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Dear Readers....

There's a word that has entered the national vernacular: "staycation". As a way to describe a holiday spent in one's home country rather than abroad, or one spent at home and involving day trips to local attractions. (I'm old enough to remember when this was just called a holiday!)

Personally I'm delighted that holidays in the UK are becoming so popular again. Our economy needs all the help it can get, and we have a rich cultural heritage to explore. We have some stunning scenery, historic castles, and stately homes in our region and around the UK, not to mention indoor and outdoor attractions such as theme parks, museums and our beautiful coastline and seaside resorts. Don't forget the ice cream (or the sun cream!!)

We have another great issue for you this month, so you could just pull up a chair in the garden with a nice glass of something cool and enjoy the read! We have articles on the long overdue rebuild of Patchway School following our catch up with Dave Baker, CEO of the OAT; news from Little Stoke Baptist church and St Michael's Church too; double pages on two local artists; updates from the Old School Room Scouts who have been very busy earning their green climate hero Blue Peter Badges! Holy Family Primary School have updates to share and we hear from local resident Joe Meering, paramedic, who has built his own computer game during lockdown!

We finally have some activity dates included in this issue, including a local Owl Trail ...!

Have a wonderful summer!

Jaci x

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New minister for Little Stoke Baptist Church is committed to connecting communities

On Sunday 1st August at 10.30am there will be an induction service at Little Stoke Baptist to welcome new minister Rev. Tania Vaughan.

The previous minister, Rev. Neil Mobbs, who is still a member of the church, retired 15 years ago and since then the church has been served by a loving community of members and deacons.

Tania and the church members believe that the recent pandemic has given people a renewed desire for community and connecting with one another. The church already runs a coffee morning on a Thursday at 10am which is open to everyone and are considering other ways in which the building can be used to connect with the community of Little Stoke.

Tania says "My priority as I start this new role is to listen to the people of Little Stoke to understand the needs and desires of the community."

Tania will be moving into Little Stoke with her husband Gary and their dog Marley. Marley is a great ministry dog who loves people and is always ready for a cuddle.

Tania plans to be based in the lounge of Little Stoke Baptist Church on Kingsway on Mondays and invites people in the community to drop in for a chat and a cuppa. You will also see her out and about with Marley exploring the area and in local coffee shops enjoying her morning latte. Do stop and say hello!

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Course for Single Christians to be run at St Michael's Church

St Michael's Church in Stoke Gifford has recently become a **Single Friendly Church**. Working with the national organisation of the same name, they are committed to being a supportive environment for Christians who just happen to be single.

As part of this, they are offering a 5 session course for single Christians called Securely Single. The course will run on Wednesday evenings and starts on 18 August.

Laura Thomas, one of the course leaders and part of the staff team at St Michael's said "We're excited to be offering this course. Forty percent of adults are single, and we wanted to provide something specific for them. I must stress though - it's not a dating course!"

Securely Single is a course especially for Christians who are single (whether they have always been single, or are divorced, or widowed). It was written by Eleanor Jeans following conversations with single people in churches and recognising the need for such material. The course material helps single Christians discuss and address the positives and negatives of the single life and encourages all to be content in every and any circumstance.

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How the Pandemic changed the way we look at the world around us...

by local artist Holly Dunham

For many of us Covid – 19 changed how we live and work, how we might think; perhaps even what we want to include in our lives but also what we may have taken for granted. I know I found myself turning to nature and the outdoors for solace, reconnecting with my love of countryside fields and woodland paths. As we entered the first Covid-19 lockdown I had already been spending a lot of time and energy to rebuild my world after a spell of poor health, I was reflecting on what I was filling my days with and where life had taken me so far.

After being away from the canvas for many years teaching I was now painting every single day and every single part of it was igniting a passion inside me that I hadn't been honouring for so long. The canvas listened, the paint flowed, and I was able to let go of things in my life that didn't serve me anymore. I was reconnecting with the true me again, through taking walks, meditating on ideas and painting my imagination. I decided to honour my need to create and devote myself to my own art once more.

The world can get very noisy at times and for many of us we were forced to stop and sit with ourselves – to reflect.

It took courage and patience to leap back into my artist shoes and it still does require bravery – but I am so grateful I took the leap. I am constantly learning and growing as an artist and as a person. After rediscovering my artist voice, it was time to truly listen to what my heart was telling me and return to what I truly believe is what I am meant to do – create.

*What if I fall?
Oh, but my darling...
What if you fly?
Erin Hanson*

Life can go so fast; it is so precious. I did not want any more years to pass without honouring what my heart wanted to do and not giving my artist side the time, it needed to grow and by sharing my artwork I now know that my art would bring so much joy to others too.



Artist journey ...

My childhood was spent paddling in the local streams and exploring the meadow fields surrounding my family home in Gloucestershire. I attended Stroud college to study Art Foundation - here my hunger to paint only grew. I graduated Fine Art at the University of The West of England, enjoying many years of exhibiting and exploring my art practice. Here I was overjoyed to win the John Hulla Award by the School of Creative Arts, graduating with a First-Class Honours Degree. Soon after I qualified as an Art Teacher.

These memories and love of the outdoors has clearly left its mark on me – I love to paint the surrounding countryside around my home here in wonderful Frampton, where I walk and explore, and the memories I or my clients hold. The Frome Valley

Walkway is a firm favourite of mine – the light glowing through the trees onto the river first thing in the morning is just magical and Huckford Viaduct towards Winterbourne is just astonishing. My paintings capture moments, memories, and celebrations of nature, encouraging the senses to come alight and form a deep connection with earth's gifts. I enter a meditative state when I paint, my mind settles, and the chatter of the day disperses. My palette is generated by mood, embracing what is in my head and also what is in reality, often a dance between both. Canvases filled with colour, vibrant flowers and atmospheric skies. Although many of my paintings are highly detailed, I move freely with



the paint allowing it to create the initial layers and textures organically.

