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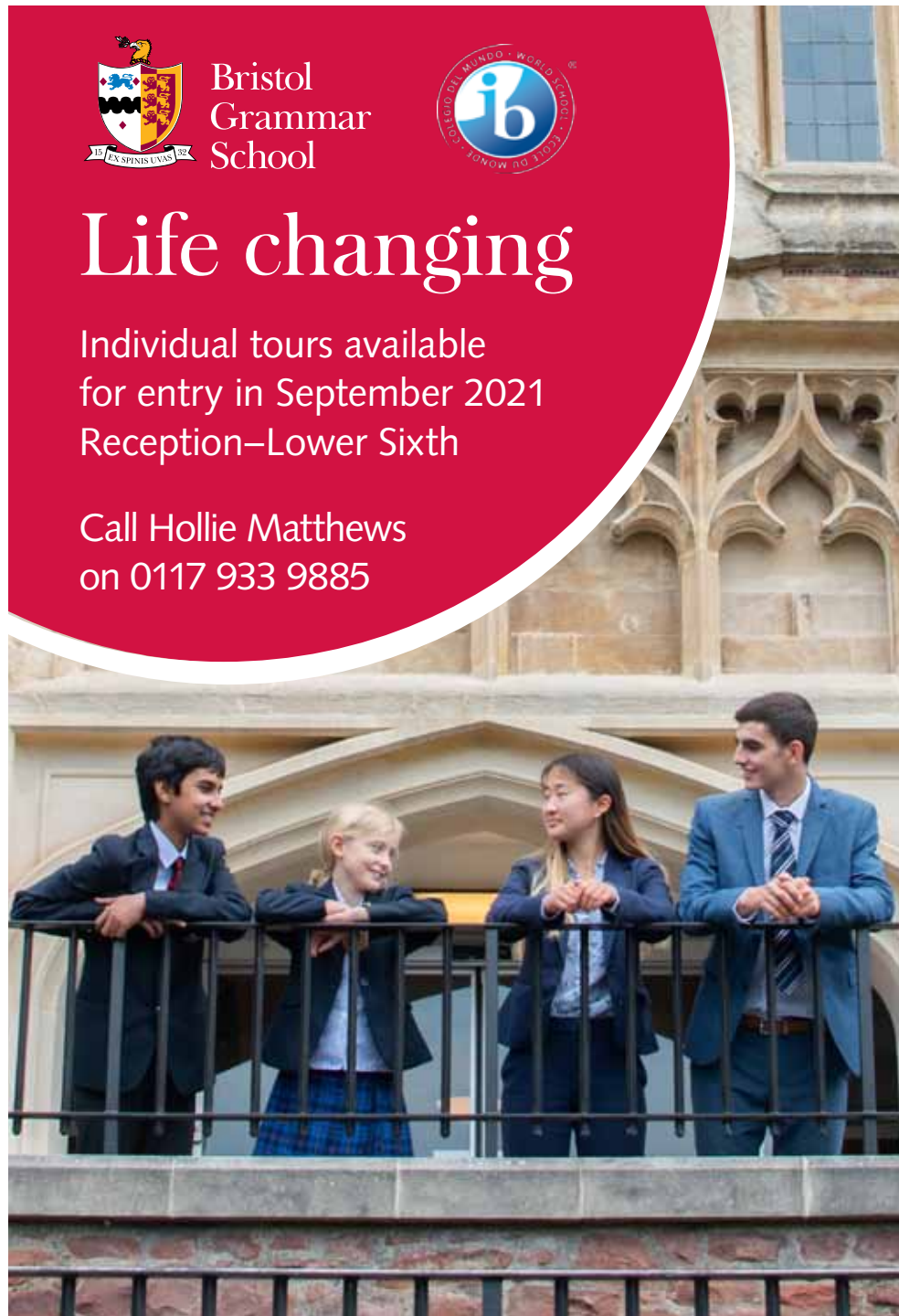
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I hope this issue finds you all safe and well as we continue to navigate our way through 2020.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Bradley Stoke to interim minister Rev Rod Symmons and his wife Beth. You can read more about them overleaf.

It will be no surprise that many of our usual autumn events are in doubt at present and our latest magazine is again bereft of future events to look forward to. However the town is running its first Scarecrow Trail this year which promises some half term fun, running 24th-31st October - you can find more information on page 20. Following the necessary cancellation of the annual Castell Roc music festival held in Chepstow this summer, comes the announcement of a Springtime Castell Roc to look forward to in April/May '21 - see page 18 for more details on which bands are playing and how to secure tickets.

We have plenty of news and photos from our local schools, as well as open day information. Our local sports clubs have been trying to do what they can over the recent months and many are hoping that at least some competition might take place this season - see inside for updates from the Bradley Stoke Cricket Club youth section, Bradley Stoke Town FC and Bradley Stoke United FC, Stoke Lane FC, Bradley Stoke Ladies FC, St Mary's Rugby Club, Bradley Stoke Bowls Club and Bradley Stoke Judo Club.

Our centre pages shows photos of all the entrants to the Bradley Stoke in Bloom Best Front Garden competition (which took place over the summer) receiving their certificates. Enjoy the read!

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## Welcome to Bradley Stoke:

### Newcomers at Christ the King and Holy Trinity Church

Bradley Stoke is welcoming a new minister - the Revd Rod Symmons, who has been appointed by the Diocese of Bristol to be the Interim Minister of Bradley Stoke, which comprises the churches of Christ the King at the south end of the town and Holy Trinity (which is a joint Anglican and Methodist church which shares a site with Holy Trinity School) at the north end.

Rod and his wife Beth have lived in Bristol since 1999 when Rod as appointed Vicar of Redland Parish Church and Tutor at Trinity Theological College. They left Redland in November 2018 and moved to Henbury and since then Rod has been working for the Diocese of Bristol looking after the training of junior clergy.

Rod is delighted to have been asked by the Bishop to be the Interim Minister. *"We have known a number of people at both churches over the years and we are enjoying beginning to get to know more members of the congregation. We are looking forward to building links with others in the wider community."*

The post is part-time and is in preparation for the appointment of a permanent full-time minister.

Rod and Beth have three adult children, all living in London. Beth works for Bristol City Council and has always been actively involved in the communities wherever they have lived.

At the beginning of the lockdown the two churches took the decision to go online with a joint weekly service involving members of both congregations. These have proved popular and have been watched by many people in the town who don't normally come to church. Both



**Welcome to Rev Rod Symmons and wife, Beth**

churches have their own Facebook pages and there are links to the services available there.

Risk assessments are currently being drawn up and where possible to do so in a COVID safe way activities are gradually beginning to start up again, so keep an eye on the churches' websites.

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## Bradley Stoke Bowlers Back on the Green



Here we see some members of Bradley Stoke Bowls Club enjoying this latest period of glorious sunny weather.

They were grateful for all the work that the Town Council and Club Committee had done in introducing Covid-19 safe sanitisation procedures and modified bowling rules so that the green at Baileys Court could be opened.

Although members were not able to play matches against other local clubs, they have been able to book a rink for rollups.

Members were very sad to hear of the death of the renowned bowler David Bryant, who opened our Club in 2010.

