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#### Dear Readers

Wishing you all a very happy New Year, I hope 2019 is a great one for us all.

After all the indulgences of Christmas and the craziness in the run up to it, in this issue we encourage you to take some time for yourself, and get yourself into good shape for the year ahead. Whether this be joining a local gym (both Livingwell and Nuffield Health have offers for you this issue), visiting a local therapist to treat that niggling pain you have been living with for so long, helping your mental health by taking time out to relax, enjoying a massage, trying something new like hypnotherapy, or taking up a new sporting hobby - we have a resource of local business/ groups that are ready to assist you get into great shape – both in body and mind.

We have some new British Champions in our midst!! Congratulations to Bradley Stoke Judo Club who are celebrating member successes following the Championships in early December (read more overleaf).

The circus comes to town on pages 10-11 and we have a reader competition for a family ticket up for grabs - better get your entry in quick!

We couldn't bring you all the community news and events without the support of our fantastic advertisers, so a big shout out of thanks to them. Please do return their support by utilising their services where you can - and don't forget to mention Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford Matters too so they know where you saw them. Keep it Local in 2019 and help our local community thrive! Jaci ×

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#### **Bradley Stoke Strikes Gold at the British Championships**

Over the weekend of the 1st and 2nd of December, Bradley Stoke Judo Club sent a team of 12 players to Sheffield for under 15s and 18s to compete against the UK's best at the British Judo Championships.

Over the past couple of months the judoka have been fine tuning their preparation to ensure that they were in top condition for what is the pinnacle of the British Judo calendar.

# First up on the Saturday it was the boys under 18 (cadets) and under 15 girls (pre-cadets) chance to take on all comers.

In the cadet boys we had brothers Alex and Ryan Rijksen Salman, Ethan Nairne, Ozzy Gowen and Axel Hailstone. In the under 60kgs category Alex showed why he is one of GB's best in this group. quickly notching up his first win by ippon in an amazing 5 seconds. From there Alex never looked back and won his next 3 to progress to the final where he would meet the British no 2. In a tense final Alex seemed to have gained the upper hand and was starting to dominate the fight. Despite being close to scoring it was Alex's opponent who drew first blood by throwing Alex for a wazari score (7 points). As Alex continued to try and pull back the score he unfortunately he got caught again for another wazari which meant that the fight was ended and had to settle for a fantastic silver.

In the under 66kgs we had Axel, Ozzy and Ethan. All made a good start by winning their first fights. Axel then lost his next and dropped into the repochage where he would have another couple of impressive wins before losing against a very experienced player and claiming a 9th place. Axel was one of the youngest in the group but will be well placed for a title assault next year. Ozzy was producing some great judo and had progressed to the guarter finals where he suffered his 1st defeat. Ozzy picked himself up and won his next couple of fights to earn the chance of the bronze. In the bronze fight it was nip and tuck all the way through and was all square at the end of the standard 4 minutes which meant it would go into golden score. It was again tense in golden score with both fighters getting close to achieving the decisive blow until Ozzy's opponent finally managed to find enough to earn the win. Though naturally disappointed Ozzy earned a fantastic 5th Place. Ethan also looked dominant in his fights and had progressed to the

semi-finals before unfortunately losing narrowly. This meant that Ethan dropped into the other bronze fight. Ethan was always in control and took the win to earn a well-deserved championship bronze.

Ryan was last up in the cadets under 73kgs category where he came in as the number 1 ranked player. Ryan didn't disappoint and eased into the final, comfortably winning his fights. Again in the final Ryan dominated with his opponent being limited to very few scoring opportunities. Despite his dominance Ryan sealed victory in the last few seconds of the fight when he got his opponent into a hold down where he was forced to submit. This meant Ryan had earned the gold and title of British Champion.

In the afternoon it was the turn of Charlie Whitfield and Madeleine Young in the girls under 15 category. Charlie in her first national championships in this age bracket was fighting in the under 44 kgs group. It is a big step up to fight in these championships and Charlie looked a bit nervous and unfortunately lost her first fight. After some encouragement and advice from the coaching team Charlie hit back to win her next 3 fights looking dominant to earn the chance to fight for bronze. In the bronze fight Charlie started well but unfortunately came up against an older player whose experience finally told. Charlie took a great 5th place and will build on this experience for next year.



In the under 52 kgs category Madeleine (shown in action above) started well, winning her his fight in dominant style. In her second fight she again looked dominant only to get caught on the ground and get held down. Madeleine gathered herself and won her next 2 fights with some great judo to earn the chance to fight for the bronze medal. In the

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bronze fight Madeleine was straight on the attack scoring a quick wazari and then following up almost straight away with another to end the fight and claim the bronze medal.

It was a fantastic day one for BSJC where we ended with 1 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze, 2 fifth and 1 9th place. (Top photo shows Saturday's medal winners)

Day 2 was the turn of the cadet girls and precadet boys where we had Leah Grovsenor, Tatum Keen, Terri Gough, Ben Moore and Scotty Bedford competing for honours.

First up were the cadet girls where we had Tatum in the under 52kgs category and Leah and Terri in the under 57kgs group. In the under 52s Tatum came in as the current British Champion and the number 1 ranked player. Tatum performed at her usual high level with her dynamic judo dominating the group to ease into the final. In the final Tatum made light work of her opponent within the first minute of the fight to take the gold. This British title is Tatum's 4th successive one and confirms her dominance of the British judo scene in her age group.

Next up was Leah and Terri. Leah lives in the Kidderminster area and recently joined the club having trained with us previously over the last year. Leah also went into the championships as the number 1 seed. Leah like Tatum showed her dominance of the weight group with her superior judo and eased into the final. Once again she

asserted her superiority and won the final within a minute to become British Champion.

Terri weighed in right at the bottom of the weight group so was giving up to 5kgs in weight on some of her opponents. Terri made a great start winning her first in style but unfortunately lost her second which meant she would drop into the repochage to earn the right to fight for bronze. Terri won her next 3 fights in style and earned her spot in the bronze medal

fight. Unfortunately the weight difference against her opponent told, and Terri had to settle for 5th place. It was a great effort by Terri and will set her up for next year's competition season.

In the afternoon it was the turn of Ben and Scotty in the pre-cadet boys group. Scotty was fighting in the under 38kgs after only returning recently after illness had ruled him out for a couple of months. Scotty performed well winning his first but then lost his second. He went on to win another couple of fights before losing his next and going out of the competition. Scotty had ended with a 9th place but his coaches are sure success is only just round the corner as he regains full fitness.

Last up was Ben Moore in the under 55kgs category. Ben was on fine form going into the championships after becoming both the Welsh Open and Closed Champion. Ben started well winning his first in style and he never looked back, winning all his fights to advance to the final. Again Ben proved his class against a tough opponent to take the gold and become BSJC's latest British champion.

This brought to end another successful day which capped off a fantastic weekend for the club where we ended with 4 golds, 1 silver, 2 bronze, 3x 5th and 2x 9th places.

Not only did Bradley Stoke Judo Club prove once again it is Bristol's and the South West's premier judo club but it also finished top of the British medal table!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!**

(Photo below shows Sunday's gold medallists)













The Baileys Court Inn in Bradley Stoke unveiled it's new look at the latter end of 2018 after closing in the autumn for a top-to-toe refurbishment. So far community feedback has been very positive and locals are loving the new pizza kitchen (which stays open late on Friday and Saturday nights) with the hand-stretched and stone baked pizzas proving popular.

Sunday roasts are made to order from the kitchen rather than from the carvery deck, which allows the Sunday lunch period to run longer than previously and still uses the same great ingredients used on the Carvery.

