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Dear Readers....

If all has gone according to plan, by the time you read this England should be on track for a full removal of all legal limits on social contact by 21st June. I cannot even begin to describe the emotional roller coaster we have all been through over the last 15 months or so.

As we all begin to get out and about again, we are encouraging everyone to 'go wild' this June! Read about the national campaign '30 Days Wild' on page 11. We were pleased to catch up with Mr Mark Freeman, long time Head of St Michael's Primary School as he begins his final term at the school - see pages 8-9. The Aztec Hotel have initiated a fun 'pebble hunt' activity over half term - see overleaf for more information.

The first week in June is National Volunteers' Week; after the last 15 months I hope there is an even deeper understanding and gratitude for those who have 'stepped up and helped out' in our local community. I was pleased to visit the local Stoke Gifford Retirement Village and meet some of the resident volunteers who literally kept their community functioning during the various lockdowns - see pages 17/18.

These last few months of gradual easing has been a blessing to our local businesses and we're pleased to see so many of our customers returning to "business as usual" - even if that has meant some major changes to their definition of "usual"! We are fundamentally social creatures at heart, relying on each other for support, motivation, and appreciation. So please take a look through our pages for useful local community news as well as some great offers and services from our advertisers.

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"Living to Make a Difference": Update from St Michael's Church Centre

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The phrase **"Living to Make a Difference"** has been part of the vision of this church for more than a decade, and it sees itself as doing just that.

Revd Canon Simon Jones (photo right), vicar of the church said *"Identifying the needs of the surrounding community, and putting plans into action to meet those needs, is what we are all about, it's part of living out the Christian faith that brings us together."*

Besides the ancient church building, there is also a large community centre with a 500 seater auditorium. It was built, not just to house their growing congregation, but to be a hub for the local community.

Since opening in 2015, St Michael's Centre has seen lots of activity, including being the base for performances from the local St Michael's Primary School.

With their church-run Old School Rooms Coffee Shop serving lattes and paninis every day, and their support groups for all stages of life, St Michael's wants to help those in the area foster a sense of belonging. Baby groups, toddler groups, groups for the elderly and wellbeing groups are all high priorities.

But it's not just in the buildings where the work takes place. Staff and volunteers from St Michael's are involved in lots of activities in the surrounding

communities further afield. youth mentoring Abbeywood School, running toddler in the new housing Cheswick, serving outreach are key the team there. *Christian heart the centre of the community*, has been the second half of their vision for a while, but this has just been subtly changed to:

"A Christian heart at the centre of our communities".

Revd Canon Jones explains why:

"The last year of lockdowns during the pandemic has reinforced that church can be anywhere. We have had people engage with our online services from far and wide - not just within our parish, and we know that the heart of our community is no longer just the buildings and the village green, but the people where they are placed."

As we move out of lockdown, St Michael's is keen to see their buildings and resources continue to be used to serve our communities.

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Good Service Awards Presented to Three Stoke Gifford Scout leaders from the OSR Troop

At the Old School Rooms Scout Troop in Stoke Gifford's first face to face meeting at the end of April, it was an evening of celebrating all the good work the troop has been doing during the lock down. Amongst scouts being invested into the troop and receiving either Silver (cubs) or Gold Chief Scout awards, we were also privileged to have three of the adults being awarded their Chief Scouts Commendations from Bear and presented by our Group Scout Leader Paul Smith in front of the scouts and parents.

The Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service is given in respect of not less than 5 years good service, which stands out. It should be regarded as the Chief Scout's recognition of the very real contribution made to the Association by the individuals who have completed all their training.

The three leaders, Alison Emsley, Michael Webb and Kathryn Gibbs, all contribute to a very successful troop. The time and energy they give enables the young people to enjoy a fun filled programme and achieve skills for life too.

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It's the End of an Era at St Michael's Primary School

After 18 years of Headship, Mr Mark Freeman is stepping down from his Role as Head Teacher at St Michael's Primary School, Stoke Gifford.

We have always appreciated his support here at Little Stoke Gifford Matters and I was pleased to be able to catch up with him prior to his departure at the end of the summer term.



You have been Head at St Michael's since before I started Little Stoke Gifford Matters - which is some time ago now! How long have you been the Head Teacher here?

I started at St Michael's in September 2003 (photo right). Prior to starting here, I was Head at Elm Park in Winterbourne for 5 years.



Were you new to the area at this time?