The AGM will have to be delayed until the spring. If you haven't tried bowling and would like to find out more please visit the club's website <https://bsbc.webs.com/> or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/bradleystokebowls/>

*Here are some thoughts from last year's Captain ...*

### THE LOCKDOWN LAMENT by Bob Wilkins

The woods are polished and ready  
But the greens are empty and bare  
No Bowls co's of the virus  
In lockdown and in despair

Oh what shall we do for a pastime  
With no bowls to look forward to  
Only gardening, tele, chocolates  
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Now I never thought I would look forward  
To hearing the moans and the groans  
"He's no idea where the jack is"  
He should have stayed at home.

Monday selection, a bone of contention,  
With COD's ill at ease  
For come the game on Sunday  
Will all the players be pleased.

I awoke in a daze from my nightmare  
"oh God was it all a bad dream"  
But NO it's all real  
And we can't get on to the green

So lament all you heart broken bowlers  
From clubs far and near  
You still can't put a wood down  
Till Boris gives the 'All Clear"

## Bradley Stoke WI

In normal times Bradley Stoke WI meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm at the Jubilee Centre in Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke. We usually have a speaker and in 2020 and prior to lockdown we enjoyed talks on Vegan food and local Highway Improvement schemes and in March a really informative and interesting talk on plastics engineering. We also have a monthly book club, craft club and a weekly table tennis club. We love socialising and had regular social events including coffee mornings at local coffee shops, meals out and trips to local places of interest.

Little did we know that as we said farewell at the end of our March meeting at the Jubilee Centre that it would be the last time we would meet together as a group for some time! However we have made a concerted effort to keep in touch with our members with a regular Newsletter that included useful local information, news about our WI friends and things to do to keep our spirits up.

The Zoom application has enabled some of us to hold virtual 'coffee mornings and we also have a Bradley Stoke WI website <https://bradleystokewi.org/> and a Bradley Stoke WI Facebook page, both tools that we use to share information and keep in touch.

We are now looking to the future and deciding when and how we can safely and enjoyably meet again as a group whilst adhering to the latest Government guidelines. **If anyone is interested in joining us then please contact our Secretary, Janet Hunt, on 07845 744351.**



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## Bradley Stoke Judo Club during the Pandemic and Coping with the Lockdown Restrictions

At the start of 2020 Bradley Stoke had an exciting year planned with competitions and training camps around Europe and the world, including a ten day training trip to Japan for 20 of the club members. Everything had been going well in all departments for the club when we were hit by the lockdown due to COVID-19 at the end of March.

As soon as we knew what the government restrictions meant to our sport, our team of dedicated coaches set about developing a programme of judo based routines and conditioning to ensure all members especially our competitive players return in top condition, when restrictions are finally relaxed and we can return to near normality. Like many other people, businesses and clubs we utilised the capabilities of zoom to deliver training sessions and monitor progress of our members.

As restrictions were relaxed it meant that we have been able to hold outdoor sessions within the guidelines set out by the British Judo Association and the government. These sessions included non-contact judo exercises, conditioning sessions and yoga. As well as allowing our coaches to assess an individual's fitness, it also allowed club mates that we attract from far afield to meet up and socialise. As many people will know and experienced, the lockdown impacted on people's mental health in various ways so this controlled and responsible socialising has also been important to the club members' mental wellbeing.

Sadly as in many other areas of the leisure industries and sports clubs, these times have seen several judo clubs across the UK go under or lose important revenue streams as inconsistent restrictions on contact sports have impacted martial arts more severely than some mainstream sports. Work has been ongoing in the background on the administration needed to ensure a successful judo club like Bradley Stoke continues to grow despite the restrictions. Due to this work the Club has done, it is in a very strong position and we are looking forward to when we can open up again fully.

We have launched a new logo which features one of our full time athletes, Lele Nairne, and her throw at the 2019 World Championships in Tokyo, plus we have other exciting initiatives planned once we are back open. We are looking to open up our sessions at the leisure centre at the beginning of October and have already received significant interest from people of all levels of ability wanting to join us.

If you are interested please contact us at [bradleystokejudo@gmail.com](mailto:bradleystokejudo@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.bradleystokejudo.com](http://www.bradleystokejudo.com) and use the contact form.



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## 13 Year Old Pearl, Bakes!

Before lockdown started, Pearl Bruford, who is just 13 and lives in Bradley Stoke, had registered with the Brightwell Centre to take part in their Challenge 35. The idea for this was to make £35 grow as much as possible in one month for the charity.

Pearl had spoken to her school and arranged to have three cake sales for the staff and students, as well as a tea and cake afternoon at home to raise funds. Then lockdown happened and all plans were scrapped!

Pearl was insistent that she still wanted to help the charity and, not being one to give up, began baking cakes from home and selling them online.

Each month Pearl has been posting a menu on local Facebook pages and people have been ordering from her. Since her first order in May, Pearl has baked over 100 cakes!

For her 100th order she gave away a free lemon drizzle cake (chosen by the customer) - she also intends to do the same for her 200th order. She has baked coffee cakes, Victoria sponges, chocolate cakes, chocolate brownies, sausage rolls, cheese and onion pasties, cupcakes, scones with jam portions, cinnamon rolls and lemon drizzle cakes. She has made apple crumble and pear and apple crumble using homegrown fruit. Pearl also caters for vegan and gluten free requests.

**Her current project is Halloween cupcakes and she already has over 100 orders!**

Pearl is giving 50% of all profits to the Brightwell charity and has so far raised over £200 and is planning to continue raising money until Christmas when she will present the centre with a cheque. Pearl has used the money raised from selling cakes to buy all of the ingredients she has needed and at the beginning of September, Morrisons at Cribbs Causeway donated Pearl some ingredients. They have also asked to work with Pearl at Christmas – selling her cakes in store! How fantastic - well done Pearl!!

**If you would like to order a cake from Pearl she has a Facebook page – [Pearl Bakes](#) - or you can message her mum on 07779 025 082.**



## Your Village Shop, a new shop opens in Stoke Gifford Retirement Village

*Lucy and Richard Smith are the owners behind 'Your Village Shop', a new local shop with ambitions to become a dementia and autism friendly shop.*



Your Village Shop opened in March this year and is based in Stoke Gifford Retirement Village, just off Coldharbour Lane. Whilst Lucy & Rich have had to do things a bit differently because of COVID19 they always set out with an ambition to create an environment that is welcoming and friendly for customers. Lucy explains: *"Shopping isn't just about clicking online or self scanning, it's also a social experience but many people will avoid shopping because it is difficult or confusing or stressful. It doesn't have to be that way."*

*"At Your Village Shop you can get extra help if you need it and it is a place where you can feel safe using mobility aids or where you won't be overwhelmed by the environment."*

*"The welcome we have had at Stoke Gifford Retirement Village has been incredible and we are looking forward to serving the local community as we grow and get a chance to return to some normality after COVID19."*

The team at Your Village Shop offer a range of services including home delivery of fresh fruit & veg boxes and were able to help many families throughout lockdown.

On top of the usual groceries and snacks, Your Village Shop stocks produce from local suppliers including meat and pies from Gales Farm Butchers and fresh bread and cakes from The Cottage Bakery. They also have a growing range of gifts and seasonal items.

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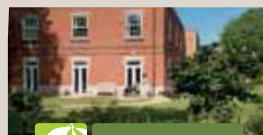
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### 'Spending Time Apart, but Together at Heart.'