I hope to build and grow as an artist, capturing the world and joys around me that bring so much happiness to many. For people to continue to connect with my paintings and fall in love with them so much that they take them home to bring joy to their lives every day. To continue to build relationships with galleries and likeminded organisations to represent my artwork so it can be loved and enjoyed by many for years to come. And most importantly to always paint from my heart to yours.

I really enjoy exhibiting locally and am looking forward to exhibiting at my solo show in September at Winterbourne Medieval Barn open as part of Heritage Opening Days. Free tickets can be booked on the link below. There will be plenty on offer as well as the exhibition for families across the weekend. Drop into the Cart shed Cookery School to find out all about medieval cooking, explore the medieval barn and find out about its history to name just a few. A pop-up café will also be open to enjoy a slice of cake or two!

Winterbourne Medieval Barn
Date: 18th - 19th September, Time: 10am – 5pm

Book a place: www.winterbournebarn.org.uk/event/heritage-open-days/

I am excited to see where this world full of colour takes me and when the time comes – support others in their own creativity too by offering workshops.

How much it means to live here and depict the area...

I feel truly blessed to be surrounded by magical woodlands, rivers and Cotswold countryside – my work is inspired by the sketches I make on walks through the local landscapes and of our rugged coastlines. I am still finding new views, walks and nature that I have never seen before. The local community are just incredible and are constantly inspiring me and sharing new local treasures to



explore - I am so thankful for such a wonderful community to share this journey with.

I will always be eternally grateful that I took the leap, listened to my heart, stepped into that fear and did it anyway. I am happier,

healthier and feel so much more enriched. I have recently finished a series of woodland paintings inspired by Chill Woods (just off the Frome Valley Walkway), covered in bluebells and warming sunshine streaming through the trees – pop over to my Facebook and Instagram page to see how they came to life and my website to make one yours.

If you would like me to create you or a loved one a bespoke luxury painting – turning your ideas and memories into reality, please don't hesitate to contact me as I love to hear from you. Alternatively have a look at my website to see my available paintings or order a pack of greetings cards.

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At the Old School Rooms Scout Troop meeting at the start of July, District Commissioner Clive Mason assembled four leaders from 1st Stoke Gifford Scout Group for some well deserved Chief Scouts Long Service Awards.

In front of the scout troop certificates were presented to Paul Smith (GSL) 30 Years, Sue Baker (Beaver leader) 25 Years and Lee Baker and Phelpsie (Scout leaders) 15 Years each. 85 years combined service to the community of Stoke Gifford and all the fun activities and camps the young people have experienced thanks to these four volunteering to give back to scouting.

Here's to another 85 years service. Big thank you to these leaders.

If you would like to join the team at 1st Stoke Gifford Scout Group please visit their website and complete a become a leader or helper form.

St Michael's Celebrates Ordination of Curate Vicky

St Michael's church in Stoke Gifford celebrated adding another fully ordained vicar to the team, as staff team member Vicky Wicks, was ordained last month.

Vicky, from Stoke Gifford, has been a part of the church for many years, but felt a call to ordained ministry in 2015. She completed full time training at Trinity College Bristol in July 2020.

As an ordained priest in the Church of England, Vicky can now take communion, as well as weddings, funerals, and baptisms.

Vicky said: "I am really looking forward to working as part of the team here at St Michael's and to getting to know more people in Stoke Gifford as we share what the church has to offer – particularly as we begin to move out of lockdown".

Rector Revd Canon Simon Jones said "We are delighted to have Vicky on the clergy team, continuing and expanding on the work she has been doing with us for a number of years".

Editor's note: What a beautiful photo of Vicky with her family, such joy!



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The Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) shop in Bradley Stoke has issued an urgent appeal for donations of summer clothing.

The shop at the Willow Brook Centre has experienced a surge in demand for good quality second-hand clothing since reopening in April and is asking people to consider donating any unwanted items.

Shop manager Glynnis Eaton said: "We have been very busy since the easing of lockdown and while we have a great choice in store right now, we know we are going to need more summer clothing to meet the demand of the next few weeks."

"We think that because of the lockdown last summer, people didn't refresh their wardrobe as much as normal. Then with lockdown in the early part of this year, they weren't able to have a clear out and donate any preloved summer clothing."

"If anyone has any men's or women's clothing they no longer wear but would like to donate, please drop it off at the shop."

The shop is also in need of children's toys and bric-a-brac and donations can be dropped off at the shop from 9-5, Tuesday through to Saturday.

"We have donation bags at the shop if needed and suggest people phone ahead if they are planning to make a special trip or donating a lot of stock," added Glynnis.

Everything sold in the shop helps CHSW provide vital care to local children with life-limiting conditions and their families. The charity's three hospices – including Charlton Farm in North Somerset – rely almost entirely on voluntary donations.

The hospices have remained open during the pandemic for emergency and end-of-life care and care teams have extended their lifeline support by visiting families in their own homes.



"Every item donated and every item sold really does make a difference," added Glynnis.

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Vicky will be bringing Baby Yoga, Yoga Shred and Relaxed Beginners Yoga classes to Christ the King Church Hall from Tuesday 7th September for a 7 week term. No yoga experience is needed for any of these classes.

Yoga Shred (starting 9.40am) is a fusion of yoga moves with high intensity interval training (HIIT). This class helps to improve cardio, strength and overall fitness. Lots of options are given during the class, so you pick your level. *"Love, love, love this class! Eat cake guilty free after this workout."* *"I am a beginner to yoga and love this class. I would highly recommend it."*

Baby yoga (starting 10.50am) is a gentle, relaxed exercise programme you share with your baby. This class helps you to strengthen and re-energise as

well as providing lots of support for mum (whether that's through discussions or giving you ideas on things to do at home with your baby).