The new menu offers some fantastic deals for every night of the week, which includes a free drink with your meal on specified nights, from Pie night (Tuesdays) to Grill Night (Thursdays), Fish on Fridays or Burgers on Wednesdays, there is something for all the family on the menu at Baileys Court Inn! Check out the website www/baileyscourtinnpub. co.uk/offer for more information.

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# Human Writes: A Celebration Of Young Poets In South Glos

On 24th November Patchway Library played host to three young poets from the Human Writes Projects. The poets are South Glos students Megan Eyres, Katie Welch and Sophie Wembridge chosen from Abbeywood Community School, Patchway Community Academy and Bradley Stoke Community School

In 2017 the three young poets were chosen by the Arts Council funded Human Writes project run by S Glos and BANEs libraries and Bristol based cultural company boomsatsuma to find the next generation of young poets. For the last year they have been commissioned to write on topics such as Black History Month, Human Rights and Love in the 21st Century. They have been mentored by national renowned poet and spoken word artist Joelle Taylor.

Following a morning spot on BBC Radio Bristol's Ali Vowels show, where they discussed the project and performed some poems, an anthology of their work was launched. The young poets performed their work in various areas of the library and to a crowd of guests, many of whom purchased the anthology.

Katie Welch entered the 2017 SLAMbassadors competition run by The Poetry Society and was highly commended for her writing. Fellow Human Writes poet from Bath and North East Somerset, Chelsea Stockham, was announced as a winner with work being submitted for publishing. This has led to Chelsea performing her poetry at various events in London including the 'Dark Bones Anthology' launch. Chelsea's poem 'Grenfell' was written as part of the Human Writes project and was included in the publication.

Earlier in the year South Glos schools planned and ran an interschool poetry SLAM at Patchway Library with all young poets performing as single entries and then each school offering a group performance. Joelle Taylor was the MC and one of the judges. The young poets all brought teams of students, arranged for musical performances during the interlude and celebrated their work on the project.

All YPLs recorded a poem and recited them



for World Poetry Day. These were released on the day and shared online with all schools.

https:// www.boomsatsuma.com/blog/2018/3/21/ world-poetry-day





# Digital Bells – an Appealing option for St Michael's Church Stoke Gifford

After decades of silence the sound of church bells will once again ring out across the village green at Stoke Gifford.

Reverend Canon Simon Jones, of St Michael's Church, commented: 'The installation of a digital bells system is a unique marriage of a medieval structure and 21stcentury technology. We will now be able to call parishioners to worship, celebrate weddings, mark funerals and herald local and national celebrations in a quintessentially time- honoured fashion.'



Three years ago local residents were told that the existing bells, one of which dates back to 1450, were unsafe and beyond economic repair or renovation and were invited to hear a trial of electronically-reproduced bell sounds from the church tower. The feedback from this trial was overwhelmingly positive.

The church authorities are taking a great interest in the project as St Michael's is the first church in the Bristol Diocese to install such a system. It has, therefore, taken time to gain the various ecclesiastical permissions, to make safe and preserve the original three bells and to evaluate a modern, state of the art, digital sound system, which will be installed in the newly re-roofed and refurbished church tower.

Once the system is in place (4th December) there will follow a 15-monthappraisal period, after which an application can be made to retain the system permanently.

Rev. Jones added: 'The new digital bells will be in operation in time for our annual Carols on the Green service, when the hundreds of people who attend this popular event will be able to hear—many for the first time—the sound of bells ringing out across The Green.'

The digital bells system will take a few days to install and commission. Over this period they will be tested at various times in order to perfect the sound and decide which of the many available peals will be appropriate for St Michael's Church. Among the many advantages of digital bells is that they are relatively inexpensive, easy to operate, virtually maintenance free, faithfully reproduce pre-set peals – and do not require bell ringing practice sessions!

For any further information please contact St Michael's Church office, telephone 0117 969 2486.





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# Could you make a difference to the life of a Chernobyl child?

We are appealing for local, caring families who are able to give children the opportunity of a lifetime in summer 2019.

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Each year our charity helps the unfortunate children whose lives are affected in some way by the aftereffects of the Chernobyl disaster. We raise money to enable the children to travel to Bristol for a four-week stay with host families, providing a much-needed respite break away from the severely contaminated environment in which they live every day.

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At the end of the trip, our children return home with a rejuvenated immune system and many wonderful memories of the time spent with their friends in Bristol. Host families also find it a rewarding experience, providing a "hands-on" opportunity to contribute directly to improving the lives of children in one of Europe's poorest countries.

# Find out more by visiting www.ccll.org.uk/bristol or our Facebook page @ccllbristol You can also speak to Andy March on 07812 159942 or email chair.bristol@ccll.org.uk

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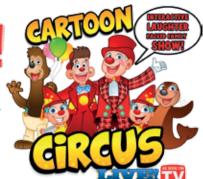
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# Community choir launches in the Stokes

Melody Makers Choir has been running for almost three years in the BS9 area of Bristol and in January 2019, Choir Leader, Natalie Veal, is looking forward to starting a new choir for the Stokes community at the newly renovated Little Stoke Community Hall.

The choir, starting on Monday 14th
January, will run every Monday morning
(10:30am - 12:00pm) during term time
and is available for men and women who love
to sing pop and rock music. "January is the
perfect time to start something new and it's been
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Melody Makers Choir regularly performs with a live band for their gigs and Natalie is passionate about live music with real musicians. "The excitement and the energy that surrounds live performance is such an uplifting experience. The joy of creativity, the friendships that come with collective music making and the feeling of singing together to create one voice is like no other" she told us.

The choir have just launched their first single which is now available for download. The song 'We Are The Same Inside' celebrates the NHS in it's 70th year and has been released in the charts to raise money for the Southmead Hospital Charity. Money raised from downloads will support patients and fund medical research and new equipment at North Bristol NHS Trust. Composed and written by Melody Makers Choir leader, Natalie Veal, with lyric support from choir member Natalie Sital-Singh, the song captures the ethos of an inclusive and dedicated health service. Natalie said: "We are all hugely excited about the fundraising this will bring to the charity and I'm so proud of the choir's achievement. We've loved singing on the track with the children at Horfield Primary School, who've added a sprinkle of magic to our song."

This Christmas and New Year the charity and choir is asking everyone to download



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- prescribing medication
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- referring you to specialists.

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# Community choir aim for download chart success with song celebrating the NHS

A song celebrating the NHS in its 70th year has been released in the charts by a Bristol choir to raise money for their local hospital.

'We Are The Same Inside' by 'Melody Makers Choir and Horfield Primary School Choir for the NHS' is available to download on all digital download sites from. Money raised from downloads will be donated to Southmead Hospital Charity to support patients and fund medical research and new equipment at North Bristol NHS Trust.

The 80 strong-choir is made up of people from communities surrounding Southmead Hospital, including many former patients, NHS staff as well as children from Horfield C of E Primary School. Lead vocalists are Sarah Villaraus, Rebekah Brown and 11-year-old Nathan Hughes, now a pupil at Colston's School. Composed and written by Melody Makers Choir leader, Natalie Veal with lyric support from choir member Natalie Sital-Singh, 'We Are The Same Inside' captures the ethos of an inclusive and dedicated health service.

Natalie Veal, a choir leader from Henleaze, said she wanted to bring together her love of music with her gratitude for the NHS. She said: "Every member of the choir - the musicians, the children of Horfield Primary School and myself - have put a lot of love into this song; it's our way of thanking the hospital staff and giving back to our community. In writing the song we really thought about what the NHS means to us and the work that NHS staff do. We are all hugely excited about the fundraising this will bring to the charity and I'm so proud of the choir's achievement and their infectious enthusiasm throughout this project. We've loved singing with the children, who've added a sprinkle of magic to our song."

Melody Makers have been regular and popular performers at Southmead Hospital Charity's Great Brunel Buskathon events in the summer and at Christmas.