Not really. I actually lived in Stoke Gifford for 6 months in 2000 while we were waiting for our house to be built in Bradley Stoke. I was working at the time in Winterbourne and my wife and I wanted to move closer to our work (she was a nurse at Frenchay at the time). Our two oldest children were born in 2000 and our youngest just before I started at St Michael's. We have loved living in Bradley Stoke and I can walk or cycle to school which is great. Just think of all that travelling time saved!

What drew you to wanting to take the position at this school?

I was already a Headteacher, and after 5 fantastic years at Elm Park I was ready for a new challenge in a bigger school. I already knew the school a bit, and knew it was the right place for me, and I knew I could make a difference there.

What was your first challenge?

The big challenge going to a large school like St Michael's was getting to know all the staff and pupil names. For weeks I kept bumping into staff I'd never seen

before and asking them who they were and what they did!

What are the biggest changes that you have seen over your time at the school?

There have been so many over the past 18 years: education never stands still!

The buildings and grounds have changed massively, and I'm really proud of the facilities the school has to offer its community. We have had a 3-classroom extension, a children's kitchen, a conservatory, new play areas, murals, a new library, a new kitchen, and recently a MUGA, which is a fabulous resource for the future.

The curriculum has changed a great deal, and we have employed specialists in art and music which has meant that our provision in those areas is outstanding. In normal times we have put on some amazing musical

performances, including Beauty and the Beast and the Lion King, and I believe that St Michael's offers so many opportunities for its pupils to shine in so many ways.

One other aspect that I am particularly proud of is our extra-curricular provision. When I took over there were just a handful of clubs for children. Until the lockdowns we had nearly 40 weekly clubs as well as a thriving Breakfast Club, with a huge variety of things for pupils of all ages to choose from. I really hope whoever takes over from me keeps these going.

What is your best / worst memory?

That's quite hard: there are so many good ones. Probably watching children sing in front of parents or the school. I absolutely love singing, and we do so much here normally. That's why the lockdown period has been especially hard in school: no singing for over a year. Singing is about expressing joy, and life without song is so much the poorer. But those times will return.

I'm not sure I really have a worst memory: I'm glad to say that nothing awful has happened during my time here. There are things I won't miss, of course: there are too many emails and



From the Archives! Photo above: Mark starting out as a young KS1 teacher and above right in his first role as Deputy Head

endless policies and procedures to review: these have been made worse by the pandemic, of course.

What are the best things about St Michael's in your opinion?

Undoubtedly the children, who are absolutely fantastic. They are so enthusiastic, resilient and positive. If ever I'm feeling bogged down by paperwork all I need to do is to walk around the school and chat to children and suddenly I'm lifted up again. They ask all sorts of interesting and quirky questions (often about my age!) and everything is new and exciting for our younger children in particular.

The staff here are super: I have appointed most of them, and we have just a wonderful, caring and enthusiastic team who are dedicated to making this a great place to learn and to thrive. We are such an inclusive school, and we make sure that our vision – to help all children to shine – is lived daily.

I also must mention parents and governors. Over the years I have got to know so many parents and governors, and our partnership has been the foundation for the children's success here. The PTFA has been great, putting on so many community events, including summer fairs, fireworks events and so many more. I still see quite a few ex-parents as I

walk my dog in the local park and fields, and it's great to catch up with how their children – many of whom are adults now – are doing. I'm particularly pleased when I hear about ex-pupils becoming teachers or teaching assistants (and we have at least four ex-pupils now working in St Michael's).

You must be on the verge of seeing some of your early children's own children now starting at the school?

Yes, there are at least three children that I taught myself before I came to St Michael's who now have children at the school. It's hard to imagine that the children I taught when I started in 1986 will now be well into their 40s!

What will you miss the most about life at St Michael's?

So many things. The children of course: they make each day a joy and are the reason we do this job. The staff and the comradeship that we have built up over the years. The staff pantomime to the children! Watching performances, taking children to sports events. Above all just walking around the school and being able to say: 'we did this'.

What do you intend to do next?

I am not sure that I intend to stop working completely, but I

certainly want to take a big step back from full-time work and the responsibility of running a school. I have various hobbies and interests that I want to pursue, especially musical. I have been learning the ukulele this year, and want to learn the banjo, and also get better at the trombone, which has been gathering dust for a few years now. I will read more – especially historical novels – and of course walk my dog even more than I do already.

In a few years we will probably move away to somewhere more rural and I want to take up woodworking, something I've always wanted to do but never had the time or space.

So life for me is full of possibilities!

Fantastic, thank you so much Mark, the school and local community will certainly miss you and I would like to thank you on behalf of them and also from myself. Thank you for always keeping us up to date with what has been happening at the school via your regular updates in Little Stoke Gifford Matters - we have enjoyed reading them.