The class is split in two – working on Mum first, followed by baby who gets a good stretch, encouraging baby's development through tactile stimulation, helping improve their physical development and giving guidance with some typical baby ailments. Babies from 6 weeks or 10 weeks (post Caesarean) through to 8 months are welcome. *"Absolutely wonderful class. Relaxed, fun and thoroughly enjoyable."* *"We both get so much out of this class."*

Relaxed beginners yoga (starting 11.50am) offers gentle stretches and moves to make you feel great with a peaceful relaxation at the end of class. You can take this class completely at your own pace. *"Vicky is a very friendly welcoming teacher, who guides you through."*

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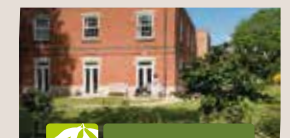
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From September we will usual meet on the third Monday of the month (unless otherwise stated), rather than the third Wednesday as before.

We are really looking forward to welcoming all our members and friends back. If you are not already a member and are interested in flower arranging, you are invited to come along and join us.

Our first meeting is on **Monday 13th September at 2.15pm**, when our flower arranging demonstrator will be Jenny York.

See you then!

Struggling with life? Receive some support

Contact Osteomyology expert – Dawn Clode Ostm, Lic MET, Lic CR, FAO

As we still find ourselves living with a pandemic and all the detrimental effects this has on our lives, it is no wonder there is a general sense of exhaustion as a nation. For some, the emotional impact goes beyond tiredness and they are struggling to get through this time. If this is you, or a friend or family member that needs help, get in touch with local therapist Dawn Clode who is well equipped to help.

I have visited Dawn for many years now to receive treatment for back and shoulder problems, a monthly session keeps me ticking over nicely. Her skills however go far beyond delivering physical treatments.

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OSR Scouts from Stoke Gifford take on the Blue Peter Climate Heroes pledge challenge

Blue Peter have set up a challenge to reduce plastic use, save energy and plant pollinating plants. 15 OSR scouts signed up for the challenge and decided during a zoom session (prior to easing of virus restrictions) to make a giant globe from papier-mâché and cover it in green and blue crisp packets which need specialist recycling and not by SUEZ who do weekly collections of waste and other recycling in South Gloucestershire. There are specialist drop off points run by <https://help.terracycle.com/hc/en-us/categories/360002626232-Public-Drop-Off-Location> for recycling of crisp



packets etc; the nearest for Stoke Gifford is at the Wise Centre.

A few weeks later and the team had been split into 2 sub teams to build the super pledge! Team 1 covered the 40" natural rubber balloon in papier-mâché and a week later Team 2 covered the globe in green crisp bags for the land masses and blue crisp bags for the seas and oceans.



The whole team had 2 weeks to fulfil the pledges and once the globe was completed we sent in our entry to Blue Peter. Added to this, the team wanted a picture of them all holding the globe with a recycling truck in the background so they contacted SUEZ in Yate and Andy the Contract Compliance Officer jumped at the chance to be involved as the company are trying to get the message out to South Gloucestershire residents that crisp packets and other thin plastics are not as yet recyclable with the weekly collections. It was great news that they were more than happy to help support the scouts.

During Spring half term the team held a litter pick around Stoke Gifford collecting 3 bin bags full of rubbish from the parks. This counted towards the Supersized Pledge also.

So the scouts have reduced their time on games and computers, switching off consoles instead of putting them in standby mode. The return to face to face scouting helped with this as it meant they didn't need to do their 80 minute weekly zoom sessions. They also had to try meals with no red meat, dairy or fish, use multi use water bottles instead of throw away plastic and plant hanging baskets or planters full of pollinating flowers to attract bees and butterflies.

This whole experience has been great for the scouts and 1st Stoke Gifford OSR Troop haven't ever tried to earn a Blue Peter badge of any colour before. Even the badges are made from recycled yoghurt pots!

At the start of last month we heard that our challenge has been successful!! We received a 100% recycled envelope from Blue Peter containing our Climate Heroes Certificate and a green Blue Peter badge for each scout, which also gives free access to over 200 attractions in the UK!!



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Places are limited to 30 participants. There is a £20 registration fee to secure your place with an ask to raise a minimum of £150.

Register online at: www.thebrightwell.org.uk/take-the-plunge

Editor's note: I can thoroughly recommend 'Taking the Plunge' having taken part in 2019, it was great fun! Photo right of me and my gorgeous superhero Thor. The next challenge below is also on my bucket list ...!

Sky Dive

Join us on our special charity skydive day on 11th September 2021 where The Brightwell will take to the skies above Devon and jump to help provide therapies to people living with neurological conditions.

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To find out more, please visit: www.thebrightwell.org.uk/skydive

The Brightwell Centre is based in Bradley Stoke. For further information on either event, please contact: claire.wingate@thebrightwell.org.uk





Stoke Lane AFC - Update

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

Plans are building for a full return to what will hopefully be a 'normal' season across our 23 teams from the weekend of 5th September.

Tournament 2021

Due to the pandemic our annual club tournament was postponed for the second year in a row, but we were still able to hold our club raffle. A huge thanks to all the local businesses who donated prizes – we raised over £1,500 profit!

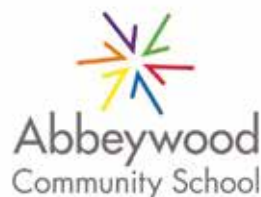
Sponsorship

We are looking for new sponsors for the 2022/23 season. As part of the package we are offering front of shirt sponsorship across all 23 teams' matchday shirts. We are also introducing new opportunities such as back of shirt sponsors, team short sponsors and match ball sponsorship. If you are interested, please contact our Club Secretary whose details can be found at the bottom of this article.

Keep in touch - Follow us on Facebook:
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If you or your child is interested in becoming part of the Stoke Lane family please contact our **Club Secretary Steve Payne (07972 039413 / pspayne@blueyonder.co.uk)** who will put you in touch with the appropriate team manager and coaching team.