This Christmas and New Year the charity is asking everyone to download the song for just 99p on iTunes or across other download sites to support the hospital, its patients and help fund projects that improve the NHS for future generations.



Fundraising for Southmead Hospital Charity southmeadhospitalcharity.org.uk/song

Melody Makers Choir and Horfield Primary School Choir for the NHS



Adrian Brown, corporate and community manager for Southmead Hospital Charity, said: "When Natalie approached us with the idea of releasing a song to raise money we were delighted – it is a unique, creative and inspired way to fundraise and we are so grateful for the time and efforts that everyone involved has dedicated to it. The message in the song is a powerful one that really conveys the strength of feeling that people have for the NHS and for its staff.

"We hope everyone in Bristol, and beyond, will download the song this Christmas to celebrate our NHS – it's a small thing but it can make a big difference to healthcare now and in the future."

Find out more about the song and watch the video at **www.southmeadhospitalcharity.org.uk/song** Download on iTunes or listen on Spotify.

We Are The Same Inside was recorded at St George's Bristol, BIMM (British and Irish Modern Music Institute) and Invada studios in Bristol. It was produced by Guy Britton, with Natalie Veal on piano, Toby Partridge on drums, guitars by Alex Rudhall and bass guitar by Ed Holland.

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#### **Tuesday - Winterbourne**

The Greenfield Centre 9.30am, 11.30am, 5.30 & 7.30pm. Tel Frankie: 07519 347243

#### Wednesday - Little Stoke

Little Stoke Community Hall. 9.30am

Tel Hatty: 07729 018189

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Tel Sharron: 07947 064711

#### **Wednesday - Patchway**

Coniston Community Centre, The Parade, Coniston Road

5.30pm

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#### **Thursday - Little Stoke**

Little Stoke Community Hall, 9.30 & 11.30am
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#### **Thursday - Patchway**

Coniston Community Centre, The Parade, Coniston Road 5.30 & 7.30pm

Tel Janice: 07860 444647

#### Thursday - Stoke Gifford

St Michael's School 5.30pm & 7.30pm Tel: Amber: 07500 113000

#### Friday - Bradley Stoke

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#### **Saturday - Bradley Stoke**

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#### Local weight loss experts share 50 Years of Golden secrets!

To celebrate the start of 2019, and 50 Years of Slimming success experts from North Bristol are sharing their golden nuggets for successful slimming to help local people make their healthy New Year's resolutions a reality.

Dawn, Frankie, Amber, Janice, Sharron, Kelly and Hatty run the Slimming World groups in North Bristol and are welcoming people into their groups who want to make small changes to their lifestyle and help them feel healthier in the New Year.

Lots of people will be making resolutions to lose weight and improve their health this New Year. Successful weight loss isn't just about losing weight, it's about keeping it off too. Making temporary changes and going on a 'diet' that's unsustainable in the long-term will only ever be a quick fix, meaning you'll sadly be bound to regain any weight you lose – and maybe more – as soon as you go back to your normal eating habits. If you really want to live happy for the long term, the key is to make healthy, realistic changes to your lifestyle that you can keep up for the rest of your life.

Most people who embark on New Year diets fail within days or weeks because they follow plans that are too restrictive and leave them feeling hungry or deprived so they're absolutely impossible to keep up. In contrast, Slimming World's fabulous Food Optimising programme is flexible and generous, with members able to satisfy their appetite on hundreds of healthy, everyday foods like fruit and veg, pasta, rice, potatoes, lean meat, poultry, fish, fat-free dairy, eggs and more without weighing, counting or measuring.

Slimming World's Golden Anniversary may have been 50 years in the making, but there's been gold running through the company since its earliest days.

At Slimming World we belive that the burden carried by overweight people is two-fold. There is excess weight, but there is a far heavier burden to be lifted - that of guilt, self criticism and poor self esteem.

Forty million people in the UK and Ireland are suffering with the burden of excess weight and the numbers are growing. If you are unhappy and want to make 2019 your golden year too then come and join us. We have a beautiful new member pack waiting for you too.

Here's to a healthier, happier you in 2019!



What did the Anglo Saxons ever do for us? from Upper Key Stage 2 at Bowsland Green Primary

During the Autumn term. Year 5 and 6 at Bowsland thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Anglo-Saxons.

We took part in an Anglo-Saxon day where we learnt some amazing facts about daily life, battles and



burials, as well as inviting our Parents/ Carers into the classroom to help us in making Anglo-Saxon bread.

Earlier in the term, we also took part in an exciting Maths and Science day, deciding upon who would be the next person to go into space, using some very challenging maths skills!

We look forward to finding out what is next!





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#### **Puddle Ducks Winter News**

All the latest from your local swim school

A happy new year to everyone from Puddle Ducks Bristol & Bath, one of the region's longest-established swim schools, teaching 1,200 children to swim beautifully every single week! We have some exciting announcements this month:

#### **Additional Swim Academy teacher for** Winterbourne classes

We are really excited to tell you that, due to the popularity of our classes, we've expanded our teaching team at the Winterbourne International Academy pool.

New Swim Academy teacher Jodie ioined the team just before Christmas and will work alongside lovely Tasha teaching our swimmers aged 4 and over every Sunday.



You can also bring your babies or preschoolers to Winterbourne on a Sunday for our gentle, fun classes that are designed to give you and your little one confidence in the water. At weekends it's a great mix of mummies and daddies in the pool with their Puddle Ducks – a fantastic opportunity for some precious bonding time during the cold winter months.

#### Penny Porter pool – great for small babies

For small babies, our Wednesday and Saturday classes at the gorgeously warm Penny Porter pool in Henbury, a 15-minute drive away, could be the right fit for you. Taught by our wonderful Beth, they are a brilliant way to start your swimming adventure.



#### The perfect introDUCKtion to swimming

Have you spotted our new television adverts on ITV or Sky? It was a very proud moment for us to



see Puddle the Duck on the small screen! If you've missed them, you can check out the ads via our Facebook page.

#### **Puddle Ducks classes restart from Monday** 7th January 2019

For more information, call our friendly team on 0117 971 7165, or check class locations and times at www.puddleducks.com/local-teams/ bristol-bath





#### Tockington welcomes 'The Sound of Music'

It's time to book your tickets for Olveston Parish Players' energetic and colourful 2019 production of 'The Sound of Music', which comes to the Parish Hall in Tockington for February half term.

The musical is based on Maria Von Trapp's book 'The Story of the Trapp Family Singers', a true love story set shortly before the Second World War in Austria.

We meet Maria, a postulant nun, as she leaves her convent in Salzburg to become a governess to the seven children of widower Captain Von Trapp. Although intended to be a temporary arrangement, events take a different course!

We follow the Von Trapp family as they are caught up in Austria's struggles with the Nazi regime, and have to choose whether to try and escape with their lives, and leave their beloved homeland forever.

The last of Rodgers & Hammerstein's fantastic scores, and possibly the best known and most loved, 'The Sound of Music' was first performed on Broadway in 1959, so 2019 is its 60th anniversary year. Come along to enjoy its many memorable songs, including 'Do, Re, Mi', 'The Lonely Goatherd', 'So Long, Farewell', 'Edelweiss', 'My Favourite Things', 'Climb Every Mountain' and, of course, 'The Sound of Music'.

Linda Evans' skilful guidance as Director, combined with Chloe Allsopp-Jones' talent as Musical Director and Jill Harris's experience as Choreographer, will once again create an evening that you are sure to remember.

Sarah Wiggins plays Maria, and Dan Phillips takes the role of Captain Von Trapp, whose family is played by talented local children, many of whom are now seasoned performers with the Company.

Everyone involved is looking forward to a joyful show week in February. Make sure you are there to enjoy it too!

The Sound of Music takes place during half term week on Wednesday 20th to Saturday 23rd February, at the Parish Hall, Tockington: curtain up at 7.30pm.