The Girl Guiding Covid-19 Badge, that Second Stoke Lodge Brownie Leaders delivered to the doors of all the Brownies, aptly describes the lockdown experience for the Unit. We have been 'Spending Time Apart, but Together at Heart.'

We have been sending out email newsletters to Brownies since April and started virtual meetings at the beginning of June. It has been lovely to see the smiling faces of many of the Brownies in Zoom meetings and a treasure hunt activity around their homes, has been one of their favourite activities! When the Brownies were asked to find something beginning with the letter 'i', a tub of ice-cream from the freezer was a great choice! We sing some of the call and response songs that we would often do in our meetings and always finish with Brownie Bells.

Some of the Brownies took part in a virtual camp in July with Brownies from all over Bristol. They took part in activities over a whole weekend which included challenges to work on at home and virtual activities to join in too. The virtual activities included a fitness session, forest school activities and a virtual campfire. They slept in a den or tent at home! Gracie slept in a tent in her lounge and decorated it with bunting. Amelie enjoyed taking part in the virtual campfire. She had marshmallows and hot chocolate too. She also made an edible campfire which looked amazing.

It was lovely to see some of the Brownies and their parents, socially distanced at their front doors, when leaders went to deliver a special envelope to be opened together on the last Brownie Zoom of the summer term.

This is a picture (right) of me and my daughter Emma (who is doing her young leader qualification at the Unit) opening our special envelopes and receiving our badges along with the Brownies in our virtual meeting.

These Girl Guiding Badges will certainly mark a historic time in the movement in years to come!

As leaders we received this extra special badge to acknowledge something that we would never have considered doing before .... organising a virtual meeting!

The new term started with our first Zoom meeting in early September. We will consider the advice from Girl Guiding about whether or not we resume actual Brownie meetings, but regardless, we are pleased that we have been able to keep in touch, share our news and continue to gain Brownie badges during a time none of us could have expected.

**Katy (Snowy Owl) and Rachel (Peacock) 2nd Stoke Lodge Brownies**



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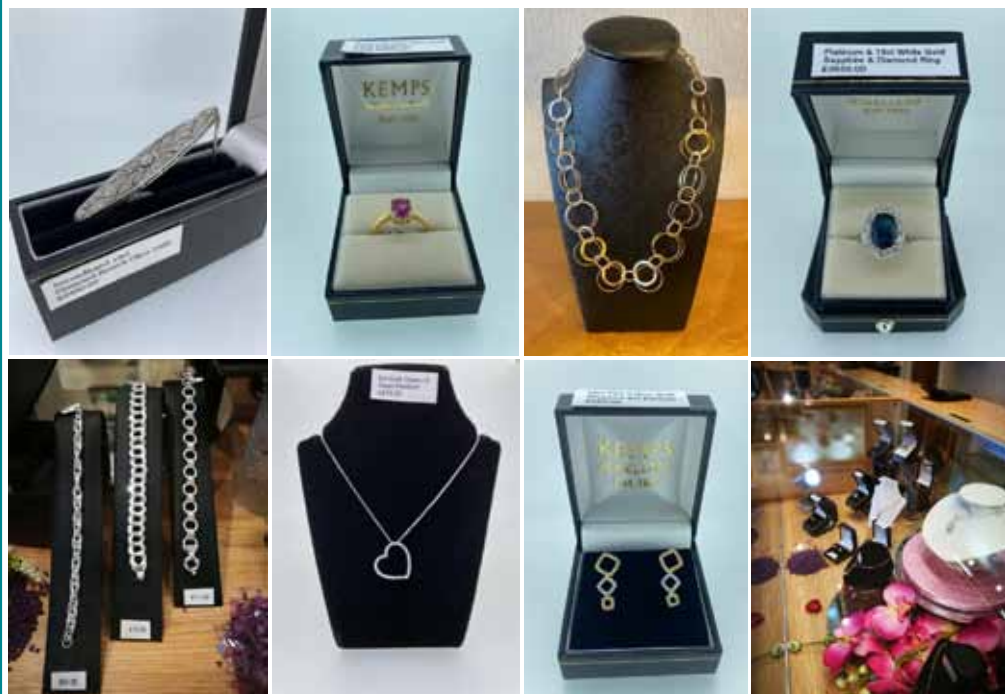
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## SpringTime Castell Roc

We know how disappointed all our followers were when August 2020 was cancelled, so planning an outdoor event 8 months away seems to be the way forward! Hopefully we will be back to some sort of normality by then?

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### Saturday 24th April

"Craig Charles Funk & Soul Show"

### Sunday 25th April

"Rock Legends" featuring top tributes : "U2UK", "Cloneplay" and "Stereosonics"

### Friday April 30th

"Twist Up Night" with the sensational "Si Cranstoun" and "The Navarones"

### Saturday 1st May

featuring blues giants "King King" and "Cats In Space"

### Sunday 2nd May

"Monsters Of Roc"- with our local legends : "UK Guns N Roses", "Whitesnake UK", "Hells Bells"

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## Marie's Pawtastic Pet Care

We were delighted to hear from Marie Hawkins for this issue as she launches her new business venture "Marie's Pawtastic Pet Care".

Many readers might recognise Marie from Rowe Vets where she used to work in Bradley Stoke before moving to the Thornbury branch as Branch Manager. Having always worked with animals, and having quite a few of her own, lockdown has given Marie the time and opportunity to realise her ambition of expanding upon her passion by setting up her own business.

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All entries must be forwarded to [odile.mcintosh@bradleystoke.gov.uk](mailto:odile.mcintosh@bradleystoke.gov.uk) by Friday 18th September.

We have restricted the number of scarecrows to 47, all entrants will be informed of the character they will be creating soon after the closing date, this is done on a first come first served basis.

Trail maps available from the Town Council Offices and Activity Centres from Monday 28th September.

Entries for the prize draw must be returned by 31st October 6pm

Winners will be published on our website on 1st November

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## Wheatfield Primary : Inspirational T-Shirt Raises over £300 for NHS Charity

During the summer term, Wheatfield Primary children and staff were busy thinking about how they could record and remember the impact of COVID19 in a positive way.

*"We wanted to acknowledge that there have been lots of unknown positives that have come out of our time in school during this period and as a community, we have managed to come even closer"* says Phil Winterburn, Headteacher.

The school decided to create some printed t-shirts to sell to children, staff and families in order to raise funds for the NHS. Adrienne Wheeler from The Friends of Wheatfield Primary came up with a new logo design to reflect the spirit of this period in time and the school's uniform supplier printed the t-shirts for the school.

We think the t-shirts look fantastic!!

Sales went well and the school was delighted to raise £303 for the NHS Charity at Southmead Hospital. What a brilliant idea, well done Wheatfield Primary!