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Local scout leader helping those in need

Local Stoke Gifford Scout Leader Ali Emsley has been at it again! Having made scrubs bags for the NHS staff and then face masks for friends, family and the local community in lockdowns one and two, Ali turned to knitting during lockdown three!

With the support of her employers volunteering scheme which she would normally use for scouting but due to the pandemic there hasn't been any face to face activities or camps, she was granted time to pursue another of her many skills!

Ali is always knitting and crocheting blankets to order or charity so she decided to knit warm cosy jumpers and blankets for the charity One25. A charity that support vulnerable women where they are, supporting them to move from crisis and trauma towards independence in the community.

She has had donations of wool coming in from far and wide from friends, neighbours and colleagues even a donation via Amazon from an old school friend who now lives in the USA. Ali is a bit of a knitting machine and is always in need of more wool. Further donations of wool any thickness are always welcome as Ali is still going and has enlisted help from a couple of friends. **If you have wool to donate, please email Ali on alisonemsley@hotmail.co.uk.** Ali would like to thank all those friends who have already so generously given.



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Stepping Up & Helping Out at Stoke Gifford Retirement Village

It's Volunteers' Week 1-7th June and we were delighted to hear from Volunteer Co-ordinator, Laura Jones, at the Stoke Gifford Village and to meet some of the extra-ordinary residents who have gone 'above and beyond' over the last 15 months of the pandemic.

With 206 of the possible 261 apartments now being occupied, the country going into strict lockdown at the end of March last year made life tricky for the many residents who had to stay behind locked doors. All usual activities such as Tai Chi, Pilates, the in-house S Glos Library, intergenerational playgroups, restaurant, coffee shop, gym, the Village shop etc all had to close. All external visitors including family, carers, volunteers and usual to-your-door deliveries had to stop as the building was shut to all external visitors.

Whilst the residents are always encouraged to volunteer to support their community, it soon became vital for any willing and able-bodied resident to help out as the limited staff soon became overwhelmed. So many residents needed to shield and, with no family or carers allowed to visit, they were at a loss for food shopping, postal deliveries, collecting medication etc. Those residents that were able to step up as volunteers were deemed as key workers and they formed teams to support those who couldn't leave their apartments.

We spoke to one such resident, Barbara, who took on the co-ordination of the team members and matched against requests for help. Barbara told me she used to be a co-ordinator in a University college in her working life, so relished the opportunity to get involved, even during her own 14 weeks of isolation, as it was something



she could organise via computer links from behind the door of her apartment. *"To be honest it gave me something to do during the isolation and it was incredible to be able to volunteer my help in this way, that I could give something of value back".*

The Food Delivery team would collect shopping from the external doors and deliver it to people's apartments; The Medication team made trips to local pharmacies to collect and deliver medication and the Recycling team of 5 (Harford, Graham, Neil, Stuart and Colin) worked exceptionally hard collecting and sorting recycling for the whole village. They each had an area of the building and would collect from outside every apartment door, take it outside and sort and then return to each door - basically one trolley load per apartment each week which meant lots and lots of going up and down in the lifts and along corridors, taking up many hours each week!

Resident Harford (pictured above on his recycling round) was very much motivated to help. He moved to the Village with his wife after living for over 30 years in neighbouring Bradley Stoke. *"I am probably one of the more able and active residents here and I'm only too pleased to step up and help. I don't want to see my (cont!..)*



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neighbours suffer. Although it's been like working a 40 hour week again, it has kept me busy and active at a time when all the other activities that I would usually participate in have not been able to operate. At the worst of the lockdown if you weren't a volunteer you were only allowed out of the apartment for an hour a week! I have been active on the recycling team which has kept me fit and also looking after the garden, which I enjoy."

The recycling team continue to operate in the village, even after all the lockdowns, those who struggle due to their physical or mental health needs. It is a huge help to both the community and the environment as otherwise the recycling of those who remain unable to do it for themselves just goes down the bin shoots.

When we visited mid-May, things were slowly returning to normal at The Village, with the shop, gym, restaurant and library newly opening. In the 'Winter Garden', which is an indoor outdoor space, several residents were playing boules. We spoke to David who, even with some mobility limitations, still volunteers in the gym four

morning a week keeping an eye out on safety issues and cleaning down the equipment after each use.

Volunteers' week is a time to say thank you to all those who volunteer in our midst every day to help in their local communities. Laura really wanted to highlight the work done in the Village by the resident volunteers and say Thank You. Your efforts are very much appreciated and it is hoped that others will step up and help out too.