Tickets go on sale on Saturday 5th January, at 9.30–11.30am, in Olveston Stores. Prices: £10 for adults, £7 for children and £12 for premium seats.

From 6th January, tickets are available from 01454 202011. Don't delay, they usually sell quickly! Follow the Parish Players on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OlvestonParishPlayers

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# World Premiere Pantomime comes to Thornbury

Award winning Thornbury Musical Theatre Group is proud to bring to you the world premiere of a brand new pantomime with its central themes based in the realms of the Arthurian legend.

'King Arthur The Pantomime' will be performed at the Armstrong Hall in Thornbury from Wednesday 20th to Saturday 23rd February with two matinées.

Written by our very own Richard Prior and directed by Mark Collins, 'King Arthur The Pantomime' is a traditional family pantomime full of fun and frolics, audience participation, hilarious comedy, catchy music, drama and romance. It is sure to be a family favourite!

Arthur, a lowly squire in the court of King Pellinore, longs for the love of the beautiful Lady Guinevere, and Merlin, the time travelling wizard, aims to enlighten us with his edification and delights of the modern worlds, whilst arming Arthur with the skills to defeat all evil. Arthur's love for Guinevere takes him on a journey fraught with danger, bringing him into the path of the villainous Mordred and his wicked mother Morgan Le Fey (the wicked witch).

Performances are 7.30 pm nightly and matinées at 2.30 pm on the Friday and Saturday. Tickets are bookable online at **www.tmtg.org.uk** with no booking fee. Adults £12.50, Senior Citizens £11.50 and Children £10.50. Family tickets £40. For enquiries call Angie at the Box Office on 07516 270140.

For more information about 'King Arthur The Pantomime' and our group generally, take a look at **www.tmtg.org.uk**. You can also follow us on Facebook.



#### BSCS Students go the extra mile to help others

Ellie is a Post 16 Student and in her final year at Bradley Stoke Community School Post 16 (BSCS). She was involved in the Samaritans Purse Shoebox Appeal last year and collected 44 shoeboxes from family and friends. These were all destined for underprivileged children who have next to nothing, be it in a war zone, due to extreme poverty or simple underdevelopment. These shoeboxes are likely to be the only treat that these children would receive all year, let alone for Christmas.

This year, despite the additional work of being in her final year, she was once again committed to helping children much less fortunate than herself. Ellie is driven by compassion and has an enormous capability for really feeling for others. With this in mind Ellie was determined to better last year's total.

Ellie began to spread the word about the shoebox appeal by creating posters, videos and using social media. Having done this the shoeboxes started arriving. We asked Ellie to deliver an assembly to the primary school next door. Ellie rose to the challenge and delivered the presentation and the students were excited to get involved. Soon after the boxes were coming in thick and fast and with the deadline fast approaching, Ellie ramped up her badgering to good effect. The day arrived for the shoeboxes to be collected from school. We loaded up a total of 80 shoeboxes to the awaiting van! Ellie was delighted, having nearly doubled her efforts from the previous year. From first getting to know Ellie when she started at BSCS as a year 7 pupil, we saw something different and special. As she progressed through school we realised that Ellie was a truly compassionate and caring individual. She has remained popular and well liked throughout her time at BSCS, with both students and staff.



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Billy is also a Post 16 student in his final year at BSCS. He began volunteering for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal when he was just 5 years old and has continued to do so ever since. Having learned of the impact the poppy appeal has on serving men and women, and veterans, Billy set himself a target of beating what he has raised each year. In his first year he collected £75 by collecting in his street and this grew to over £3,600 last year, involving collections at Cribbs

Causeway and local schools. Billy also started organising the poppy collections at BSCS when he joined in year 7 and has helped to organise our WW1 centenary events this year.

> Earlier this year, after local Poppy Appeal organisers decided to retire, Billy volunteered to take on the organisation for both the Almondsbury and Patchway Poppy Appeals, making

him the youngest Poppy Appeal Organiser in the country! This involved delivering poppy boxes to many shops, pubs etc. and organising the Poppy collections at the Mall and three local supermarkets.

In order to get enough volunteers to run the 4 poppy stands all day for two weeks, Billy used various campaigns on social media and in local community magazines which had loads of responses from some very kind people!

This year, Billy has been responsible for raising a massive £40,000+ for the Poppy appeal, a far greater figure than he'd ever thought he could achieve when he started many years ago.

Here at BSCS we are incredibly proud of Ellie and Billy for all their voluntary work and fundraising in the community. They typify the attitude of our students which is to think about others who are less fortunate than themselves.

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# A Winter Term of Communication, Compassion and Decorating for 2nd Stoke Gifford Rainbows and 1st Stoke Gifford Brownies!

Building on our previous work in the community we are happy to announce that together we have donated 28 advent calendars to the North Bristol Food Bank, and a selection of toys to the Salvation Army toy appeal. With the support of our girls' families we are achieving so much and I'd like to thank them for all the help they give us.

The Stoke Gifford Toy Library has been going very well, with 5 changes of decoration – Brownies and Butterflies, Pumpkins and Bats, Poppies for Remembrance, Spots for Pudsey and finally, our advent calendar which we are very excited about. Every girl in our units has made one of the pictures revealed during December. Lots of people have been borrowing and donating toys, and we even had a thank you card from one of our regulars!

We have also been busy working on the exciting new Girlguiding programme, focussing on Skills for My Future,

and Express Myself badges – we've had lots of fun decorating rooms, designing zoos and learning how to communicate. We also did our now annual trip to see Santa at Avon Valley Railway, and 6 lucky Brownies got to sleep over at We the Curious which was out of this world! We also laid 2 wreaths at the Remembrance service, and made clay poppies which were placed on the Cenotaph.

As always, we're always planning to get more involved in the local community so look out for the little Rainbows and big Brownies around the village – and if you're planning an event that would benefit from some support please think of us.

There are 5 Girlguiding Units based in Stoke Gifford, ranging from Rainbows up to Guides so if you're interested in finding out more please get in touch - @2ndSGRainbows on Twitter, or 2ndstokegiffordrainbows@gmail.com and we can pass you on to the right people.

Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK, with over 500,000 members.

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We run Rainbows (5–7 years), Brownies (7–10 years), Guides (10–14 years) and Rangers (14–18 years).





#### **School Life at Bailey's Court Primary**

#### Year 1's Visit from Bristol Zoo

To kick off Year
1's first topic, 'All
About Animals',
Bristol Zoo came
into school at the
start of the school
year to provide
the children with
a Rainforest
Experience. Each
class had an hour



long session with Becky and began by role playing what it would be like to be in a Rainforest. They were then able to explore lots of real biofacts such as skins, skulls and smell pots. We were then introduced to 3 live animals: hissing cockroaches, Kylie the stick insect and a snake called Kapooha. We were able to stroke and hold them if we wanted to. The children found the whole experience very exciting and it has already inspired the children to have discussions, create artwork and write about different rainforest animals

### Film Crew at Bailey's Court! by Daniel and Harry



This visit built on some previous science learning all the children in Y6 had taken part in last year. As Y5 children, they had built microbial fuel cells and learned how energy can be generated from bacteria. This is project that has been running at Bailey's Court for over 5 years now and we were very happy to be part of this film.

On Tuesday 11th September, UWE (The University of the West of England) came to visit Bailey's Court Primary School to film a science documentary for their website. As we were arriving at school, a man called Adam was filming us as we entered our classroom. We all sat down and waited for the film crew and the UWE visitors to begin. Sandra (a

visitor from UWE) was teaching us about bacteria as Adam was filming us. He was quite fussy about his filming because he would often ask us to say the answer to a question again so that he could get it on camera!