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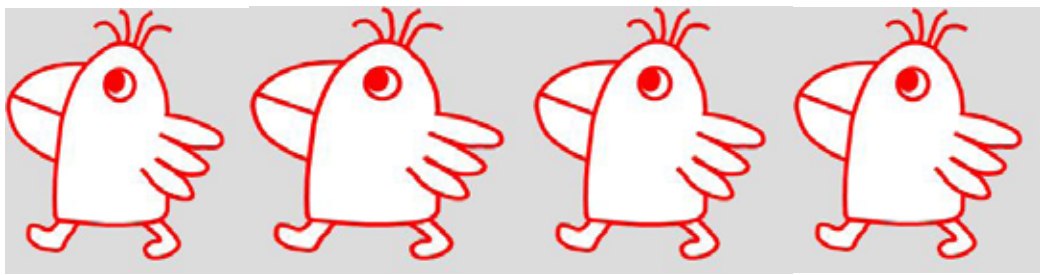
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You don't need to book to join our online events, simply click on the link on the homepage of our school website ([www.baileyscourt.com](http://www.baileyscourt.com)) by 9.20 am on any of these dates:

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September    Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September    Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November    Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November



## We're Back!

Life at Bailey's Court Primary School is not quite what it was before March 20th but we are getting there! The biggest difference, of course, is that the school is now full of children. It's lovely to look out of the window and see a playground and a field with happy children running around.

In Term 6, we had a smaller number of children in our school buildings and grounds but now we have 12 classes of children breathing life back into our school community. We are also very pleased to be welcoming all of our new Reception children and their families as they begin school at Bailey's Court.

We have a very adaptable team working very hard, as ever, and we are delighted have our children back and, looking at the pictures below, we think are children are happy to be back too!





## Adventures await at Meadowbrook Primary!

This term, schools across the Olympus Trust have launched their 'Curriculum Unleashed' – a series of challenges for children at every year group to achieve across the school year.

On the launch day in September, Meadowbrook children took part in multiple challenges throughout the day from learning to tie their shoe laces to taking part in Cosmic Yoga!

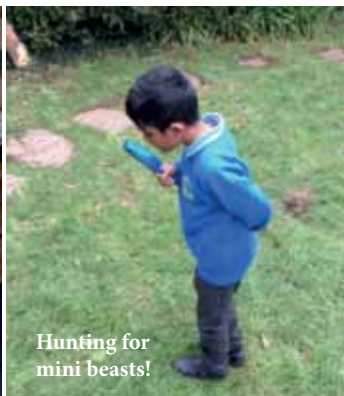
Since then, families have embraced the challenges too. Athena in Year 3 has learnt to sew a button, Justine played a game of Pooh sticks and Eryn visited some of Banksy's art work on a walk around Bristol with her family!

As one parent said,

*"We are really loving the Curriculum Unleashed and the principles behind it!"*



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## St. Mary's Catholic Primary School wins gold!

St. Mary's Primary School in Bradley Stoke has been awarded a gold award by the Woodland Trust for getting involved in green activities including tree planting, visiting a local woodland, reducing carbon emissions and recycling.

The Green Tree Schools initiative, which has seen more than 12,000 schools sign up since it was launched in 2008, offers the opportunity to bring the great outdoors, wildlife and green issues into the classroom.

Schools win awards for participating in green activities, which include tree planting, reducing carbon emissions and recycling. St. Mary's Primary School has planted new trees in their school grounds, visited local woods, reduced their carbon emissions and joined in various other Woodland Trust activities.

Karen Letten, Woodland Trust schools and communities engagement manager, added:

*"The scheme promotes a range of opportunities, each designed to stimulate a child's imagination and sustain their interest in woods and trees. The achievements of the school are recognised through an awards scheme in which they receive points for taking part in activities. As they reach milestones within the project they will receive bronze and silver certificates and then an attractive wooden plaque which acknowledges they've achieved the environmental accolade of a gold award. I hope St. Mary's Primary School will now consider going for our next accolade, the prestigious platinum award."*

The Woodland Trust's vision is to see a UK rich in native woods and trees for people and wildlife. The charity is dedicated to creating new woodland with help from communities and schools, and protecting and restoring ancient woodland for future generations to cherish.

**The Green Tree Schools Award is free for schools to take part in, and the Woodland Trust is also offering free packs of trees to schools.**

Find out how your school can get involved at [woodlandtrust.org.uk/schools](http://woodlandtrust.org.uk/schools)







## Bradley Stoke's Best Front Garden Competition 2020



We were a little hesitant about running our annual Best Front Garden competition this year, but we knew we'd made the right decision when we had a record 18 entries. Although we now have two categories, Large and Small, we still use the original judging criteria: Well-kept frontage, Quantity / quality of plants, Outstanding character & Well-kept lawn, paths, driveway. Usually we all bundle round together one evening to judge the gardens, then decamp to the pub to add up the scores and discuss what were our highlights, but this year we went separately in family groups and had to settle for a home brewed cup of tea.

The range of gardens was amazing, from well established ones to several very new 'lockdown' gardens, but whether new or old, big or small, the care and attention and the pride taken was very evident in them all and that so many of us were putting our enforced time at home to good use and to the benefit of our community. It was a such a delight to be invited to view the gardens so it gives us great pleasure to announce the 2020 Best Front Garden winners

### Large Gardens: (12)

**1st Place** - Garden O  
**Richard & Gill Love**  
(2019 joint winner)

**2nd Place** - Garden J  
**John Burton**

**2nd Place** - Garden H  
**Helen & Graham Egarr**

**2nd Place** - Garden R  
**Paul & Judith Johnson**

**Runners up**  
(in alphabetical order)

Garden G  
**Alisa & Richard Aquilina**

Garden M  
**Anne & Harry Hughes**

Garden L  
**David & Jenny Neale**

Garden N  
**Krishnan Rambadhran**

Garden P  
**Liz Mathew**

Garden Q  
**Malarvizhi Mookkandy & Ravishankar Yetrivel**

Garden K  
**Sue Callow**

Garden I  
**Sue Jones**

### Small Gardens: (6)

**1st Place** - Garden C  
**Maureen Hopkins & Evelyn Coates**  
(2019 joint winner)

**2nd Place** - Garden B  
**Fred J Hillberg** (2019 2nd Place)

**3rd Place** - Garden F  
**Jon & Karen Lane**

**4th Place** - Garden E  
**Anna Waliczek**

**Runners up**  
(in alphabetical order)

Garden D  
**Angela Morey**

Garden A  
**Lulu Milne (no photo)**

### Facebooks favourites:

**1st Place** Garden F  
**Jon & Karen Lane**

**2nd Place** Garden E  
**Anna Waliczek**

The large garden category has 3 joint 2nd places, as there was just 2% between their scores, and we added a 2nd Facebook Favourite as gardens E & F were both extremely popular.

The shield goes to the garden with the most points (2020 Richard & Gill Love) for the year, but all 1st and 2nd places received an engraved glass trophy to keep and a £25 or £10 voucher generously donated by Almondsbury Garden Centre. Everyone also received a framed certificate and an engraved medal.

For just a few winners we had a small prize giving at Almondsbury Garden Centre on the 19th August, where Mayor Tony Griffiths 'handed' out the prizes. Sadly for them the runners up had to make do with me doing a doorstep presentation.

Our thanks also must go to Timpson's for their generosity, to Bradley Stoke Town Council for their continued financial support and to Almondsbury Garden Centre's Richard Truscott for his ongoing support.

**For photos of all the gardens visit the Bradley Stoke In Bloom facebook page**





## A lifeline for desperate carers

Local charity, Carers Support Centre, has been working hard to provide a lifeline for carers throughout the pandemic. Thanks to funding from Carers Trust, the charity has been getting essential items to family carers who desperately need them.

South Glos young carer, Casie, is 13 and cares for her twin sister who has ADHD. Casie was struggling to do schoolwork on her mum's phone. This was Casie's only way to do her schoolwork, contact people and play games. She also missed out on Carers Support Centre's young carers online activities. This left her feeling very isolated.