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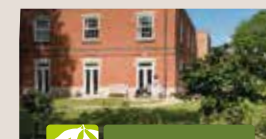
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Activities at Little Stoke Primary School at the start of the Summer term

Gardening

It has been an exciting start to Term 5 at Little Stoke Primary and the children have been working very hard, both in the classroom and also in our new growing garden. Each class has taken on the responsibility of one raised bed. As a class they have made sure it is weed free, topped up with compost and then planted with the fruit and vegetables, which they have mainly grown from seed in the classroom.



Whilst planting and growing the seeds, the children have been recapping their science knowledge of how seeds turn into plants and the best conditions that they then need to grow into strong plants. They have looked after the plants well and ensured they are kept well-watered although they have had a lot of help from the rain recently! The children are really looking forward to seeing the fruits (and vegetables!) of their labour hopefully in the not too distant future.

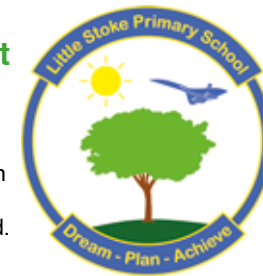
Science

As part of the Great Science Share 2021 and our focus on 'aspirations', Year 4 took part in a live Science and Drama session facilitated by the authors of 'Superhero Scientists' David Allen and Alan Sinclair (aka Leonardo Da Vinci).

The session, called 'What's Leonardo got to do with me?', had the children up and out of their seats taking on the roles of Leonardo Da Vinci and his assistant. They mimed using a crank to lift huge stones and modelled sculpting his designs whilst narrating the process. The children even had the opportunity to ask Leonardo their burning questions through 'hot seating'. The online session truly brought science to life through spontaneous and interactive drama and taking on imagined roles as well as enabling the children to understand why scientists are superheroes.

Viola and Lauren (age 9) said "The zoom lesson made me even more enthusiastic about science and drama and taught me about Leonardo da Vinci." Lauren added, "I learnt all about Leonardo Da Vinci's inventions and it gave me aspiration to make inventions of my own."

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Over the past few weeks we have been busy collecting Easter Eggs to donate to the Bristol Children's Hospital this Easter (see opposite). The response has been fantastic from all our families, and also our local garage who has donated too! We hope to deliver these to the Children's Hospital at the start of April.

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Aerospace Bristol announces Family Space Day featuring First British Astronaut Helen Sharman CMG OBE

The out-of-this-world day of space activities will take place at the museum during October half term

The first British person in space is coming to Bristol later this year. Helen Sharman blasted off on her mission to the Mir space station on 18th May 1991 - 30 years last month – and, to celebrate, Aerospace Bristol has announced a special Family Space Day featuring the pioneering astronaut.

The day of space-related activities will take place on **Monday 25th October**, as part of Space 2021- Aerospace Bristol's year of space celebrations.

The highlight will be a talk and Q&A session with Helen Sharman, staged under the wings of the last Concorde ever to fly: an aircraft that flew "on the edge of space" at 60,000ft, high enough to see the curvature of the Earth. Visitors will discover how Helen Sharman became an astronaut, learn about her mission to Mir, and have the chance to put their questions to the first British person ever to go to space.



Amy Seadon, Learning & Community Engagement Manager, Aerospace Bristol, said:

"Aerospace Bristol is all about inspiring young people to learn about science and technology and sparking the enthusiasm that will drive them to become the engineers and scientists of the future. I can't think of a better way to ignite that interest than giving young people the chance to hear from a truly inspirational person like Helen Sharman."

We're delighted that Helen has agreed to join the museum's Space 2021 celebrations and we can't wait to welcome her to Aerospace Bristol for a fun and fascinating Family Space Day."

Tickets for the event are not yet available, but with high demand expected, Aerospace Bristol is asking anyone who may wish to attend to register their interest at aerospacebristol.org/space-2021.

Aerospace Bristol reopened in May, with individual and family tickets to the museum available now at aerospacebristol.org

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Bradley Stoke WI

Bradley Stoke WI is still going strong and keeping in touch with our members with meetings on Zoom and regular newsletters.

In March we enjoyed a fun 'Multiple Guess' quiz, in April we tested our general knowledge and played a Zoom friendly game called Tongue Tied and will have another light hearted quiz in May.

Although we have taken advantage of Zoom we are all looking forward to meeting in person again at our regular meeting place, the Jubilee Centre in Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke.



Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm and we hope to resume meetings in July subject to Government Guidelines.

Our WI is a great place to make new friends and to participate in all sorts of different activities including a book club, a craft club and a table tennis club. We also intend to resume our regular coffee mornings at local cafes, go bowling, go to the cinema and arrange trips into Bristol and the local area to visit places of interest.