Next, we learnt about genetic codes and using a genetic code table, we figured out how to build our own 'Probots' out of Lego. There were six types of probots that we could build and even a small change in the genetic code would make them look different. After we finished, a few people were held back to be filmed separately from the class.

We had an amazing time with the UWE film crew, and we learnt lots of interesting facts about bacteria and genetic codes.

#### Year 4: Energy Saving Educational Day

Y4 children recently enjoyed an 'energy saving day' as part of a project funded by the Bristol Community Energy Fund. The children explored the general idea of energy in its many forms and the different ways that electricity can be produced. This idea was then expanded to look at the ways energy is used in the home and at school, why it's good to use less energy and we were given some tips and tricks for reducing energy use.

This is the children's view of their day:

On Tuesday the 9th October Year 4 learnt about energy saving. Two ladies came to our class, and we started by doing a QUIZ!! The questions were quite tricky but some were very easy. After the quiz, we went through the answers and learnt what they meant. We listened to some facts which the ladies told us. For example: an oven uses more energy than a microwave and a bath takes up more water than a shower.

Class 15 then did a challenge where we had to design our own wind turbine blades. The winning team was the Terminator Sharks and they got a wireless energy monitor. After that, we made up our own character called Dave Cookie. We had to help him to use less energy by answering questions like does he need to turn the lights off when going out. The children who answered the questions got a L.E.D light bulb.

Class 16 designed their own energy promise. They also made up their own character called Ella

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Pigglesnout. They did a few challenges too and got the same prizes as class 15. They also did 2 quizzes!

### Restart-a-Heart Day 2018 by Jen and Sam

On 16th October year 6 took part in the first worldwide "Restart a Heart Day" where two Life-Savers from the NHS came and taught us about heart attacks, choking and how to stop it by using CPR.

Firstly, we learnt about how to stop choking. Choking is where something gets blocked in your airway and stops you from breathing. To combat this, we learnt what to do when this occurs - you tell the person that you are going to help them by hitting the back of their neck firmly five times but every time you need to check if the airway has become clear. We learnt that if this does not work you must put your pinky finger into their belly button using your right hand. You then wrap your left hand around your right hand then slowly roll your fist up five times. If it is not successful try these steps again and again.

As well as this, we were taught how to save someone if they are having a heart attack. They told us how to recognise someone who is having one or who is unconscious. When this takes place, you should always check if they are breathing before you start doing compressions. If they are not, you should act calmly and start by calling someone or, if they are near a defibrillator, you should call 999 and they should tell you the code to open it. You will be given simple instructions on what to do. A defibrillator is a machine that sends volts of electricity into your heart to jump-start it again. The device can usually talk so that it can make sure you do things correctly. If the person is unconscious, you should put them into the recovery position and open up their airways. Next, you call for help on your phone, dial in 999 again but if you do not have a phone shout to get someone's attention but you must not leave the victim alone. If nobody responds, you have no choice but to go and find help. They will call the ambulance and it will be on its way. If an ambulance is more than 10 minutes away, you must start performing compressions (CPR). CPR stands for Cardiopulmonary resuscitation. It is where you put pressure on somebody's chest and push down

again and again. It is only used for people who are actually having a heart attack otherwise you could seriously hurt them.

Year 6 really enjoyed this learning experience and it has given us life skills that could save someone's life in the future!

#### St. John's Ambulance First Aid Day

We had a very informative and interesting afternoon

just before the halfterm break with an experienced member of the St. John's Ambulance service. Sue spent half the morning with the children in Y6 and the afternoon with children in Y5. Sue brought



along some torsos both for demonstrations and for the children to practise their skills on, which included CPB

Y6's sessions (which lasted for an hour with each class) were based on developing children's responses to a first-aid situation with a particular focus on resuscitation. They discussed a number of different scenarios and then each child had an opportunity to test out their newly-learned skills with the torsos.

Y5's sessions followed a similar pattern with the focus on recovery. The children learned about DRABC which stands for:

- Danger If someone needs help, before you go up to them check – is it safe?
- Response Do they respond when you ask them: 'Are you alright?' or if you say: 'Open your eves!'
- · Airways Is their airway open and clear?
- Breathing Are they breathing normally? You need to look, listen and feel to check they're breathing
- Circulation Are there any signs of severe bleeding?

Again, all the children had a chance to try out their skills. It was an enjoyable day and the children were able to learn some very important life skills.

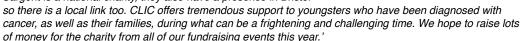


#### **Spinathon marks opticians final** fundraiser of the year

A member of staff from the local Sepcsavers took part in a spinathon to raise funds for children's cancer charity, CLIC Sargent, as part of their pledge to support the charity in 2018.

The teams from Specsavers in Cribbs Causeway, Bradley Stoke and Filton have all been taking part in many fundraising events for the charity during 2018. The spinathon at Bradley Stoke saw store trainer, Julie Rafferty (picutred right), pedal for a whopping three hours without a break, raising more than £70.

The stores have been hosting a variety of fundraising events for the children's cancer charity this year, including a sky dive, marathon and Tough Mudder to name a few. 'We thoroughly enjoyed the spinathon and were pleased to see lots of friendly faces supporting our final fundraiser of the year for such a worthwhile cause' says store director, Ed Stanleigh. 'While CLIC Sargent is a national charity, they also have a presence in Bristol



CLIC Sargent provides practical, financial and emotional support for children and teenagers who have been diagnosed with cancer or leukaemia. To find out more about the charity, visit http://www.clicsargent.org.uk/.

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# **SATURDAY**, 19th JANUARY 2019: THE NEWEST OLD TRADITION IN WALES

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The Chepstow Wassail Mari Lwyd is a very popular annual FREE community event suitable for the whole family combining the mainly English tradition of Wassailing, the

Welsh Mari Lwyd tradition, plus a unique social meeting of the English and Welsh on the Welsh/English border (The river Wye bridge, main photo).

The Mari Lwyd is a Welsh mid-winter tradition which dates back many centuries. The Mari is a decorated, shrouded horse skull which is carried by the Mari Lwyd group who go door-to-door, singing and challenging the families inside to a battle of rhyming insults in Welsh. At the end of the battle of wits (known as pwnco) the group are invited into the house for refreshments. There is usually singing and rowdy banter, after which the Mari group bless the house and it's inhabitants (thlwncdestyn), wish all a happy New Year and move on to the next port of call.

Gather at Beaufort Square for dancing, music and daft capers from around 12.15pm

1.00pm Mari Lwyd Ceremony at the GREENMAN BACKPACKERS, Beaufort Square, Chepstow Town Centre. BAR AND FOOD

2.30pm Meet at the Castle Dell car park for the Wassail of The Castle Dell apple trees. Your Wassail Butler this time Mr Robin Burton. Lots of singing, dancing, toast cider and party poppers. Followed by morris dancing and music.

4.00pm Drill Hall - Mari Lwyd Pageant. As many as 30 Mari Lwyd's from all over Wales plus other horse traditions including creatures from Nottingham, Cornwall, Shropshire and beyond. Food vendors and a bar plus our stall selling event merchandising. BAR AND FOOD

**5.30pm** Riverbank for more Morris Dancing, Music and Noise in Preparation for the Famous "Meeting on the Bridge". Food vendors and merchandising stalls.

6.15pm Meeting of the English and the Welsh in the Middle of the Old Iron Bridge. "It's like going to War and then all Peace breaks out!" SEE IT ON THE BIG SCREEN
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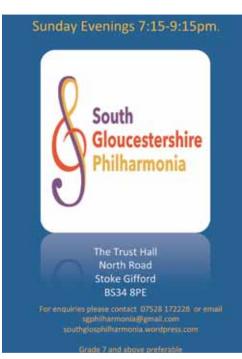
















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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND Castell Roc Festival attracted more than 14,000 avid fans to enjoy the brilliant shows at Chepstow Castle in August 2018, attracted by the wonderfully varied line-ups and of course a stunning Castle as the perfect 'somewhere special' Venue.

