to play our last 2 games. Whilst we were unlucky not to make the final we did finish an impressive 4th in our league. The U13s conducted themselves in a very positive manner and their coaches were immensely proud of them, as were the parents.

Sunday evening was presentation night and every child was given a medal for participating, with trophies for the winning team from each age group. Every child met and had their photograph taken with John Hartson, ex Arsenal and West Ham player, who



also gave a motivational speech. Another night's entertainment followed and a great time was had.

Monday morning dawned and it was still raining. Spirits failed to be dampened as, with the cars loaded, we headed to our last activity of the tour, Wave Surfer. This is an indoor Surfing Simulator and all the children participated along with several adults. They had a fantastic time learning the art of surfing with several participants being able to kneel up on their boards by the end of the session (not easy when 60 000 gallons of water shoot by every minute). It really was a fabulous activity and the beaming smiles from everyone at the end were great to see.

This was the end of our 2016 tour and we returned to our cars, to start the journey home, tired but very happy.

Special thanks must go to Dawn at Tesco Extra, Bradley Stoke for letting the boys bag pack on a Saturday to raise much needed funds. Thanks also to Bristol Rovers FC and Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre, who very kindly donated raffle prizes for a fundraising event held earlier in the year. Your support is very much appreciated.

Bring on our 2017 Tour!

Local Resident Offers Counselling Help

Little Stoke Gifford Matters was pleased to chat to local resident, Christine Brown who is a qualified counsellor/psychotherapist. Originally from London, she also lived in Brighton and places further afield. During her childhood she lived in the Bahamas, and as an adult - Australia and Dubai.

Christine made the Stokes her home 10 years ago and followed her ambition to become a counsellor; by achieving a BA Hons Degree in Social Psychology, then a further Degree in Counselling. She has completed additional courses and continues to study in order to enhance her therapeutic practice. In addition to this, Christine works voluntarily as a counsellor for a charity in the community, helping adults with their individual needs.

If you need clarity in your thinking, strength to adjust to new situations or help with a specific emotional or psychological issue that has become unmanageable, then Christine may be able to assist you. During times of stress and emotional upheaval it is easy for a person's confidence and self-determination to become diminished or blocked. This is where counselling could help to release the tension, which in turn facilitates a personal change, giving meaning and purpose to your life.

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New Inheritance Tax Rules

Andrew Jack of AMD Solicitors considers the new Inheritance Tax rules – very good news for some



Under the new inheritance tax rules, far more estates will pass free of inheritance tax post 5th April 2017. By 5th April 2020, some estates worth £1 million will pass free of inheritance tax.

The residence nil rate band

For deaths from 6 April 2017, an additional inheritance tax free “residence nil rate band” will be available. This will begin at £100,000 in the tax year 2017/18 and will increase by £25,000 each tax year, reaching £175,000 by 2021. This “residence nil rate band” is available where the deceased leaves a property (or the proceeds of sale of a property), in which they have lived at some point, to their direct descendants (children and their issue).

The residence nil rate band is available on top of the existing inheritance tax nil rate band of £325,000, so that in 2020/21 an individual will potentially be able to leave £500,000 free of inheritance tax. As is now the case with the standard nil rate band, where the first of a married couple to die leaves their estate to their spouse, the inheritance nil rate band can effectively be “passed on” to the surviving spouse. The estate of the spouse who is second to die will therefore potentially have two nil rate bands (£325,000 x 2 = £650,000), plus two “residence nil rate bands” (£175,000 x 2 = £350,000).

For those with a conventional family, and a modest home and savings (and subject to the rate of house price increases in the coming years) it is therefore likely that no inheritance tax will be payable on their estate. However it is crucial to establish that the wording of your will is compliant with the new rules, to avoid the risk of the additional tax free band being wasted. The detail of the new rules is awaited at the time of writing this note.