If you are interested in joining us or want to find out more about what we do then **please contact our Secretary, Janet Hunt, on 07845 744351**, who will be very happy to talk to you. You can also find out more about our WI on our Bradley Stoke WI Facebook page or our website <https://bradleystokewi.org>.

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Little Stoke Scout Group needs more Superheroes!

As we emerge from the Covid pandemic and start reclaiming our lives children's out of school activities can resume. Little Stoke Scout Group look forward to face to face meetings. The group has a long waiting list for Beavers 5.9 to 8 years, Cubs 8 to 10 years and Scouts 10 to 14 years.

Our leaders are all volunteers and become Superheroes to their children and the other children in the Group because of the exciting evenings and residential activities they organise and provide. One such Superhero is Elaine Adams our Akela with the Cubs who, along with her team, provides a programme to 28 children who cannot wait to start meeting face to face again. Elaine is a Glaswegian and arrived in Little Stoke when she moved to the area from North Wales to be with her husband Sean. Sean is also a leader with the group in the Beaver section.

Whilst living in North Wales Elaine enjoyed rock climbing, body boarding and generally getting out and enjoying all the outdoor activities available in that area. Elaine now works locally and her job involves a lot of interaction with many different people, this has gained her a lot of people skills which have proved useful in running Cubs at Little Stoke. Elaine previously helped run a Rainbows unit and helped with Brownies. Seeing what the children got out of these organisations she wanted to do her bit to enable her children to get involved.

Since she started volunteering at Cubs Elaine feels that she has been welcomed into a family, and has gained a whole new network of support. Elaine would like to welcome other people to join her in being a Superhero, If you join in and help with running a section your child can avoid the waiting list and join immediately. Elaine says "The best thing is to get them to give it a try. Usually once children have been once or twice, they want to come back again. As for volunteering, these groups only continue because of volunteers. Parents sometimes worry that they won't have time, especially if they work. I work full time and find that I can fit in my volunteering without any problems, the bigger the team I have the less each volunteer has to do".



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Local Townswomen's Guild Zooms through lockdown

Due to COVID-19 restrictions over the last year, Willow Brook Townswomen's Guild has been unable to hold its regular monthly meetings and associated activities. However, the Guild has risen to the challenges of the last 15 months and has continued regular contact by innovative means, including via Zoom.

A Guild spokesperson said "although we've not been able to get together in our usual way, members have been enthusiastic about staying in touch by other means.

This includes meeting outside in small groups of six when permissible and also using Zoom. This was a new way of communicating for many members, but we've gone from strength to strength. In addition to holding monthly online catchups we also hold Book Club meetings via Zoom which is very successful and enjoyable. We intend to continue these virtual meetings until meetings in person can resume, hopefully in the not-too-distant future".

Willow Brook Townswomen's Guild is keenly anticipating resuming monthly meetings from July and warmly encourages anyone with an interest in the Guild to 'like' their Facebook page, where updates as to when activities can begin again will be posted.

Willow Brook Townswomen's Guild usually meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 7.30 to 9.30 pm at the Jubilee Centre, Bradley Stoke. New members are always welcome.

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We are delighted to announce that from the start of 2021/22 Stoke Lane will have a senior ladies team. This kicks off our commitment to develop girl's football throughout our club structure and we will be looking to recruit teams across age groups. If you have any interest in getting involved please contact our club secretary Steve for more details.

Stoke Lane AFC on the field

We were delighted to be able to return to football in line with Government guidance on 29th March and were blessed with some great weather in those first few weeks. Our two U18 teams concluded their seasons and our Colts gave us cause for celebration by topping the Division 1 table.

The leagues we participate in at youth level opted to curtail the campaign with so many games still to be played but arranged 3 friendlies across April for each team. It was great to be back, seeing the players playing with smiles on their faces. I think the last year has brought home to everyone the sense of community the club brings to our lives as well as enabling the players to keep fit in a safe, fun environment.

Remembering Luke

Everyone in the Stoke Lane family was truly devastated to learn of the passing of our U18 Colts player Luke Wheaton in the incident at Avonmouth at the beginning of December. As you may know his team started a fundraising drive in his name to contribute to his funeral costs. Such was the overwhelming sense of sadness and community we raised £23,000 which was split between the 4 grieving families. Club Chairman and U18 Colts Manager John Underhill said: "We know this money won't bring Luke or the other victims back but we



just wanted to do our bit to try and make their families suffering that bit easier at such an awful time. On behalf of the club I want to say a huge thanks to everyone across our local and football community for their generosity."