We caught up with organizer Carol Mutlow from Hannah's Music Shop in Chepstow, who is already busy putting acts together for 2019 and, with the line up near completion, was able to reveal the dates for next year which will be from **8th-26th August** with 4 shows on each weekend and also announce the first 5 shows for this eagerly awaited festival:

Thursday 8th of August 2019 is "Legends Of Roc", featuring three of the finest UK tributes to 'The Police & Sting', Dire Straits & U2 performed meticulously by 'Police Sycronicity', 'Dire Straits UK' and 'U2UK' respectively.

Sunday 11th August is 'Big Girls Don't Cry' showcasing the amazingly talented Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. This theatrical masterpiece will be enjoying its 10th anniversary and The East Coast Boys with a full live band will be will be authentically recreating Sherry, December 1963 (Oh What a Night), Walk Like a Man, Rag Doll and Big Girls Don't Cry, Grease, Let's Hang On, Working My Way Back to You, Beggin', I've Got You Under My Skin, Who Loves You and many more.

Thursday 15th August will see Chepstow Castle become 'el Cantina', (complete with Taco's, Tequila and thigh slapping tunes) when one of the UK;s most popular touring bands 'Los Pacaminos' rides in to Town. Featuring non-other than 80's superstar Paul Young the Stetson wearing band will play the very best in Tex Mex Border music, from The Texas Tornadoes and Ry Cooder through to Los Lobos and even Roy Orbsion. This show also features firm festival favourites Mad Dog Mcrea.

Saturday 18th August - **Abba Mania** comes to Chepstow Castle. From London's West End, Abba Mania has been delighting audiences since 1999!

Thursday 22nd August is a night for the lovers of reggae and ska as the infectious '**Dualers**' roll

back in to Town, supported by The Navarones. The nine piece Jamaican Rhythm & Blues band from South-East London were an undeniable highlight show of 2018 and the Organisers have been quite simply been inundated with fan requests to bring them back, so they have!

<u>Castell Roe Festival all set for a spellbinding 2019</u>

Friday 23rd August is a chance to see two full shows for the price of one, firstly with 'Fleetwood Bac' the world's first and best Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band. A band that are proudly endorsed by Big Daddy himself, Mick Fleetwood. Rounding off the night and being performed by The Bohemians is a high energy roller coaster ride of a concert. featuring the back catalogue of one of the world's most popular and iconic rock acts of all time, Queen.

Saturday 24th August sees 'A Country Night in Nashville' starring Dominic Halpin and the Hurricanes. Tranporting

you on a musical journey through the history of country featuring songs from the biggest stars past and present.

Sunday 25th August - back by incredible popular demand after his 2017 performance, the No1 Elvis impersonator **Ben Portsmouth** returns with his show, **Taking Care of Elvis**.

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# Does your business need a shareholders' agreement?

Anna Sivula, Solicitor in AMD's Commercial team, explains how Shareholders' Agreements ('SA') should be a key consideration for any private limited company with 2 or more shareholders.

In the absence of a SA, a company's internal affairs will be regulated by the Companies Act 2006 and the Articles of Association. For a lot of SMEs, the Articles are taken from an incorporation agent or based on the 'model' articles which contain standard provisions. Standard Articles may be suitable for a 1 person company or a small business that is just starting up but they may not be appropriate for a growth business or one with a more complex share structure.

Unlike the Articles which are a public document, a SA is a private contract between the shareholders of a company which does not require registration at Companies House.

A SA is therefore a flexible way of regulating a company's affairs and allows for bespoke drafting, tailored to the specific objectives of the shareholders.

Some of the key considerations in a SA include:

- Decision-making directors have control of most of the Company's decisions but a shareholders' agreement can reserve certain key decisions for the shareholders or a majority percentage.
- Share transfers shareholders may want the freedom to sell their shares but the remaining shareholders may want to ensure they have some control over who becomes a shareholder in their company. A SA can balance these objectives by providing a clear procedure for share transfers during life and on death.
- Shareholder dilution a shareholder will not want to find out their share percentage has been diluted without their consent. A SA should contain anti-dilution protections, particularly to protect a minority shareholder.



Bad leavers – a SA can set out clear guidance on what should happen to a shareholder who commits a serious breach whilst they are a shareholder. Whilst employment law regulates the actions of employees, the SA can regulate how shares are dealt with in the event a shareholder/ employee leaves the business as a bad leaver. For example, this could include returning shares to the Company at a discounted rate.

There is no legal requirement to have a SA but companies with two or more shareholders should consider having one in place. In our experience, trying to resolve shareholder disputes without a SA will always prove more problematic. It stands to reason that there is less potential for conflict between shareholders when their roles and responsibilities are discussed and clearly recorded from the outset.

If you would like to discuss how a shareholders' agreement can benefit your business, please do not hesitate to contact our experienced Commercial solicitors by telephone 0117 9733 989 or email annasivula@amdsolicitors.com.





The UWE Student Greenspace group has had a busy start to the 2018/19 academic year at local Stoke Gifford woodland - Splatts Abbey Wood, which is near the MoD and Chewick Village.

They undertook their training session for new volunteers and then took part in a mid term Management Plan review with Ecologist Rupert Higgins reviewing the woodland and its future needs. The Greenspace group has been working with the Splatts Abbey Wood Conservation Group and South Gloucestershire Council.

Senior Greenspace Project leaders Curzio Potenza and Bennta Ciu have been very active with other project leaders in organising the work schedule for the 2018/19. Curzio said: -

"It is so great to be working on a practical project on a local community site. The positive impacts are directly visible and the skills we are learning are hands on and applied to the world of forestry which has been forgotten within the majority of the population. Having this opportunity and support from both UWE and the Splatts Conservation Group has been vital to training us as project leaders, and more importantly for making the woodland healthy and accessible for more peoples."

The woodland is a valuable resource in an area of increasing development.

David Bell, Chairman of Splatts Abbey Wood Conservation Group, and member of the group since 2002, said - "Splatts Abbey Wood is a local treasure, and we hope that the local community will continue to use and value it. The committee would like to thank all those who have done such great work at the historic woodland over many years."



Gloucestershire Council Chair's award for their volunteering at the Splatts Abbey Wood and Sims Hill woodlands.

Local Bradley Stoke residents and Splatts Abbey Wood volunteers Andy Ward, 2017, and Fred Hillberg, 2016, have both also won the Council Chair's awards for their volunteering for the Splatts Abbey Wood Conservation Group.

The group wants to recruit more volunteers from the community, and is currently very keen to recruit more committee members to help strengthen the group.

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#### Great Western Air Ambulance Charity takes up Tenancy in New Air Base

Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC) have taken up tenancy of a new air base in Almondsbury. The charity will share the facility with the National Police Air Service (NPAS), and currently have a ten year tenancy agreement. Their helicopter took off from the new base for the first time at the end of October, taking the medical team to a critical incident.

The move is a huge milestone for the charity. who have been operating from a hangar on Filton airfield which was one of the oldest in the country.

In a move which would ensure stability for the life-saving charity, the landlords of the new base have offered GWAAC the opportunity to purchase the facility at a significantly reduced price.

GWAAC Chief Executive Anna Perry explains: "We're thrilled to have moved into the new air base at Almondsbury, however with our current tenancy agreement we could be asked to leave again after ten years. This could be extremely disruptive to our service. Owning our air base will ensure we can continue to carry out our lifesaving work well into the future. It's unlikely we will have the opportunity to buy a facility like this

Russ Woolford, Assistant Operations Director for the National Police Air Service (NPAS) said: "We are delighted that NPAS Almondsbury is now operational. The state-of-the-art air base, including a 520m lit Final Approach and Take Off (FATO), is a great addition to our national network of bases. NPAS Almondsbury is operational 24/7/365 and our crews will regularly support police colleagues on the ground to find missing people and search for suspects. Air support is a vital tool available to police forces and flying at average speeds of 138mph crews will also help bring many other 'crimes in action' to an end, to help keep communities safe. NPAS Almondsbury replaces the existing NPAS Filton site which is now under redevelopment for housing."