With help from Carers Support Centre, she now has a new laptop. Casie's mum said: *"This laptop has made a huge difference to Casie, she is now herself again. She's been so isolated. It's given her a chance to catch up on schoolwork and talk to her friends and attend online activity sessions run by the charity. We appreciate this very much."*

Tim Poole, Chief Executive of Carers Support Centre, said: *"Carers are truly the hidden heroes of COVID-19, looking after loved ones behind closed doors. Many carers are looking after extremely vulnerable people at home and, they themselves, may be vulnerable due to their own physical and mental health risks. We are pleased we've been able to help carers with some essential items."*

The charity provides a range of services to carers of any age living in the Bristol and South Gloucestershire areas. These include support, information and advice, carers' groups, training, breaks for carers, and the Carers Emergency Card.

**If you know someone who looks after a family member, friend or neighbour, please get in touch with Carers Support Centre. You can call CarersLine or visit their website.**

**CarersLine: 0117 965 2200**

**Monday to Friday 10am – 1pm and Monday to Thursday 2pm – 4pm**

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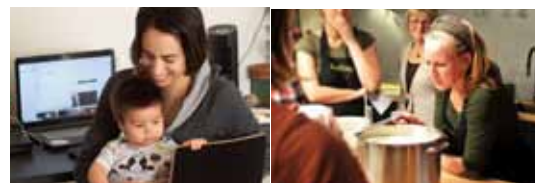


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## New Careers Support for Women in North Bristol

A new project offering careers development support for women in North Bristol has been launched, aimed at mums with young children and women who are unemployed or in part time work.

Future Me provides one to one support to women looking to improve their employability and work towards a career of their choosing. The year-long programme offers a full package of support to help women identify their career goals, access the training and skills needed and overcome barriers. Future Me is run by North Bristol Advice Centre (NBAC).

*"It's about helping women get the career they want, instead of just fitting into a job,"* says Lavern Forbes, project coordinator. *"We want to support women to raise their aspirations and help them avoid becoming trapped in low paid, unskilled work."*

The project is open to women who are not currently in full time work. This includes unemployed and part time workers. It's particularly aimed at women with young children as it provides a unique opportunity to use the time before their children enter full time education to start the process of part time training to develop their own career.

*"This is a new area of work for NBAC,"* says Sally Gapper, NBAC CEO. *"We know that mums with young children are under pressure to get into work under Universal Credit and that women have been hugely impacted by Covid-19. The aim is to set them on the path to meaningful employment and increase their financial wellbeing in the long term."*

Future Me builds on the success of the Buzz Employability Project, run by Buzz Lockleaze CIC. The social enterprise, which was set up by NBAC, was dissolved in August 2020. NBAC Trustees agreed to take on the employability work as it aligns with the organisation's aim of promoting social justice and combating poverty.

Future Me is funded by Bristol City Council. For More Information visit the website

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## Fundamental Changes to Use Classes

On 30 June 2020, the government announced plans to "radically reform" the planning system, allowing more types of commercial premises to repurpose.

On 1 September 2020 The Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020 ('2020 Regulations') came into force. Significantly, the Regulations:

- 1 revokes Parts A and D of the Schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 in relation to England (subject to transitional and savings provisions) (regulation 2).  
Part A contained use classes A1 to A5 which includes uses commonly found on the high street including shops, cafes and takeaways. Part D contained use classes D1 which are Non-residential institutions and D2 which is Assembly and leisure.
- 2 inserts three new use classes:
  - Class E which is commercial, business and service
  - Class F.1 which is learning and non-residential institutions
  - Class F.2 which is local community.
- 3 confirms more uses as sui generis (which are uses in a class of their own).

Any building or land which is used for one of the following classes on 31 August 2020 will be treated on or after 1 September 2020 as falling within new Class E:

- Class A1 (Shops).
- Class A2 (Financial and professional services).
- Class A3 (Restaurants and cafes).
- Class B1 (Business).

Class F.1 (Learning and non-residential institutions) and Class F.2 (Local community) will replace Class D1 (Non-residential institutions) and Class D2 (Assembly and leisure).

### New sui generis uses

The following uses are confirmed as being sui generis (in a class of their own):

- A public house, wine bar or drinking establishment (currently Class A4).
- A drinking establishment with expanded food provision (currently mixed use of Class A4 with Class A3).

- A hot food takeaway for the sale of hot food where consumption of that food is mostly undertaken off the premises (currently Class A5).
- A venue for live music performance.
- A cinema (currently Class D2).
- A concert hall (currently Class D2).
- A bingo hall (currently Class D2).
- A dance hall (currently Class D2).

Generally, sui generis uses cannot be changed to any other use (including any other sui generis use) without express planning permission.

The new Class E is important, covering uses as wide reaching as nurseries, offices, financial services retail, food, gyms, healthcare, and light industry. If there is a change of use within the same use class, it will not be considered a development and will not require planning permission.

These changes are expected to increase flexibility and help high streets and town centres to adapt to the ever-changing needs of the consumers and businesses. Developers will no longer need to apply for planning permission for a change of use that fall within the now wider categories under these use classes.

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# Bradley Stoke Cricket Club

## 2020 Review Youth Season

John Rivers, Youth Development Manager



### Introduction

When we wrote the last article for Bradley Stoke Matters in pre season, little did we know what would unfold shortly after; Covid-19 and the resultant lockdown has affected many people in many ways, some fatally so. And in it's own way the suspension of cricket matches until 11 July had also been a difficult time for all cricket clubs. Bradley Stoke CC were no exception, as we had high hopes for an enjoyable and successful full season.

Instead, we moved quickly to maintain engagement in those typically sunny days when cricket was not possible. A regular Friday night online quiz night, which ran for three months from early April, kept spirits up and also raised funds for the NHS and club. Cricket challenges and regular 'Meet the Committee' features on social media also helped us connect with our members and the wider community.

Following early easing of restrictions, some hard work was put in preparing the use of our net facility to be Covid compliant, and we were able to open our net facility in early June to our members, albeit following strict protocols.

And finally, the green light was given for the return of recreational cricket on 11 July, and after more hard work ensuring match days and training sessions were also Covid compliant, we kicked off with a couple of inter club senior T20 games at that first opportunity.

There are many people to thank who contributed in different ways to the above; we hope they know who they are.

### Youth section

In those dark (but frustratingly sunny) days in April, the prospect of any cricket taking place this summer looked remote. So to be writing an

article reflecting on eight weeks of condensed and intense activity within our youth section of 85 members, and with it notable success on a scale not seen before in the club's relatively short history, is both a relief and particularly satisfying.

We kicked off with a friendly for our Under 11s on 14 July, training started on 19 July, and we ended with an Under 15s friendly on 8 September, with plenty in between, 47 games played overall.

We were grateful to our local league the Bristol Youth Cricket League (BYCL), who devised amended 20 over hardball competitions to fit the shortened and later timescales.

Our **Under 9s** sadly had no softball Kwik Cricket festivals to attend this year as these were too impractical to organise given the restrictions that remained. However we were able to arrange a handful of friendly games against other clubs and plenty was learnt in both victory and defeat.