Tournament 2021

Due to the pandemic our annual club tournament was postponed last year. Following government guidance we plan to return in 2021 albeit on a slightly smaller scale across the weekend of **3rd/4th July at Little Stoke Park.**

We are intending to make this a memorable festival of football and the local community are welcome to join us and enjoy the festivities.

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.

Join us

If you or your child is interested in becoming part of the Stoke Lane family please contact our Club Secretary Steve Payne (07972 039413) who will put you in touch with the appropriate team manager and coaching team.



BSTFC: Back to Playing Football

Since the return of outdoor sports, all five Bradley Stoke Town FC teams have been busy.

Across all teams, 30 games have been played seeing mixed results. Bradley Stoke first team have played the likes of Thornbury Town, Little Stoke & Broadwell Armatures which were all exciting games in which we saw two draws and a win.

Behind the scenes Bradley Stoke have appointed a new B team manager. The club welcomes ex player Andy Turner to drive the B team forward for the 2021/22 season. Andy brings in a wealth of experience on the pitch after spells at Frome Town FC.

In the Appointment of Andy Turner, we see Ratib Ahmed leave the football club. Ratib who was appointed as the B team manager in the 2019/20 season has moved to Longwell Green's first team, joining alongside their coaching staff. Ratib had made a big impact in the B team making massive improvements during his short 2 season spell. We wish Ratib all the best at Longwell Green.

Bradley Stoke Town FC are now in the process of arranging friendlies for August in preparation for the new season.

Training starts back up on the 22nd June.

We welcome anybody new to the area and anybody wanting to play for Bradley Stoke Town FC. Please see details on our website.

Bradley Stoke Town would like to thank all the residents of Bradley Stoke who come down and support the football teams at the Jubilee Centre. Its pleasing to see members of the public stopping to watch when passing by.

As a club we would like to thank our existing Sponsors, **Bradley Stoke Matters** for their continued support.

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View from Trench Lane - Rugby is BACK!!

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We have Senior Training for Men and Women every Tuesday and Thursday 7-8:30 Mini and Juniors on Wednesday evenings 6:30 and Sundays 10:00 – just rock up and we will look after you.

Our quality coaching has seen Mini and Junior players go on to represent Bristol Bears for both Men and Women – with Joe Joyce, Jo Smith, Kyara Martin and Hollie Cunningham playing for the Bears teams. We also have Italy Internationals Jake Polledri and Callum Braley as alumni of our Mini and Junior Rugby at St Mary's. If you want to aim high, come join us!



We are still looking for more girls to join so if you are interested come along on Sundays and ask for Rich or give him a text on 07387967667. Or even a call!

We have Senior Training for Men and Women every Tuesday and Thursday 7-8:30 Mini and Juniors on Wednesday evenings 6:30 and Sundays 10:00 – just rock up during May and we will look after you.

Our Clubhouse Manager Billy is now taking bookings for parties – we especially welcome bookings for Birthday Parties, Weddings, Celebrations on Friday and Saturday nights through the summer.

We have an external Marquee which comfortably holds 120 seated people with facilities to run Music and TV/Films as well as our inside Clubhouse space which is fully COVID compliant.

To make an enquiry simply message us on Facebook or give Billy, our Clubhouse Manager, a call on 07970 575377 but hurry dates are being booked up quickly!

We are also home to both of Bristol's Gaelic Football teams, St Nicks and Western Gaels (photo above), and their season is just getting underway. They have both been away to St Pirans in Cornwall as well as jointly hosting a Super Saturday at St Mary's, with teams coming from Cardiff, Newport and Cornwall.

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Finally we are delighted to be working with South Gloucestershire Drone Club and will be providing details of their activities at St Mary's in my next column. In the meantime if you are a drone enthusiast interested in joining your local club, contact Andrew Walker andrew@uswalkers.com

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Inheritance Act Claims

Alison Dukes, Solicitor of AMD Solicitors considers what you can do if your expectations of inheritance are disappointed and the possible claims that can be brought under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975

The first point to make is that the deceased must have been domiciled in England and Wales before a claim can be brought under the Act. Secondly, claims can be brought even if the deceased left no Will.

Applications may be made by Spouses, parties to registered civil partnerships, former spouses who have not re-married, co-habitants, dependants and children. Children include those who, during any marriage or civil partnership of the deceased, were treated as children of the family and can include adult children.

Dependants include persons who were maintained wholly or partly by the deceased immediately before his death. The deceased must have been making a substantial contribution to the reasonable needs of the claimant.