Earlier this year, GWAAC launched an urgent appeal to help them raise the additional £1.25 million needed to fund the purchase. They are half way towards their target, but still have a long way to go.



As a charity they rely on generous donations from members of the public to stay operational. Excitingly, if they can raise another £315.000 then a generous local organisation has pledged to double this money!

GWAAC Lead Critical Care Doctor Ed Valentine continues: "The whole crew are really pleased to have moved into our new hangar, which is warm, dry, and has all the facilities we need to train for and deliver our service. We operate at the forefront of pre-hospital emergency medicine, and are here for every single person across the region. Owning this base would mean that we can continue to expand and continue our work long into the future. We're extremely grateful to everyone who has donated so far, and would urge anyone who is able to contribute to the Buy Our Base appeal to do so."

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#### **South Gloucestershire Hockey Club**

#### 2018/19 Half Season Update

As the first half of the season draws to an end, South Glos are able to reflect on some highlights. Across our six teams, we have scored an impressive total of 151 goals (68 more than this time last season) and have won 29 of our 46 matches (18 more than this time last year). Three of five teams are finishing the first half of the season at the top of their League tables. South Glos have continued to go from strength to strength and we owe this to our players' commitment and dedication to the sport and the club.

#### **England Hockey Mixed Championship**

On Sunday 25th November, South Glos' First Mixed Team, and their dedicated supporters, travelled to Worcester in the first round of the EH Mixed Championship.

Worcester had a strong start putting pressure immediately onto South Glos' defence who battled hard to keep them at bay for a short while. However, by half time Worcester were 2-0 up. South Glos fought back scoring 2 goals (one from a short corner); although this was not enough as Worcester put another 2 past the South Glos



At South Glos, we have many friendly umpires who commit lots of their time umpiring on a Saturday. This is Adrian, our newest qualified umpire.

keeper securing them the win. South Glos' efforts were not in vain as they will now move into into Tier 2 of the Mixed Championship. We are looking forward to facing Newent's Mixed Team in the New Year.

#### **New Year's Resolution?**

Have you always thought about trying hockey? Try us out in the New Year. Training restarts on Tuesday 8th January at Bradley Stoke Community School from 8pm to 9:30pm.

The League restarts for the men on the 12th January and on the 19th January for the ladies. We can't wait to see what the next half of the season brings for the club.

Find out about our fixtures, results, match reports and Member Mondays

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'The key for any team is communication, timing and always being prepared- at South Glos we are always on point!'

#### The truth about lower back pain

Hannah, our Osteopath at Bradley Stoke Physio & Health, answers some common questions about lower back pain.

#### Why have I got lower back pain?

Lower back pain can be caused by a specific event, such as a fall, or lifting something awkwardly. Most often though, it starts for no obvious reason, or from a simple movement like bending to pick something up. The demands on our bodies can build up, then bending is the 'final straw', resulting in pain. Poor sleep, stress or worry, long sedentary working hours, and changes to exercise habits, can all contribute.

#### What is causing my lower back pain?

Local nerves (called nociceptors) sense the injury or strain and send messages saying 'something has happened here' to the spinal cord, which passes them on to our brain. The brain then weighs up the situation using lots of information, including our thoughts, beliefs and experiences, to decide whether pain is felt and how much. This tells us that pain is a unique experience, and that pain is not always an accurate measure of the amount of damage. Although unpleasant, pain can help protect us from further damage, or prompts us to do something differently to look after ourselves.

#### Will my back pain get better?

Lower back pain is rarely serious and gets better in most cases. Even when there is a great deal of pain, the body does a great job of repairing and healing. You may or may not get a flare up once in a while or with certain activities, but this doesn't mean your back is damaged, more that it might be sensitive now and again.



However, if your pain won't go away, see your GP, an osteopath, or physiotherapist.

#### What can I do to help my back pain?

My top tip is to try to keep moving, even if it is uncomfortable. Taking painkillers could help you to stay active and to get a good night's sleep, which will aid your recovery. When you feel up to it, regular exercise such as walking, yoga, swimming, running, cycling - whatever you enjoy - will help keep your back strong and healthy.

#### How can osteopathy help?

As an experienced osteopath, I have a toolbox of techniques and strategies to help ease your pain and improve your movement. If pain is stopping you from doing the things you need and love to do, or is worrying you, or is not settling as expected, I would be happy to help you on the road to recovery.

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#### **BSTFC: Seasonal Update & International Fame!**

Report by Adam Townsend

Bradley Stoke Town FC have had a very busy few weeks, both on and off the pitch.

Not only have we played a combined total of 17 games since our last update, we've also had a media storm surround the club. You may have seen our new recruit Bradley Stokes (photo right) making waves through social media all around the world, being covered - not just by Bradlev Stoke Matters and BSfm- but by the likes of BBC Sport, BBC Radio 1, Talksport, all due to an innocuous tweet by BSMatters' assistant editor, Nick Tanner, to local journalist Neil Maggs, to help raise the profile of BSTFC - it certainly worked!

On the pitch, the First team has continued their solid start to the season by winning 5 and scoring thirty goals within their seven games. Results include a hard fought win against Cribbs A, a 5-1 Cup win against AFC Mangotsfield Reserves and a dominant display to beat local rivals Patchway Town Reserves 8-0. Manager Jon Welsh has been especially impressed with the number of goals being shared throughout the team meaning we are looking dangerous across the whole pitch.

The next month sees the first team return to mostly home fixtures at the GFA headquarters in Almondsbury with games against unbeaten Nicholas Wanderers, Made For Ever and Wick (Saturday) Reserves in the next round of the GFA Junior South cup.

#### The first team currently sit 3rd in the Bristol and District Senior division.

The Reserve team, managed by Matt Burch has had a more disappointing month with a number of key players missing, whilst having to manage squad selection based on the first team's needs and player availability. Despite this the team still remain mid-table with a positive feeling that such a strong group of players can turn it around and begin to climb the table.

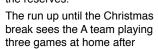
The lead up to Christmas will be an important period for the team as they take on a number of teams around them in the league, including a home tie against Hambrook Reserves before two away games against Hartcliffe First and then Rangeworthy Reserves.

The reserves currently sit 7th in the Bristol and **District Division 2.** 



The A team have certainly

settled well into life in Division 4 due to the large squad and recruitment of a number of new players. Managers George Haskins and Luke Baker have done a great job at building a solid foundation for the club whilst also seeing a number of players promoted up to the reserves.



their away trip to Yate Athletic. They welcome Pucklechurch Sports reserves and Crosscourt United before seeing top of the table Shaftsbury Crusade Reserves arrive at the Jubilee Centre.

The A team currently sit 4th in the Bristol and District Division 4.

Bradley Stoke Town Vets team who play in the Gloucestershire FA Veterans League South Division have only played a single fixture this season following two games being cancelled last minute. The solitary game saw them run out 5-1 winners against Bristol North Vets. Manager Phil Ashton is pleased to see a number of new faces this season and believes he has a strong enough squad to really mount a challenge and win the league. Next fixture is against Stoke Gifford United Veterans on the 9th December at 10am.

Bradley Stoke Town FC always welcome new faces, be that as a player or a supporter on a Saturday afternoon. To get involved you can find us at on twitter @BSTFC, at www.pitchero.com/ clubs/bradlevstoketownfc or at the Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road.