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We were delighted to hear from local resident Joe Meering, who made contact with us regarding his lockdown hobby and creation of a new game that might be of interest to other locals. Over to you Joe

I'm a local Paramedic, living in Stoke Gifford and working out of NBOC (An ambulance station in Filton) and an avid reader of Little Stoke Gifford Matters! I thought I would drop you a line as I have recently made a game called 'Goat v Mushroom' on Google Play and the App Store and I thought local residents may find it interesting.

What is Goat v Mushroom? A casual arcade game for mobiles. You move a bleating goat left and right to bounce a ball into blocks, various exploding and interactive mushrooms and farm animals. The goal is to collect as many yummy brown mushrooms to spend to advance the levels.

Where can I get it? The Apple App Store and Google Play for only 99p.

Why are you making games? It's a hobby and I really enjoy making games. My older brother taught me how to make simple games when I was a young child and it has grown from there. I used to have a website where I put some free Flash games many years ago. The lockdowns have provided an incentive to get back into making them.

What if I wanted to make computer games too? It's so much fun, but you need to be willing to put in lots of time to learn to code. There are Game Engines which make it easier than ever to code and design. I use Unity, though there are others such as Unreal, Godot and Gamemaker to name just a few.

Can I earn a fortune with making computer games? In a word, no. There's more chance of winning the lottery than making any serious money. I'd advise people only get into it as a hobby, as the competition is has been increasing exponentially for years.

How did you find working as a Paramedic during the Coronavirus Pandemic? As part of my job I went to a number of very unwell people suffering with Covid-19. I found this interesting and just part of my job, rather than personally difficult.

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The Cleeve Singers of Downend are looking ahead to September and require more singers in all voice departments to join us.

Rehearsals, subject to possible alteration, will hopefully begin on Wednesday, 1st September at Lincombe Barn, Overndale Road, Downend at 7.30 pm.

We are a happy friendly choir who cannot wait to return after the lockdowns.

If you like musicals, popular items and would like to give us a try, please contact our Secretary by email:

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There have been many exciting things happening at Holy Family this term!

The whole school from Reception to Year 6 have benefited from martial arts workshops delivered by the amazing team at EPIC Martial Arts and Fitness (main photo and photo right).

Both our Year 5 and Year 6 went on residential; Year 5 went to Liddington and Year 6 went to Morfa Bay in Carmarthenshire.

Both classes had an incredible time and Year 6 at Morfa made us the last school that was there prior to the first lockdown and the first school back there since!

Our Year 6 football team (photo right) had their first fixture in a year and beat Shield Road away 10-1. Well done team!

Year 2 welcomed in the fire brigade for an exciting visit, in line with their topic on the Great Fire of London and they also had an interactive workshop about this.

The school has had a new mural designed which will be in place for September. It includes inspirational figures such as Marcus Rashford and Greta Thunberg. It has been designed by former student Connor Burke, in conjunction with ideas from the current pupils.

Below is the draft of the mural - we can't wait to see the final version at the unveiling in the autumn term!





Congratulations to Wheatfield Primary School who recently attended the ECB Bristol Kwik Cricket tournament held at Golden Hill CC in Bristol.

Competing alongside 11 other schools, Wheatfield won their group before winning a close game against Knowle Park in the semi-final and then breezing past Sefton Park in the final – winning by 46 runs. Wheatfield played some great cricket along the way demonstrating superb team work and cricket skills with bat and ball.

Many of the children play cricket for Bradley Stoke CC where they have honed their skills and contributed to the recent success of their youth set up.

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Long Overdue Rebuild of Patchway Community School Finally Given Go Ahead

The Olympus Academy Trust (OAT) was elated to receive the news in July that Patchway Community School has been selected for a rebuild under the Prime Minister's scheme to rebuild 50 schools across the country each year, for the next 10 years.

We were pleased to catch up with Dave Baker, CEO of the OAT who told us this good news is the result of much campaigning over many years after the school missed out being selected back in 2012.

"This rebuild is very much needed and long overdue" Dave told us "It has been unfair for local residents that Patchway has missed out for so long. The other schools in the Trust have benefited from new builds in 2005 (Bradley Stoke), 2010 (Abbeywood) and 2014 (Winterbourne Academy) and Patchway pupils, who live in the local areas of Patchway, Little Stoke and the north end of Bradley Stoke, have really missed out.

"Anyone who says that the school environment does not impact upon students' learning has not visited Patchway Community School! The original building dates back to the 1950s and is in stark contrast to the other local secondary schools which are all managed by the Trust. Whilst significant improvements have been made over the last few years, most of these (with the exception of the Astroturf) have been essential building maintenance (such as roofing and heating) which has been invisible to students.

"We are grateful to all who have supported us in making representations and for helping others to recognise Patchway Community School's need. Jack Lopresti MP has been very helpful to us in getting started on our campaign - his own children having attended Patchway School themselves.

"We look forward to progressing discussion on what the new school will offer, either a replacement for what we have existing or an all-



through facility (from primary to 6th form). We are hopeful that work will start on site in the not too distant future and that it might even be ready to open for Sept 2023. This is a really exciting time for us!"

The new school building will be net-zero carbon in operation, helping to meet South Gloucestershire and the Government's respective net zero targets.

Following the news, the South Gloucestershire Council's Leader and Education Lead, Cllrs Toby Savage and Erica Williams, met with Dave Baker and Head Teacher Karen Cornick to celebrate and discuss next steps (above photo).

Other Olympus Academy Trust news

From September the Stoke Gifford based Bristol Technical & Engineering Academy (BTEA) will be joining the Olympus Academy Trust, working in conjunction with Abbeywood Community School, with Dave Howe as Executive Headteacher for BTEA and Abbeywood and Ben Dilley as Associate Headteacher for Abbeywood.

Catering for students aged from 14-19, Dave told us how he envisions this move will be greatly beneficial. *"It has been a long time coming and will cement our working relationship with BTEA. It will mean that we are able to offer a specialist engineering pathway to any and all Olympus students who are interested from Year 10 onwards as well as any external applicants who wish to follow an engineering programme."*

Course details for the specialist pathways will be available in the autumn and the plan is to be able to offer taster days to all Olympus Year 9 students in due course.