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Medieval Fayre Sunday 12 June, 11 am – 4 pm – Experience vivid displays of daily life in a medieval encampment, as living history group "The Company of Chivalry" returns to Winterbourne Barn for a Medieval Fair. Find out how people lived, worked and fought whilst on campaign during the 100 years' war. Displays will include medieval cookery, archery, crafts and trades, with authentic 14th century items for you to buy, including medieval coins. See what life was like 700 years ago in the turbulent 14th century when Winterbourne Barn was built (1342), in an age where the Lord of the Manor ruled and ordinary people had little freedom and few possessions.

Re-enactments of medieval military combat will take place including common soldiers, fighting knights and displays of medieval canon. Children can join the 'Knights School' and gain a certificate. And everyone can celebrate the birthday of St Anthony who is the patron saint of lost items, by joining in the treasure hunt in and around the medieval barn. Come along and cheer for your favourite knight in battle, or simply relax in the Barn and listen to a talk or medieval music from the minstrels. There will be plenty of things to do for all ages – stalls, activities, information and demonstrations, as well as delicious local food and drink available to buy. Entrance – Adults £2.50, children under 16 yrs free. Well-behaved dogs on a lead are welcome.

Basket Weaving Workshop, Saturday 18 June, 10 am – 4 pm.

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The History of Cider with guest speaker Dr Richard Stone, Tuesday 5 July at 7.30 pm – This free talk follows the AGM of Winterbourne Medieval Barn Trust which is at 7 pm, and is open to everybody (all welcome to sit in on the AGM beforehand too). No event at the Barn would be complete without a taste of the produce from the 200 year old wooden cider press! Refreshments will be available to purchase after the talk.

Opera in the Barn La Cenerentola, Sunday 10 July, 6 pm – 8 pm
Cinderella...but not as you know it! Tessitura Opera presents a fresh take on one of Rossini's most loved operas. Set in modern day England, this sparkling comedy follows the story of Angelina, a harassed PA stuck at the bottom rung of her step-father's business, a Prince in the most royal of reality shows, with a litany of other colourful characters, can true love still triumph in the 21st Century? Tickets cost £13.50 adults, £10 under 16s, and are available from Tessitura on 07967 991902 or online from tickets@tessitura.co.uk (booking fee) or from Daisy's Coffee shop from 27 June. Refreshments will be available to purchase during the interval. You are welcome to bring a picnic to eat in the grounds beforehand (from 4 pm).

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West Gallery Singing Workshop, Saturday 16 July, 10.30 am – 4 pm – West Gallery music is the type of folk music sung in churches in the 1700-1800s, led by the village choir and the village band. Sadly it was such fun that the Victorians strongly disapproved and threw out the choirs and bands in favour of organs and robed choirs! The music is accessible to all and you can learn by ear or read the music. It is sung in four parts, so whatever your voice range, there is a part for you. String or woodwind instrumentalists are also welcome at this workshop. The day costs £15, payable on booking (cheques to WMBT please), which includes tea, coffee and biscuits. Please bring a packed lunch. There is a small additional charge for printed music, payable on the day. Booking forms can be downloaded from the website www.WinterbourneBarn.org.uk or are available from Linda Hall at lindajhall61@gmail.com, Tel. 01633 889019 or 07891 688581.



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<http://www.foreign-britishbirds.info>

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This is in aid of the Olveston Church Building Trust Building Fund for repairs to the tower (more information available on the day). We will appreciate donations at the end of the afternoon.

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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 369 935

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@bopenworld.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 Bev - 01454 625855.

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

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

SPORTS CLUBS

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

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

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

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 Club, U7s to U18s, disability football, mentoring, in-school coaching and football festival. Visit web site www.bsyfc.co.uk or contact mlee1@bopenworld.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stoke Gifford 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.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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trinity Network -www.trinitynetwork.org Amberley Road Baptist Church, Patchway, 01454 610808 Stoke Gifford Baptist Church 1, Rock Lane, 01454 610808

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Baileys Court Primary School, Head Teacher: Andrew Lynham, Breaches Gate BStoke, 01454 866666

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

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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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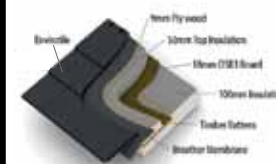
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