We again had sufficient numbers to enter two **Under 11** teams, one 8 a side playing a 16 overs pairs format and one traditional 11 a side 20 over team.

Our **8 a side** team lost all four of their league games, three marginally so, but did pick up a couple of friendly victories.

Our **11 a side team** had a very strong season and remained unbeaten until their very last game. Three friendly wins aside, they won three of their four group stage league games in the BYCL Raise The Bat Trophy (the other beaten by the weather) to top the group on run rate. A 111 run win over Thornbury's stronger side was a particular highlight. This earned them a home quarter final against Frenchay Under 13 girls. A nervy 2 wicket win saw them through to finals day on August Bank Holiday Monday at Frenchay CC, where their great run ended in the semi finals against a

very well drilled Golden Hill side who went on to lift the silverware.

Our **Under 13s** side went one better. Aside from packing in 13 games into a seven week period including seven friendlies, they reached the final of their Raise The Bat Trophy. A 100% record from their three group games led to a home quarter final against Downend. Played on the stormiest night of the season, they beat both the elements and their opponents on run rate after another downpour and bad light ended proceedings. Finals day for this team was at Winterbourne CC, with Golden Hill again the opponents. After reaching 82 after batting first, the feeling was that was a little light, and after a good start by Golden Hill this remained the case. However a sustained high level bowling and fielding effort saw them bowl Golden Hill out for 61 and the final beckoned straight after.

This proved to be a game too far however, as a strong Winterbourne side on their own patch proved a challenge too many, and 62 all out was overhauled with some comfort and 4 wickets down. James Bracey (Gloucestershire and England Lions) presented the runners up trophy to the team.

Our **Under 15s** also excelled and we had another team with a 100% record in the Raise The Bat Trophy group stages, and another home quarter final, this time against Bristol CC. An outstanding performance with ball and in the field saw them bowl Bristol out for just 40, chased down cautiously but sensibly, and they were to join our Under 13s at finals day at Winterbourne. There they also squared up against a strong Golden Hill side, who did prove to be too strong by 70 runs, and they went on to win the final too.

Both our **Under 17s** and **Under 19s** sides entered into friendly league formats, and with a number of opponents conceding due to lack of available numbers, each team only played three games,



*"For all three of our teams who entered the Raise The Bat Trophy to reach finals day was unprecedented"*

with the Under 19s picking up a victory over Twyford House.

Sadly we did not run All Stars Cricket (5 to 8 year olds) or the new Dynamos Cricket (8 to 11 year olds, our offer was open to girls only) this year. The ECB cancelled the latter and for the former we didnt have enough signed up pre lockdown to make it practical to run. We hope to do so in 2021.

Finals day clashed with our traditional season ending youth/parent double wicket competition, so that sadly did not take place this year, albeit for a positive reason!

But overall it has been a memorable season in many ways. For all three of our teams who entered the Raise The Bat Trophy to reach finals day was unprecedented, and on first glance a remarkable achievement, but perhaps reflects the hard work of the previous years coming to fruition. The support from all sections of the club at finals day but also in earlier games was brilliant and much appreciated. The team spirit in all of our teams from Under 9s to Under 19s has perhaps never been better or so widespread.

**Whilst not wishing for a repeat of 2020, we will ultimately reflect on what season we had with fondness and many happy memories.**

**Everything is crossed for a return to normality and an April start in 2021.**

That just leaves me to thank everyone in the coaching team, parents who have got the players to games and helped out on match days with set up/pack away and scoring/umpiring, the support from the committee including our Club Welfare Officer, and our tireless groundsman, all of whom played a crucial part in the above.



## Bradley Stoke Ladies FC - Your Local Ladies Football Club

With the new 2020/21 season scheduled to start 20th September, as we went to print Bradley Stoke Ladies FC were looking forward to getting back to some kind of normality and to doing what they do best - playing football!

### Back to Training

Covid-19 meant that training was suspended in March and the season was voided, but the ladies are now back to competitive training. From Tuesday 22nd September this takes place on the astro at Bradley Stoke Community School from 7pm.

We have also had several new players come and join us recently for the new season across both teams. Another big welcome to all the new players at the club!

### Two Teams For The Third Year Running

The BSLFC development team was set up in 2018 when we had too many players to accommodate into one team. However, this has been a huge positive for the club, allowing more and more young girls and women to play football.

For the 2020/21 season the development team has been rebranded as The Vixens. We feel the team has come a long way since it started and therefore the new name better represents the future of the team. The new players who joined last season have really improved and made a stance in the team, which has been fantastic to see.

Both teams train at the same venue and come together at the end of each training session, usually to play a friendly match. We are 2 teams but 1 united club.

### Pre Season & The New Season!

The First Team had a good run out with pre-season friendlies against Stockwood Wanderers, Ellwood, Paulton Rovers Reserves and Olveston United - remaining unbeaten throughout pre season. The team is looking strong for the season ahead.

The Vixens also had the opportunity to play in 2 pre-season friendlies against division 3 opponents Whitchurch and Wincombe, gaining some vital experience as a team for the new season and allowing several new players to get some key game time on the pitch.

Martin Lee (First Team manager, pictured above at training) and Charlotte Hand (Vixens manager) both look forward to leading out their squads for the coming season. The First Team's first league game is against Cheltenham Civil Service (away) and The Vixens travel to Ellwood for their game. Good luck to both teams.

### More Info About Bradley Stoke Ladies

Both the First Team (division 2) and the Vixens (division 3) play in the Gloucestershire County Womens Football League. Training takes place in Bradley Stoke on Tuesday evenings and matches are on Sunday with 2pm kick offs. Fixtures for the new season can be found on the FA full time website, under 'Gloucestershire County Womens Football League'.

Bradley Stoke Ladies is a FA Charter Standard Community Club. Interested in playing or getting involved in the club then visit our website for more information at

<https://www.bradleystokeladiesfc.co.uk/> or contact Martin at [mlee1@btopenworld.com](mailto:mlee1@btopenworld.com)



Bradley Stoke Town FC had a busy August preparing for the start of the league on Saturday 5th September.

As football returned at the start of August, all five of the Bradley Stoke Town teams have been training hard in preparation for the season, and played many pre-season games at the Jubilee Centre.

The club committee has worked extremely hard behind the scenes making sure that all training sessions and matchdays are Covid safe for the safety of our players.

We have had many supporters and passers-by watch our pre-season games which has been fantastic and hopefully this will continue into the season.

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After the success of the fourth team in the previous season, we are introducing our fifth Saturday team into the Bristol football scene, meaning we cover three leagues from the Bristol Combination, Bristol & District and now the Bristol & Suburban league. We are extremely excited that this has happened and are looking forward to a great season.

A big thank you goes to all the players and committee who make this happen.

For most of the teams, the 2020/21 campaign started on Saturday 5th September with two wins and two defeats.

- Reserves 2 vs Lawrence Weston 3
- Thirds (A) 6 Vs Greyfriars A 1
- Fourths (B) 3 Vs Real St George 0
- Fiftths (C) 3 Vs Little Stoke A 6

The First team ventured to the Forest of Dean to play Gloucester County league side Broadwell Amateurs in what was their final pre-season game. The result ended in a 1-1 draw.

If you are free Saturdays and would like to spectate, our first, reserve & fifth team play at Patchway Sports Centre and our third and forth team play at the Jubilee Centre. All games until November will start at 14:30.