Guide dog puppy named in memory of late father

Guide Dogs supporter Sue Elderfield from Bradley Stoke, along with her sister Jo, and Mum, Mary, are celebrating the arrival of guide dog puppy Jimbo, named after her late father, Jim Elsworth, after they raised the £5,000 needed by Guide Dogs to put a puppy through its first year of training.

The family chose to name a puppy in memory of Jim, who sadly passed away on New Year's Eve last year after a short illness. The funds were generously donated by Jim's family and friends, and many others who knew him.

Jim had taken great pleasure in raising funds for the South Gloucestershire branch of Guide Dogs, always suggesting a donation to the charity, instead of accepting any payment for his many local history talks. Jim, who was Chairman of the Sodbury History Society, was described in his local community magazine as 'one of the most influential figures in local history in the last 50 years, and a great servant to the local community'.

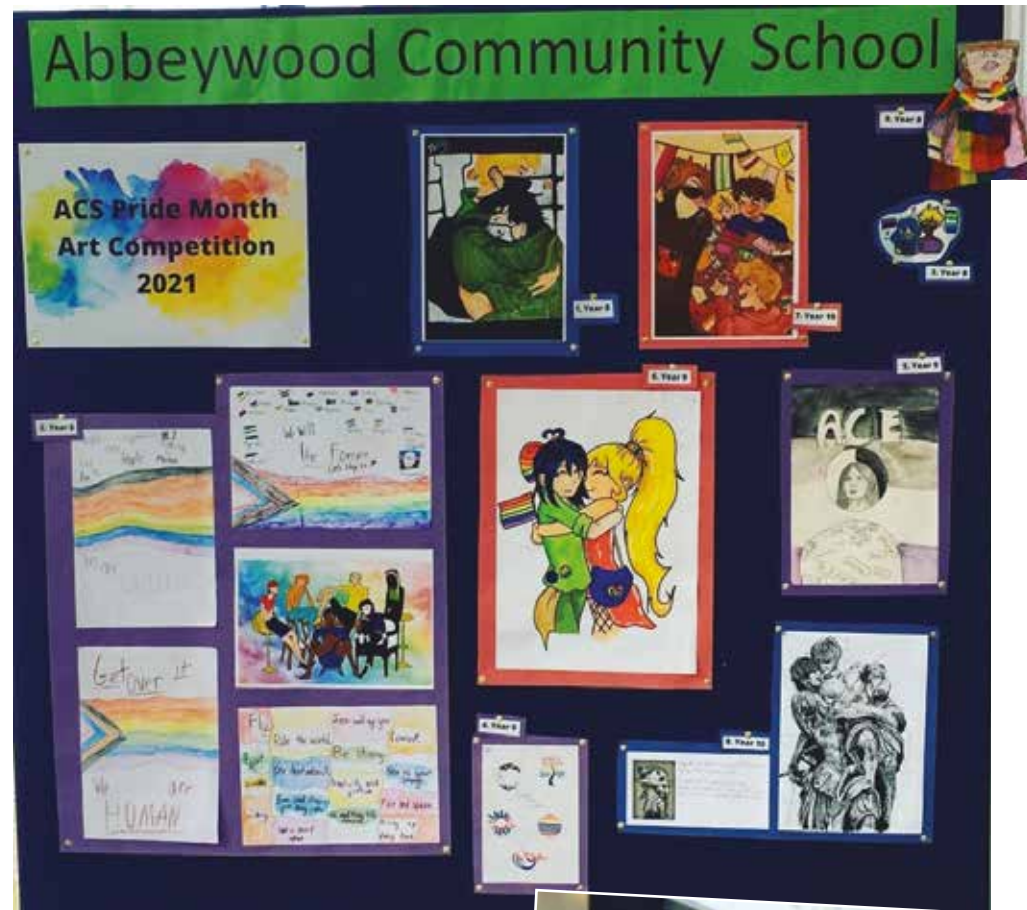
Sue said: "As well as supporting his community and his keen interest for local history, Guide Dogs was a charity that Dad also supported for many years. We felt it was fitting to continue this support and it means

a great deal to all the family to be able to name a puppy in his memory – it's such a special thing to be able to do. We know Dad would be delighted to think that a puppy has been supported in this way.

"Jimbo is the name my Dad's father used for him when he was a young boy – it was the name that all the family, including my mum, sister and his five grandchildren, agreed would be most fitting."

Krissie Isaac, community fundraising manager at Guide Dogs, said: "We are so grateful to Sue and her family who have done an amazing thing by naming a guide dog puppy – and what a wonderful gesture to her Dad.

If you would like to find out more about Name a Puppy please email nameapuppy@guidedogs.org.uk or call Guide Dogs on 0800 781 1444. The charity relies on the support of the local community: without your time and donations, Guide Dogs would not be able to provide their life changing services.



Students at Abbeywood celebrated Pride Month in June with colour and creativity!

Students saw assemblies about LGBTQ+ history, including Section 28 and the impact this law had on schools up until the early 2000s. They saw how important it was that school celebrated Pride Month because for a long time they wouldn't have been able to.

We also held an art competition, where students could submit LGBTQ+ themed art works. The submissions were amazing and creative, looking at LGBTQ+ rights and visibility and the importance of representation. Our three judges had a hard time choosing a winner as the standard of all the entries were so high! First prize was won by Amy in 10Y.

For our final event we had a Pride Party outside, with flags and music! Our students had a brilliant time and it was fantastic to see so many Pride flags around the building.



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Trailblazing artist channels creative talents to raise awareness of potential answers to climate change

An acclaimed local artist is harnessing her lifelong passion for art to address some of the biggest challenges – and possible solutions – facing humanity and the environment, as the countdown to COP26 continues.

In less than four months, more than 190 global leaders will gather in the UK city of Glasgow for the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference, better known as COP26, to accelerate action towards ambitious targets aimed at cutting carbon emissions and safeguarding the world's future.