As always, we would like to thank Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford Matters for their continued support and wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2019.

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We are now just 7 and 8 games into the season in the Gloucestershire County Women's Football League and the Bradley Stoke Ladies First Team sit in 2nd position with a record of Played 7, Won 6 Lost 1.

The Bradley Stoke Ladies Development Team sit in 10th position with a record of Played 8, Won 2, Lost 6. The difference being the First Team have managed to retain an established team through every match whereas the Development Team have been in constant change due to injuries, shift working and holidays. We are confident results will improve when they can field a constant stable





squad over the next upcoming games. This year was always going to be a learning one for the team, and their attitude, positivity, team spirit and effort in each game needs to be praised. The purpose of running two teams this season was to give more female players the opportunity to play football, so it is great to see two Bradley Stoke Ladies teams playing every week and being competitive.

The First Team are into the Quarter Finals of the GFA Women's Challenge Cup and the Development Team are into the Quarter Finals of the Gordon Perrett League Cup, so hopefully both teams will progress further.

The Development Team are currently now wearing their new Nike kit which is part of the grant provided to the club from the Football Foundation Grow the Game. We have also been successful in our application for the South Gloucestershire MAF funding supported by Councillors Paul Hardwick and Roger Avenin. Of course we are still wearing our lovely jackets to each game provided by Bradley Stoke Matters! The newly refurbished Baileys Court Pub provides after match food for both teams each week. We would like to pass on our thanks to all for helping and supporting the Bradley Stoke Ladies Football Club.



The club is still driving forward with its target of getting more females involved in football and the management committee is currently at 83% female representation. The club is supporting players to go and obtain their FA Level 1 coaching badge and we currently have one female manager at the club. We want to continue this positive trend of females being involved in the running of the club.

We are looking forward to our Club Xmas Party which will be held at the local Hilton DoubleTree Hotel where we can all get together and have some nice food, quality entertainment, lots of fun and many presents.

If anyone is interested in joining or knowing more about the teams please contact Martin Lee at mlee1@btopenworld.com or visit the web site at https://bradleystokeladies.wixsite.com/ bslfc.

Bradley Stoke Ladies wishes everyone a Happy New Year.





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

#### **BABY AND TODDLER GROUPS**

**Beehive Baby and Toddler Group,** The Old School Rooms, Stoke Gifford. Thursdays 10-11.30, term time only. Church office 0117 9692486.

**Bright Sparks Toddler Group** Monday afternoons 1-3pm term time only All new families welcome phone: 01454 615577

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

**First Steps Toddler Group** - Christ the King Church, Bradley Stoke Thursdays 10.00 am-11.30 am term times. Phone 0117 9312304

Little Hedgehogs (0-5's) - Wednesday mornings, 10am-12noon school term time only. Edge Church Bristol, 1160 Park Avenue, Almondsbury, Bristol, BS32 4TF. 01454 837990.

**Messy Me (0-5s)** - Christ the King Church, Monday and Tuesday mornings 10-11.30am

**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

**Trinity Tots** - Mondays 9:30 - 11:30 during term time. Contact Holy Trinity Church Office on 01454 620975

#### LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

**1st Bradley Stoke Scouts** - Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and our marching band meet at Brook Way Activity Centre and Holy Trinity school. Please have a look on our website for further information for both young people and adult volunteers at www.bradley-stoke-scouts.org.uk/join

1st Little Stoke Scouts - 1st Little Stoke Scout Group, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. To enquire about your child joining or to volunteer call Tony Edmonds (Group Scout Leader) 07957880503, or email tonyedmonds108@yahoo.com

**Afternoon Social Club 55+,** every Wednesday from 2pm – 3.30pm at the Baileys Court Activity Centre.

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 every 2nd Wednesday at the Doubletree Hilton at 7.30 pm 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 - New members welcome! Patchwork and Quilting Group, 3rd Monday in the month 1.30-3.30pm at the Jubilee Centre, Bradleystokesewandsos.weebly.com

**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

**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 Phoenix Club** - meets 1st Tuesday of the month, 10am-12noon at Little Stoke Community Hall, Little Stoke Lane. Contact Rosemary Davis 01454 614474

Stokes Singers - Thursdays in term time at Coniston Community Centre, Coniston Road, Patchway 7.30-9.30pm. We are a mixed choir and do not hold auditions. Contact Liz Gazzard on 01454 614148 for further details.

Willowbrook Townswomen's Guild - Jubilee Centre - 7:30 - 9:30pm the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Ros Gallear - rosalindg@tiscali.co.uk

Winterbourne Wind Band- Thursdays 7.30-9.30pm at Greenfield Centre, Park Avenue, Winterbourne BS36 1NJ. Brass, woodwind, percussion, bass players wanted. Loan Instruments available. Contact Dan 01172 395210.

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 7.30.pm at Trust Hall, North Road, Stoke Gifford BS34 8PF contact Sue Grimsted 0117 9793409

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

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!

#### SPORTS CLUBS

**Aretians Rugby Club for Cubs, Juniors and Seniors** Station Road, Little Stoke www.aretiansrfc.co.uk

Black and Blues Netball - Non-League Social Netball Wednesdays 7.30-9pm BSCS, http://www.theblackandblues.co.uk/ or find us on Facebook 'Black & Blues Netball'.

**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 bradleystokecc.play-cricket.com

**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 U12's 4.30pm-5.30pm, U14 and U16's 5.30pm-7.00pm. Please email bsncjuniors@yahoo.co.uk

**Bradley Stoke Judo** - Various days and times, Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre, www.bradleystokejudoclub.com

**Bradley Stoke Squash Club** - For adults, Juniors and Children. Welcoming new players from beginners to advanced. Club night Sunday nights for all From 6pm. Children's coaching on Sat Mornings. Contact Mark Stone for details 07786 911580

**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.

Bradley Stoke Youth FC (BSYFC) – FA Charter Standard Community Club, U7s to U18s, disability football, mentoring, in-school coaching and football festival. Visit web site www.bsyfc.co.uk or contact mlee1@btopenworld.com

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

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

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

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

**Severnside Ramblers -** www.severnside-ramblers.org.uk All walks meet at Aldi car park, Bradley Stoke

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

South Glos Hockey Club Trains Tuesday evenings at Bradley Stoke Community School 8pm-9.30pm with league games played on Saturdays and mixed on Sundays. http://www.sghc. org.uk, Facebook - South Gloucestershire Hockey Club

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 0117 9791807 or email sgsmbc@outlook.com.

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

#### CHURCH CONTACTS AND COFFEE MORNINGS

**Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church** Baileys Court Road 0117 9314716 www.bsec.org.uk

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

**City Church** Bradley Stoke Community School 0117 2303330. Community Coffee Morning Brook Way Activity Centre Thursdays 10-12 www.bridgecommunitychurch.org

**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

#### Local Schools in and around the Stokes



#### PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Baileys Court Primary School, Head Teacher: Andrew Lynham, Breaches Gate BStoke, 01454 838320

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Bowsland Green Primary School, Head Teachers: Faye Kitchen/ Michelle Engley, Ellicks Close BStoke, 01454 866766,

Holy Family R.C. Primary School, Interim Head of School:

Holy Trinity Primary School. Headteacher: Janet Dickson. Broad Croft BStoke, 01454 866735, holytrinity-pri.s-gloucs.

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

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

Wheatfield Primary School, Head Teacher: Phil Winterburn

#### SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Abbeywood Community School, Head Teacher: Dave Howe, New Road Stoke Gifford BS34 8QT, 0117 307 5660,

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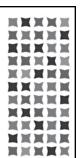
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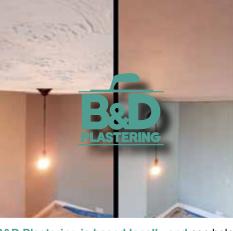
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