The Act makes a distinction between claims by surviving spouses or civil partners and those by other claimants. Surviving spouses or civil partners are treated more favourably and the Court will consider whether the deceased's Will or intestacy made such financial provision as it would be reasonable in all circumstances of the case for the surviving partner to receive 'whether or not that provision is required for his or her maintenance'. In practice, the Court must look at what the survivor would have received if the marriage or civil partnership had been dissolved rather than terminated by death.

For other claimants, the issue is whether the deceased's Will or intestacy, in all the circumstances of the case, made reasonable financial provision for their 'maintenance'.

Claims must be issued within 6 months of a Grant of Probate or letters of administration although, exceptionally, leave may be granted after this deadline to issue an application.

In considering the merits of a claim the Court takes various statutory factors into account including the size and nature of the Estate. It is important to note that under the 1975 Act, the Court can treat as part of an Estate property or other assets that the deceased owned jointly with someone else, even though these would usually pass automatically to the surviving joint owner.



The Court will also consider the financial circumstances of the Claimant, the competing needs of any beneficiaries or other claimants, any obligations owed by the deceased to the claimant, any mental or physical disability of the claimant and also conduct, or any other matter considered relevant by the Court.

Most Orders under by the Courts under the 1975 Act are orders for the payment of lump sums, which are generally considered desirable in the interests of finality. However, the Courts do also have the power to make periodical payment Orders and to transfer property.

The Purpose of the Act

The Act was not designed to correct acts of unfairness or to reward the just and deserving. It does not remove a testator's freedom to dispose of his estate as he wishes. The question is not whether it might have been reasonable for a testator to assist a potential claimant but rather whether the provisions of the will or intestacy fail to make reasonable provision in all the circumstances. The question is objective rather than subjective.

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Winterbourne Medieval Barn has re-opened!

Winterbourne Barn has re-opened and is offering a selection of community activities to suit a wide range of ages and interests. All events must be pre-booked online via the Barn website. Until all covid precautions are lifted, ticket-holders will be contacted prior to each event with the latest information and advice about covid restrictions.

Family Craft Days

Myths & Monsters – Wednesday 2nd June – Lots of crafty half term fun for children under 12. Pre-book your group start time online. There will be another family activity on Saturday 26th June, theme to be announced.

Talks in the Barn

The People's Mosquito Project – Tuesday 1st June, 7pm – 'To fly; To educate; To remember'. This project aims to build and fly a de Havilland DH.98 Mosquito FB.VI for the first time in the UK for over 75 years! The Mosquito was an exemplar of British 1940s aeronautical engineering, with parts built by a network of often small and medium sized enterprises across the UK. More than any other aircraft of that era, 'The Mossie' or 'Wooden Wonder' was the peoples' aircraft. Seating in the Barn will be socially-distanced and numbers are limited. Tickets are £5 via the Barn website. Free parking on site. The talk will also be live-streamed on Zoom and tickets (£5 per device) must also be pre-booked online.

Medieval Scentscapes – Tuesday 6th July, 7pm Smelling the Divine and the Diabolical in the Middle Ages! In our modern deodorised age we may not realise that for medieval people the sense of smell was central to interpreting the world around them. Bad smells were associated with disease. Spices and scented goods spoke of new lands and cultures. Smells were important in negotiating good and evil, and in finding one's place in the hierarchy of the spirit. This talk will be accompanied by scents for each ticket holder, and the audience is encouraged to smell along, if they wish. Tickets £7.50 must be pre-booked online. Free parking on site.

180 Years of the Gloucestershire Constabulary – Tuesday 27th July, 7pm – Find out about the history of policing in Gloucestershire (which included South Glos) with Sue Webb, force archivist with at police HQ and Glos Heritage Hub. Tickets £5 online.

Music and Drama in the Barn

Leonie Evans in Concert – Thursday 3 June, 7.30pm – Join the enthralling vocal talent of jazz/folk/blues singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Leonie Evans, for an intimate performance in the unique setting of the Medieval Barn. This concert will be seated, cabaret style, around tables socially distanced from one another. Numbers are limited and pre-booking is essential. Please book for your whole group (max. 6) to sit together. Tickets £10. A bar (table service) will open from 7pm.

Divorced, Beheaded, Died: An Audience with Henry VIII – Wednesday 30 June, 7pm – Come back to 1544, when Winterbourne Barn was a mere 200 years old, and meet the King, Henry VIII as he halts his Royal Progress around the country to afford his subjects the opportunity of an audience with their sovereign Lord and King! His Majesty will recount events from his long reign, and will invite his Loyal Subjects to question him on ANY related subject: there may be some surprising answers – a lively Q&A is assured! A very entertaining evening for ages 12+. Tickets £13 must be pre-booked online. Free car parking is available at Winterbourne Academy. On-site parking only for those with mobility problems.