Leading experts from the University of Bristol's Cabot Institute for the Environment will be contributing to the discussions and a high-profile campaign has been launched in the city this month to bring the important issues at stake to a wider audience.

The campaign designs are the brainchild of Emma Blake Morsi, aged 24, who has created a series of evocative billboards and posters, currently emblazoned across Bristol, to highlight how innovative, pioneering research holds the key to unlocking such pressing problems, including access to water, sanitation, and sustainable food sources.

Emma, of British-Nigerian heritage, who was raised in the city, said: "Leading this campaign fulfils a big ambition because I'm passionate

about finding creative solutions to the world's social and sustainable challenges. COP26 may not be on everyone's radar, so this is an important and exciting way to make the hot topics under discussion more accessible and relatable."

The keynote design vibrantly illustrates the interdependent fragility of ecosystems, which are vital for plants, water, and food, while emphasising that access to water and sanitation is a human right. Another captures the ravages of climate change, depicting a scene of desolate drylands juxtaposed against lush greenery – a harsh reality which imperils 2 billion people.

"I really immersed myself in the research so I could fully understand it and make the artwork both appealing and meaningful. The response so far has been fantastic and I'm proud of the result," Emma said.

"The biggest reward is that the designs might spark ideas and conversations with people walking past on the street or waiting for the bus who have never thought about or maybe weren't even aware of the issues before. I truly believe creative art can help champion environmental progress and that discussions about climate change, and possible solutions, must be inclusive, starting at a grass-roots level. There's no better place than out on the street to do that."

Climate change is clearly a cause close to Emma's heart and the messages appear to be hitting home in more ways than one.

"Producing the work in lockdown has been difficult for all sorts of reasons, so this was quite an emotional moment. My family, who also live locally, have been spotting them in different places and are very proud."

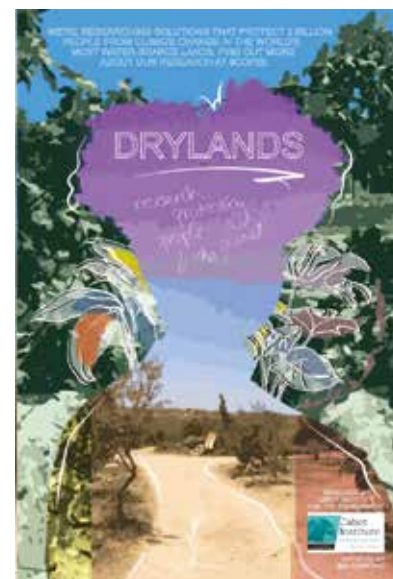
Although Emma is now an award-winning artist and writer, who uses multiple story-telling mediums including graphics, photography, and film, her path to success has at times been a struggle with frequent moves all over Bristol and caring commitments to juggle alongside schoolwork while growing up.

After years of carefully honing her skills which started in early childhood, Emma had gained her Gold Arts Award at the age of 18 and a place to study BSc Fashion Management at university.

"It was by no means certain I would go to uni and get a degree as by that point I had my freelance and creative work to fall back on," she said. "I'm glad I did because it made me push new boundaries and ignite a new passion for STEM subjects. I also gained the opportunity to live abroad in Germany, working as an intern for a major global company on its sustainable creative direction and design. My research involved studying the circular economy and developing waste management systems, which was totally fascinating."

Not one to rest on her laurels, Emma is also working on a wide range of other artistic projects to advance inclusion and innovation.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has been tough for everyone and marginalised groups have been hit especially hard.

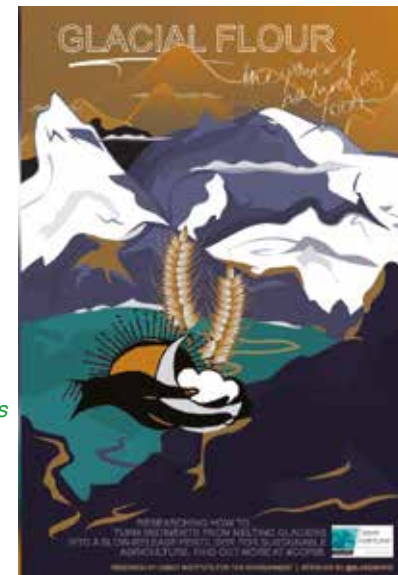


Finalising my degree last year while isolating by myself for 11 weeks was incredibly difficult, but this campaign is a reminder of the important work I aim to continue to do. Our survival depends on finding answers to these huge challenges and time is running out."

Professor Guy Howard, Interim Director of the Cabot Institute for the Environment and Global Research Chair of Environmental and Infrastructure Resilience at the University of Bristol, said: "Thank you Emma for creating such a wonderfully vibrant and engaging series of designs, which really bring to life the huge global challenges we're facing and how research happening right here in Bristol plays a crucial role in tackling them.

"The agreements on action reached at COP26 will have a bearing on all our lives both now and long into the future, so it's important to raise awareness and improve understanding of pressing problems, such as access to water and sustainable food sources. I hope this fantastic artwork sparks lots of conversations about climate change and related issues, while also encouraging people to find out more about the amazing work scientists are undertaking to identify possible solutions."

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New cars for lifesaving charity will allow them to reach up to 50 more patients a year

Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC) has recently introduced three new critical care cars to their response vehicles, alongside their helicopter.

The cars were purchased thanks to a one-off grant from the Department of Health and Social Care in 2019, and will allow their crew to respond to more people in urgent need across the region.

The charity's team of Critical Care Doctors and Specialist Paramedics respond to people suffering from life-threatening illness or injury, bringing hospital-level care direct to where it's needed most.

In 2020, the charity's critical care cars were more important than ever in keeping their service running, as COVID-19 restrictions meant that their helicopter had to be decontaminated after each mission. They responded to over 70% of their 1,726 missions last year by car, ensuring that those in need could still receive urgent care.