All our teams fixtures can be found on our home page at [www.bstfc.co.uk](http://www.bstfc.co.uk)

**If you are local to the area, and are the age of 18 and over and interested in playing football, please get in touch via our website, or contact via e-mail: [bstfc2005@gmail.com](mailto:bstfc2005@gmail.com) as we are always on the lookout for new players.**

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

**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.

**Pre-School Rhyme time** Bradley Stoke Library Mondays 10.45-11.15am 01454 868006 bradleystoke.library@southglos.gov.uk

**Puddle Ducks** - Mondays 10am to 12 noon during term time Brook Way Activity Centre. puddleducktoddler@hotmail.co.uk

**North Bristol Twins Group** - Fridays from 10-12 noon during term time (including half terms) at Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church £3 per family, northbristoltwinsgroup@googlemail.com northbristoltwinsgroup.co.uk

**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](http://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](mailto:tonyedmonds108@yahoo.com)

**Bradley Stoke Book Club 'Bookaholics'** meet at Soho Coffee in Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre on the 2nd Wed of each month at 7:30pm. Geoff Stobbart 07714 101354 [geoffrey.stobbart@btinternet.com](mailto:geoffrey.stobbart@btinternet.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](mailto: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](mailto:ambyoung29@yahoo.com)

**Bradley Stoke Radio** - The Activity Centre Brook Way, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 9DS, 01454 616055 [bradleystokeradio.org.uk](http://bradleystokeradio.org.uk)

**Bradley Stoke Rotary Club**. Breakfast club meeting 4 Fridays per month, 7.15-7.30am start, 8.30am finish, Bristol Golf Club, Blackhorse Hill, Almondsbury, Bristol. BS10 7TP. Contact the Secretary [rotarybradleystoke@gmail.com](mailto:rotarybradleystoke@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:admingirlguidingbsg.org.uk), [girlguidingbsg.org.uk](http://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

**Sevenside Ramblers** - 'Friday Ambles' start in the Aldi car park on alternate Fridays at 10am. Weekend & evening walks -start in the Aztec West blue zone car park. Check site for details.[www.sevenside-ramblers.org.uk](http://www.sevenside-ramblers.org.uk)

**Stokes Art Group** - All ability Painting Sessions held at Christ The King Church, Bradley Stoke Thursday mornings.

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**Stokes Crafters** - Every Thursday evening 7.30-9.30pm at Poplar Rooms, North Road, Stoke Gifford. £4 charge includes refreshments. Contact via Facebook page or Zoe Coggon - [zoecoggon@gmail.com](mailto:zoecoggon@gmail.com) or 07815 662446

**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 Gillian on 0779 0909 726 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](mailto: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 Janet 07845 744351.

**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 BS34 8PF contact Sue Grimsted 0117 9793409

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

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**Almondsbury and Bradley Stoke Tennis Club** - Opportunities for all levels, inc pay and play lessons for all on Saturday mornings, no booking needed. [almondsburytennis.org.uk](http://almondsburytennis.org.uk)

**Aretians Rugby Club for Cubs, Juniors and Seniors** Station Road, Little Stoke [www.aretiansrfc.co.uk](http://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.bsbc.webs.com](http://www.bsbc.webs.com).

**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](http://bradleystokecc.play-cricket.com)

**Bradley Stoke Jiu Jitsu Club** - Chris Harris, [maru.jiujitsu@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bsncjuniors@yahoo.co.uk)

**Bradley Stoke Judo** - Various days and times, Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre, [www.bradleystokejudoclub.com](http://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** - FA Charter Standard Community Club, Adult training, Tuesdays at Patchway Sports Centre. For more info visit [www.bstfc.co.uk](http://www.bstfc.co.uk) or contact [bstfc2005@gmail.com](mailto:bstfc2005@gmail.com)

**Bradley Stoke United Football Club** - Football from U7's to U16's see website [bsufc.co.uk](http://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](http://www.bsyfc.co.uk) or contact [mlee1@btpenworld.com](mailto:mlee1@btpenworld.com)

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

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**North Bristol Running Group** friendly group, 3 evenings per week, Tues, Weds, Thurs, in the Bradley Stoke area. Tuesday evening is aimed at Beginners whilst all levels are welcome on any of the evenings. Alan 0789 0182387. Find us on FB.

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

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**Stokes Cycling Club** - Cycling club in and around Bradley Stoke area as well as long distance rides, for adults and families - [www.stokescyclingclub.org.uk](http://www.stokescyclingclub.org.uk) [stokescyclingclub@googlemail.com](mailto:stokescyclingclub@googlemail.com)

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**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](http://www.stokelane.co.uk) or email Club Sect 'steve' [pspayne@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto: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>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Stoke Lane AFC

Enabling community participation in football for over forty years, chartered standard football club Stoke Lane was formed in 1979. Affiliated to the Gloucestershire Football Association, our core values are based on being a family oriented club - with over 20 teams playing local league football between the ages of 6 to adult – and helping players fulfil their footballing potential, grow in confidence and build team spirit in a safe and positive environment.

Home matches are split across our teams between Little Stoke Park and the Mike Gallivan Memorial Field on Little Stoke Lane and Scott Park in Patchway and a special thanks to the grounds team who keep our pitches as playable as possible all year. We are always looking for new players across the age groups, so if you or your child is interested please contact our Club Secretary Steve Payne (07972 039413) who will put you in touch with the appropriate team manager and coaching team.

We are currently recruiting for a Girls team which will be managed by an FA Level 2 qualified coach with training and matches at the venues highlighted above. We are looking for girls in school years 5, 6 and 7 initially. If you're interested please contact Steve for more details.



## Stoke Lane AFC adjusting to the new normal

After all football being cancelled due to the pandemic in March, it was with excitement yet trepidation we were able to resume training as per FA CoVid guidelines at the beginning of July. This included equipping all teams with PPE and cleaning equipment

as well as ensuring risk assessments and track & trace processes were adhered to. Initially we had to restrict training to 6 people maximum with no contact, which although strange and not quite as full blooded as normal proved a relief just to be back out on the grass and together again (distanced of course).

As restrictions eased at the beginning of August we were able to bring back more normality to things and were able to engage in matches again, albeit in line with revised risk assessments reflecting the new rules created in conjunction with FA guidelines. Cue a frantic pre-season getting the teams up to speed for the commencement of the new Grassroots season in September. We were thankful to Academy Associates Wealth Management Ltd in Westbury on Trym for their donation of 25 sets of line flags for the new season to ensure teams don't have to share that particular piece of equipment thereby minimising any risks of infection spreading.

Unfortunately we weren't able to mark the end of the 2019/20 season in our usual way by virtue of our club presentation nights. We were able to keep up our tradition of presenting each player in each team with a trophy to mark their efforts for the season. This year we are grateful to our sponsors Enterprise Business Services for contributing towards the cost of these.

Certain competitions that were at the business end of things from 2019-20 have resumed and at the time of writing one of our U18 teams have made it to the final of one of the cup competitions. By the time this is published the final will have been played and hope that the ribbons on the trophy were black and white.