A Real Barn Dance in a Real Barn! – Saturday 17 July, 7pm – Music from Sargents Mess. Tickets will go on sale shortly.

Shakespeare in the Barn: Henry V – Tuesday 3rd August, 7pm – The Festival Players return with this exhilarating tale of thrones. Book online £15 (£10 child).

Tea and Tours

The popular tea and tours will resume at 2pm on the first Thursday afternoon of each month from 3rd June. Tickets are £5. Enjoy a short talk about the history of the Medieval Barn, with a cup of tea, and then explore the recently renovated West Barn and the rest of the site. Numbers are limited and pre-booking is required online. Free parking on site.

Craft and Skills Workshops

Natural Dyes Workshop – Saturday 26th June, 10am – 4pm – This is a workshop for witches and alchemists! For millennia people have used natural resources to produce vibrant and rich colours for dyeing cloth. So, come and experiment with ancient natural processes and historical plant-based dyes to gain an insight into this world of colour, chemistry and cloth, before concocting your own colour potion. The day costs £79 including all materials, tuition and lunch. Free parking on site.

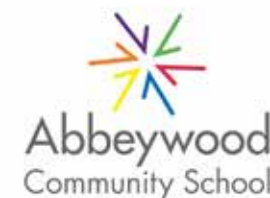
Historic Distaff Spinning Workshop – Saturday 7th August, 10am – 4pm – A one-day introduction to the historic European method of spinning wool with a distaff and spindle. Cost £69 for the day includes all materials, tuition and lunch. Free parking on site.

The Apothecary Workshops – In September, the Barn are offering a programme for primary schools. Key Stage 1 children can come and explore the Barn, play detective, dress up, and find out how medieval people lived. Key Stage 2 pupils can learn about medieval food by trying out some medieval recipes and making a feast, or can discover the bizarre world of medieval medicine and learn what the old apothecaries did. For more information contact: jasmine.loveys@winterbournebarn.org.uk or call 0117 403 1536.

Winterbourne Medieval Barn, Church Lane, Winterbourne, BS36 1SE

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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

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

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

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.

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 Monday in the Willowbrook Centre, 1st floor conference room 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 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

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

Severnside 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.severnside-ramblers.org.uk

Silverwinds Flute Choir - meet once a month on a Thursday evening 19:00 - 21:00 at Christ the King Church. For more details please visit www.silverwindsflutechoir.co.uk or email silverwinds@michellekrawiec.co.uk.

Stokes Art Group - All ability Painting Sessions held at Christ The King Church, Bradley Stoke Thursday mornings. E: stokesart2@gmail.com W: stokesart0.wix.com f facebook.com/stokesartgroup .

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 - zocoggon@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

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

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, please let us know at community@mattersmagazines.co.uk and we will do our best to put it right for you!

SPORTS CLUBS

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

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.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

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 - FA Charter Standard Community Club, Adult training, Tuesdays at Patchway Sports Centre. For more info visit www.bstfc.co.uk or contact bstfc2005@gmail.com

Bradley Stoke United Football Club - Football from U7's to U16's see website bsufc.co.uk

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

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>

CHURCHES / COFFEE MORNINGS

Amberley Road Baptist / Cafe Church, Patchway, 01454 610808

Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church Baileys Court Road 0117 9314716 www.bscc.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.

Stoke Gifford Baptist Church 1, Rock Lane, 01454 610808

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Bradley Stoke Community School Primary Phase, Head
Teacher: Sharon Clark Fiddlers Wood Lane BStoke BS32 9BS
01454 868840

Bowland Green Primary School, Head Teachers: Michelle
Engley, Ellicks Close BStoke, 01454 866766, bowlandgreen.org.uk

Holy Family R.C. Primary School, Acting Head of School: Mr
Will Harding, Amberley Road Patchway, 01454 866786

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

Little Stoke Primary School, Headteacher: Dan Ross, 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: Will Ferris, School
Close, Bourton Avenue, Stoke Lodge, Patchway BS34 6DW
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St Chad's Patchway C of E Primary School, Head Teacher: Mrs
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866523

St. Mary's 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

Wheatfield Primary School, Head Teacher: Phil Winterburn
Wheatfield Drive BStoke, 01454 868610

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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

Bradley Stoke Community School, Head Teacher: Steve Moir
Fiddlers Wood Lane Bradley Stoke BS32 9BS, 01454 868840,
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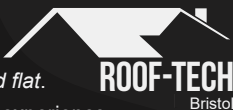
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