The cars carry exactly the same specialist equipment as the helicopter and allow the crew to get to the scene of a patient quickly. In instances where a patient needs transporting to hospital, the air ambulance crew will accompany them in a land ambulance whilst continuing their critical care on route. Having critical care cars also enables the team to respond to incidents in all weather conditions, when the helicopter may be unsafe to fly in.

Previously, the charity operated two critical care cars that were becoming increasingly unreliable and unfit for purpose, having done many miles since their introduction.

By adding a third car to their fleet, they will now be able to bring their lifesaving care to up to 50 more patients a year.

CEO Anna Perry, said: "Although GWAAC goes to around 2,000 incidents each year, there are even more people in our local communities who could benefit from our service. By adding a third critical care car to our fleet, we can deploy our clinicians to more people who need our expert skills and lifesaving care."

As a charity, they respond to over five critically-ill patients a day on average, many of which are by critical care car. Despite this, a recent survey carried out by the charity showed that 66% of people living in their region didn't expect or didn't know that they responded by car as well as helicopter.

To find out more about GWAAC and their critical care car response, visit

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The shop opened on the 7th September 1991, way before the days of internet shopping. Town centers were still buzzing and shops were busy - a far cry from the towns of today.



Hannah's Music: An Aladdins Cave For Musicians

How has Hannah's Music Survived when shops all over the country are finding it hard to stay open?

'Simple' Says Carol Mutlow (owner of Hannah's Music) 'My shop was opened in memory of my daughter Hannah, who lost her life to Cystic Fibrosis at the tender age of just 16. Hannah was not just my daughter, she was my best friend, my soulmate, my life, my everything.'

'My Hannah was a very talented pianist and began teaching piano herself at just 14. We used to talk about opening a music shop, and after she was so very tragically taken from us, I decided to make her dream come true. The only thing we didn't discuss was what to call the shop, but to me it was obvious

And now after 30 years we are still going strong. It has not been easy, but defeat is not even an option, no matter what !!

Retail has changed so much over the years. It is a struggle to keep afloat for any business in these uncertain times but if you are determined, you will find a way.'

People often say to Carol 'You must be a good business woman to have survived for so long.' but her reply is always the same **'No I am just Hannah's mum, it's all the motivation I need.'**

Hannah's Music not only sells a wide range of musical instruments, sheet music and exam books, it also sell a wide range of unusual musical gifts!! Hannah's also holds music lessons on the premises and has a practice room with in-house PA, drums and amps.

Carol is also the organiser of the annual 'Castell Roc Festival' held inside the beautiful grounds of Chepstow Castle. **www.castellroc.co.uk**

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HRH The Princess Royal opens new 'Conservation in Action' Workshop at Aerospace Bristol

The ceremonial opening marks the completion of the 106-year-old hangar's restoration, with museum staff and volunteers now preparing the new workshop to welcome visitors in August.

HRH The Princess Royal has visited Aerospace Bristol as the museum's Patron and formally opened its new Conservation in Action Workshop. Situated in a restored Grade II listed WWI aircraft hangar, built around 1915, the latest addition to Aerospace Bristol will allow visitors to get up-close to conservation projects - including the Bristol Freighter, Fighter and Bolingbroke - and watch as volunteers work on historic Bristol aircraft. Visitors to the workshop will discover tools and techniques used to manufacture aircraft and get a glimpse into life inside early aircraft factories.

As part of the formal opening occasion, HRH The Princess Royal stamped a clocking-in card using one of the original factory clocks.

After becoming the first person to clock-in to the new workshop, The Princess Royal was escorted on a tour by the museum's Chair, Professor Iain Gray CBE, who introduced Her Royal Highness to supporters, donors, conservation volunteers and members of staff. The tour included conservation projects, archive materials relating to the hangar and the history of aerospace engineering in the region, and a demonstration of the English Wheel metalworking tool.

Professor Gray said, "I am most grateful to Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal, Patron of Aerospace Bristol, for so kindly accepting our invitation to formally open Aerospace Bristol's exciting new Conservation in Action Workshop. This wonderful new space will not only allow our fantastic team of volunteers to undertake crucial restoration work, and share their valuable knowledge and expertise with visitors, it will also enable the museum to further enhance our award-winning learning programme, providing new learning opportunities and invaluable hands-on experience to the next generation of engineering talent."

Guests present at the opening event included the museum's Vice Patron, Sir George White, GKN Apprentice and Aerospace Bristol volunteer, Josh King, and representatives from Biffa Award: a multi-million pound fund that helps to build communities and transform lives through awarding grants to communities and environmental projects across the



UK. It was thanks to a £547,277 grant from Biffa Award, part of the Landfill Communities Fund, that the restoration of the 106-year-old hangar was made possible.

Rachel Maidment, Biffa Award Grants Manager, said: "Since awarding funding to Aerospace Bristol through our Partnership Grants Scheme in 2018, we've seen this historic hangar transformed from a deteriorating, unused structure into the fit-for-purpose workshop we see today. It's exciting to think that young people, community groups and visitors will soon have access to new learning activities, be able to engage with local heritage and even get hands-on with conservation projects, while benefitting from the expert knowledge and vital heritage skills of Aerospace Bristol's volunteer team."

Before departing the museum, Her Royal Highness spoke to the volunteers, donors and museum staff who made the new workshop possible and unveiled a plaque to mark the occasion (above photo). The plaque will be displayed on a historic time clock at the entrance to the Conservation Workshop, alongside similar clocks sponsored by museum supporters.

The Conservation in Action Workshop is set to open to the public in August when it will become the third hangar open to museum visitors, joining the WWI grade-II listed building that houses the main museum collection, and the Concorde Hangar, which is home to the last Concorde ever to fly.

A museum ticket will be required to enter the Conservation Workshop and advance booking is highly recommended.

To check opening hours and book your visit to Aerospace Bristol go to aerospacebristol.org.