## Nicked it

Huge congratulations to our U13 Tigers parent Nick Birchall who was awarded the FA's 'Grassroots we only do positive' award in August. Nick first brought his son Rhys to the club in 2015 when the team were U8. Nominated by Stoke Lane Vice Chairman and U13 Tigers Manager Mark Bailey he comments "From day one Nick was very supportive towards Rhys and his team mates during training and match days, a trait which has continued during his involvement with the team. What really makes Nick stand out for me is his enthusiasm for the team and club as a whole. He runs the line for us and is a really positive presence to have around, which the team, my fellow coaches and I all benefit from. His attitude is always glass is half full and his popularity and respect amongst all of our parents will ensure everyone feels that this award is really well deserved. For me he is an excellent advert for grassroots football parents and I'm very proud to have him in our team."

Nick was delighted to win the award. On accepting it he said "I believe positive encouragement

towards all the players brings out the best in them and increases the enjoyment that they have for the game. I would like to thank Mark Bailey and Stoke Lane AFC for the opportunity for my son to develop his football skills and make friends and for Stoke Lane AFC for being such a welcoming environment for all ages and abilities."

## Lighting up

The club were delighted to be awarded a Football Foundation Grant of 75% towards the total cost of portable floodlights. These will come in especially useful during winter when grass pitches are playable not only for training but any midweek evening matches we might have due to weekend games being postponed and us playing catch up to get the season finished on time.

The Football Foundation is the UK's largest sports charity and exists to improve the experience of playing football for everyone, by championing fair access to quality facilities.

## Fundraising

As a not for profit organisation we are constantly looking at fundraising ideas to give our young players the best possible football experience they can have. Our first goal is to give our younger squads to an unforgettable day out at Wembley, the home of English football.

If you have any fundraising ideas or would like to be involved please contact our Head of Fundraising Siobhan Chorley (siobhans\_78@hotmail.com)

**Keep in touch** – If you like what you've heard and want to keep tabs on us, follow us on Facebook: Stoke Lane AFC Youth Football Club.

## Local Schools in and around the Stokes

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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**Bowlsland Green Primary School**, Head Teachers: Faye Kitchen/ Michelle Engley, Ellicks Close BStoke, 01454 866766, bowlslandgreen.org.uk

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

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

**Little Stoke Primary School**, Headteacher: Anne Sargent, Little Stoke, 01454 866522, http://www.littlestokeps.co.uk

**Meadowbrook Primary School**, Head Teacher: Nicola Bailey, Three Brooks Lane BStoke BS32 8TA, 01454 868630, meadowbrookprimary.co.uk

**Stoke Lodge Primary School**, Headteacher: Mr Will Ferris, School Close Bourton Avenue, Stoke Lodge, Patchway BS34 6DW 01454 866772

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

**St. Marys R.C. Primary School**, Acting Head Teacher: Mrs K Burden, Webbs Wood Lane BStoke, 01454 866390,

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

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**Bradley Stoke Community School**, Head Teacher: Steve Moir Fiddlers Wood Lane Bradley Stoke BS32 9BS, 01454 868840, bradleystokecs.org.uk

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# Bradley Stoke United - On the Move!

Update by Chris Hancock, Chairman

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we can now formally confirm that Bradley Stoke United will be moving to a new home at Almondsbury Football Club and Almondsbury Creative, where all of our home league and cup games will be played from the start of the 2020/2021 season.

Bradley Stoke United have been coaching and playing youth football in the local area since 1998. We have had several different bases over the years, which have all served the club well, but we have never been in a position where we could call somewhere 'home'.

**This is an excellent opportunity for the club and we will be establishing an official link up with Almondsbury FC, whereby Bradley Stoke United will become their youth feeder team.**

Bradley Stoke United have never been able to offer its players a stepping stone to adult football, which has meant losing players that have been with the club for several years once they reached the age of 16. This new link up now provides that next step opportunity into adult football for our junior players.

Almondsbury FC <https://www.almondsburyfc.co.uk/> were formed in 1969 as Patchway North End becoming Almondsbury FC in 1989. They have three senior teams, 2 Men's teams, whose first team play in Toolstation Division One and a Ladies' Team.

Almondsbury Creative also hosts other local sports teams such as Almondsbury Cricket Club and Almondsbury & Bradley Stoke Tennis Club. The fantastic bar and adjoining facilities will provide the club with an excellent base for key events throughout the season and a place for all teams and parents to socialise after games.

The playing facilities at Almondsbury FC are top class for a Grassroots club and an incredible amount of time and effort from the volunteers at the club goes into maintaining and improving the playing pitches. Having secured the move to Almondsbury,



we will have access to four youth pitches, which will be used exclusively by Bradley Stoke United.

By being part of the full Almondsbury complex we will finally have somewhere where we can call home. The club would like to mark its gratitude to Mike Blessing (Almondsbury FC Chairman) and Garth Jackson (Almondsbury Creative Director) who both initially listened to the idea of the link up and were then instrumental in making it a reality. Everyone at Almondsbury FC and Almondsbury Creative have been very accommodating and welcoming throughout.

**If you are keen to know more about Bradley Stoke United and know someone who would be keen to join please drop an email to [playfooty@bsufc.co.uk](mailto:playfooty@bsufc.co.uk) or visit [www.BSUFC.co.uk](http://www.BSUFC.co.uk)**

This marks a huge new chapter in the history of Bradley Stoke United. We look forward to the exciting coming season at Almondsbury and to this new link up continuing to develop. We firmly believe that this new relationship between our clubs and organisations, coupled with recent significant developments within the structure of the club, will enable us all to go from strength to strength.



## A VIEW FROM TRENCH LANE

By Steve Cooke, Chairman,  
St. Mary's Rugby Football Club



COVID has been tough on us at Trench Lane. Not being able to play meaningful sport has caused a dent in our finances and focussed our minds on survival as a community club and facility.

We have continued to invest in the grounds and pitches, so as lockdown was eased, we have been able to welcome and share our facilities with Bradley Stoke YFC, Stoke Lane FC and Western Gaels & St Nicks, our Gaelic Football partners. Our own rugby training and playing has restarted in restricted forms and we are welcoming players of all ages, old and new, back to the club.

We have had to cancel our regular spring and summer activities including our Minis and Juniors Festival in April, where over 40 teams normally come to play. We regularly have summer parties for corporate clients, as well as social events and functions, including weddings, and birthday parties.

Despite our own difficulties, St Mary's have been active in raising cash for our Community, raising funds for the NHS Charities, RFU Injured Players Foundation, the Bristol Bears Community Foundation and Mental Health Awareness.

## A time to look back:

We pride ourselves on this persistence and look back at the development of talent, seeing our members move on to higher things is one of our values as evidenced by some of our more recent former players:

- Jake Polledri, Bristol, Gloucester & Italy.
- Callum Braley, Bristol, Gloucester, Treviso,



England U20s and Italy.

- Joe Joyce, Bristol and Ireland U20s.
- Nathan Chamberlain, Edinburgh Rugby and Scotland U20s.

SMOB Ladies have seen:

- Kyara Martin, Jo Smith and Phoebe Beer go up to Bristol Bears Women.
- Sammy Knighton and Kirsty Fido to Cheltenham Tigers.
- Emily Robson has represented British Police.
- Tori Gilmartin the British Army.

Ultimately, we are really passionate about playing for fun, coaching with a growth mindset and ensuring that everyone who wants to play gets to play.

We are a diverse and inclusive Rugby Club in Bradley Stoke, Bristol running:

- Minis and Juniors Teams from the age of 6-17.
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