AMD Solicitors welcome Kate Walsgrove to its growing private client team

Kate qualified as a solicitor specialising in Wills, Trusts, Estate Administration and Lasting Powers of Attorney in 2016 at Legal 500 firm in Surrey. After qualification as a solicitor, Kate went on to complete a Society of Trusts and Estates Practitioners ("STEP") diploma in Estate Administration. STEP is an internationally recognised qualification, and its practitioners are known to demonstrate the highest standards of knowledge and best practice when advising families across generations. Kate completed the diploma in 2019, achieving a distinction.

In 2020 Kate was awarded a STEP Excellence Award. This award recognises the highest achievers across all STEP qualifications globally.

Whilst working in Surrey, Kate was appointed as Secretary of Young Surrey Lawyers, a division of the Law Society, and ran a number of events and talks for junior lawyers in Surrey. Kate also served as legal counsel to the trustees of a Surrey-based care home, helping them navigate a range of legal issues where required.

Kate has previously been interviewed on BBC Radio Kent, and the topics of discussion included: Why to make a Will, Leaving Legacies for Care of an Animal and Claims Against an Estate.

Kate is also a member of Solicitors for the Elderly, a specialist group of lawyers to support and advise older and vulnerable people.

Following her relocation to Bristol, in 2021 Kate was appointed as secretary of the Bristol branch of STEP.

Kate now lives and works in Henleaze and is passionate about making high quality, affordable legal advice accessible to everyone in her local community. In the past, she has been involved in a number of events and talks which provide advice to the local community on issues such as Lifetime Tax Planning, Will Making and Lasting Powers of Attorney.



Kate's particular area of interest is administration of complex estates and trusts.

Grant McCall, Director welcomed Kate to AMD by saying: "We are delighted to welcome Kate. The addition of Kate's expertise to our team continues our commitment to strengthen our highly experienced private client services for AMD clients".

Kate will be based at our offices at 100 Henleaze Road but will be able to meet clients throughout our 4 offices.

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Events at Winterbourne Medieval Barn

Music and Drama in the Barn

Shakespeare in the Barn: Henry V – Tuesday 3rd August, 7pm

After a rebellious youth in the taverns of London, Prince Hal takes on the responsibility of Kingship and leads his troops against the French at Agincourt, in Shakespeare's stirring tale of leadership, bravery, humour and love. The Festival Players Theatre Company is a well-renowned professional theatre company delivering the best in open-air Shakespeare. The bar and grounds will open at 5.30pm for picnickers. The performance starts at 7pm in the Medieval Barn. Seating is unreserved.

Car parking at the Barn for this event is reserved for people with mobility problems and must be booked with your ticket or email events@winterbournebarn.org.uk. Free parking for all at Winterbourne Academy, a 10-15 minute walk along Church Lane. No parking is allowed on Church Lane. Tickets £15 (£10 under 16s or registered disabled). Book online via the Barn website or Tel: 0117 403 1536.



A Brief History of Music, Tuesday 21st September, 7pm

Acclaimed musicians Chris Green and Sophie Matthews take in 600 years of musical history in 90 minutes! From the Middle Ages to the 20th century, this fun and fast-moving show is a whistle-stop tour of Western musical history using tunes, songs and plenty of humour to take you on an epic musical journey. You won't want to go home! Tickets £13 adult, £10 concessions, are available on the Barn website now.

For Children and Families

Holiday Tuesdays – family craft activities each Tuesday during August. Different themes each week – Olympics, Time Travel, Carnival, and Mystical Magic. £5 per family per session. Book a morning or afternoon slot online.

Craft and Skills Workshops

Historic Distaff Spinning Workshop – Sat 7th August, 10am–4pm

This amazing one-day workshop will introduce you to the historic European method of spinning wool with a distaff and spindle. You will be taught several ways to dress a distaff and the two principal ways of spinning from it (in-hand and short-suspension). The day costs £69 per person including all materials, tuition and lunch. Book online via the Barn website.

Summer Swing Barn Dance

Saturday 4th September, 7pm

What better way to celebrate summer and a return to live music and dancing, that a real barn dance in a real barn! This will be the first time we've been able to do this in the newly refurbished Barn. With rousing tunes from Sargent's Mess and expert caller Rob, you can do-si-do the evening away. Dancing from 7–8.30pm and 9–10pm.



The bar and grounds are open from 6pm. Bring a picnic if you like. Please note, only alcohol purchased at the Barn may be consumed onsite. Free on-site parking. Tickets £10 (£7 for under 16s) – book online via Barn website.

Tea & Tours

Tea & Tour – first Thursdays of the month, 2pm

Enjoy a cup of tea and a short talk about the history of the Medieval Barn, and then explore the recently renovated West Barn and the rest of the site. Numbers are limited and booking is required. Tickets are £5.

Heritage Open Days

Heritage Open Days: Edible England – Sat/Sun 18th–19th September

As part of the national scheme, the Barn and St Michaels church will be open for free to all visitors. You can explore the magnificent medieval barn and productive vegetable garden. Materials will be available for you to have a go at botanical drawing. Local artist Holly Dunham will be completing a painting on site and will be available to offer hints and tips. There will be plenty on offer for families across the weekend. Drop into the Cartshed Cookery School to find out all about medieval cooking and have a taste of days gone by! A pop-up cafe will also be open for more modern tastes.

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All monies raised will go to causes supported by Rotary

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Sunday 1st August - Sunday 5th September

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- A Treasure Trail from treasuretrails.co.uk
- Family pass to Old Down Country Park
- Family Day Out to Court Farm



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 - 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

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 10am until 4pm.

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

Bowlsland Green Primary School, Head Teachers: 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, 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 01454 866772

St Chad's Patchway C of E Primary School, Head Teacher: Mrs Steph Jenkins, Cranham Drive, Stoke Lodge, Patchway 01454 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, bradleystokecs.org.uk

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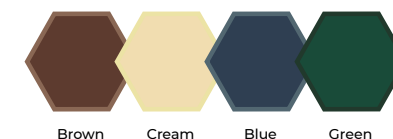
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