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Dear Readers....

The pandemic has been a dark and stormy rain cloud hanging over us all year, giving us some real low points. But, as the end of 2021 approaches, as always I've chosen to focus on the good things. As I write this over 50 million people in the UK have had a Covid vaccine, that's 88% of the population aged 12 and above. When you consider that this time last year not even one dose had been administered yet, that's a pretty impressive statistic!

The majority of our customers have kept their businesses going, with many quickly learning to adapt and some even going on to thrive, which is wonderful news.

More good news is that Christmas is back this year and we have plenty of local Services, celebrations and events detailed inside for you to enjoy.

2022 sees the 70th anniversary of Little Stoke Scouts - something definitely worth celebrating! If you were a scout back in the early years they would love to hear from you, especially if you have some old photos.

The Brightwell Centre needs your help this month: see their article on the Big Give Christmas Challenge taking place the first week of December - a great opportunity to enjoy a cuppa with friends.

However you celebrate the festive season, it just remains for me to wish you joy and peace. Long may the "good news" stories continue - we love hearing them...



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Christmas & a Happy &
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"A Long and Winding Beat" **Brian Allinson**

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Winding Beat!

Bradlev Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford Matters was really pleased to hear from local resident and Councillor, Brian Allinson this month, who shared with us a copy of his new published book "The Long and Winding Beat".

The book charts Brian's unusual life from a young age experiencing life "below stairs" in a large country House near Wincanton in Somerset, through his early education by the Nanny of the household, and later at Wincanton Primary School.

His first job in the early 1960's was with a Jaquar Car dealership which led to

a love of performance cars. A career change in the late 60's saw him joining the Police Force in Somerset, and experiencing the strict regime that existed in rural forces in those days. He even required the permission of his Chief Constable to get married!

Early and regular promotion saw him rising through the ranks, between 1975 and 1979 he returned to Wincanton as the Section Sergeant before later promotion to Bath as an Inspector. He retired as a Superintendent in 1998.

The book describes a number of unusual postings and experiences and in particular his first ever flight in an aeroplane in 1976. The flight was in a two seat Hawker Hunter Jet! An incredibly experience that brought about a new direction in his life style, and became the cause of yet another turn in his career.

The development of Police Air support became a passion, eventually leading to a second career as an International Police Air support advisor which saw Brian lecturing on the subject in China, South Australia, New Zealand and throughout Europe.

Finally an interest in local politics saw him elected as a local Councillor in South Gloucestershire in 2001. A role he is still very much active in. He had the honour of Chairing South Gloucestershire Council in 2019 and will soon celebrate a total of 50 years in Public Service. What an achievement.

"Brian Allinson has had a remarkable life. He has been, and remains a dedicated public servant following an outstanding career in the police service.

He began his career at

a time when a beat officer needed all his wits to cope with the challenges they found on the street. Brian shares with us the humour and the camaraderie with fellow officers that helped him through adversity.

In his memoir he reminds us of how policing has been transformed in his lifetime. His vision of how policing and flight could combine to remarkable effect, has been realised.

Retiring for a second time allowed Brian to expand his commitment to public service through his activities as a Councillor culminating in his appointment as Chair of South Gloucestershire Council. Throughout his life he has been a devoted parent and now a grandparent. His memoir will be a treasure for his family and friends and also a wonderful window on policing history for future generations."

> extracted from forward by Roger Deeks Gloucestershire Deputy Lieutentant

A Long and Winding Beat is an enjoyable read and a great insight into a life well lead. Thank you for your long and continued service Sir.

A Long and Winding Beat has an RRP £11.99

If you would like a copy you can order direct from Brian by emailing brian1002allinson@icloud.com





1st Little Stoke celebrate 70 years of Scouting

In 2022 1st Little Stoke Scout group will be 70 years old and will be holding events to celebrate this huge milestone.

On 6th February 1952, a meeting was called to see if there was interest in forming a Scout Troop in Little Stoke and the surrounding area. There was sufficient interest and the Scout Group was registered with the Boy Scouts Association on 19th May 1952.

The Cubs and Scouts met at Little Stoke School before an ex Civil Defence Hut was erected at the back of what is now 100 Bush Avenue and close to the Parish Council allotments. The Hut was then moved to the present site, near the children's park in Little Stoke prior to a larger building being erected.

It was clear that the old Civil Defence hut needed to be replaced and the search for a suitable building started in 1962 and on 15th May 1963 a wooden Drawing Office building from the Berkeley Nuclear Power Station site was purchased. It was opened on 30 January 1965

By 1983 the condition of the wooden building was causing some concern and plans were drawn up to replace it with a permanent structure. After all the effort of fund raising, it was difficult to see how we would ever be able to build the new Headquarters. Then we had a stroke of luck, Chris Bradley the father of one of the Beavers worked for Ridecolt.

a firm of Civil Engineers who were involved with the installation of the infrastructure of the Bradley Stoke development. He looked over the plans and asked how much we had - about £20,000. "I'll do it for £18,932.18" was the reply!

As we have little information about the years 1952-1976, if anyone has any photographs that we can copy it would be wonderful.

1st Little Stoke has three sections for children from 5.9 years to 14.5 years and currently has over 70 young people enjoying scouting. The sections are Beavers 5.9 to 8 years, Cubs 8 to 10 years and Scouts 10 to 14.5 years. We will in the near future have a new section for children 4 and 5 years provided we can recruit leaders from the parents of children who wish to join.

The programme we offer young people has a backbone of outdoor activities, camping and earning badges from subjects from Animal Carer to Swimmer.

We currently at Little Stoke have a waiting list of over 50 young people who wish to join. If your child wants to join and you are willing to help us with the running of the sections your child will not have to join the waiting list and can start immediately.

Will you be our next Scouting volunteer?

Volunteering's not just about giving back - the benefits go both ways. All of our activities are run by amazing volunteers. Volunteering lets you try new things, meet new people, and make a difference. We know that volunteering is #GoodForYou because when you volunteer, you'll

- Do something good for your community and vourself
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- Spend time with your children or gain experience with young people
- Make friends
- Make memories
- Volunteering will keep your body and brain active as you make a huge difference to young people's lives - helping them develop skills for life and learn a whole lot about themselves along the way.

Our Chief Scout Bear Grylls says about scouting,

'Two things matter in life: following your dreams and looking after your friends. This is what I love about Scouting. It's about doing great things, loving and enjoying the great adventures and helping others to do the same. "Scouting provides a second family



to lots of young people. It's a safe place where they can aspire and grow.'

'The reason why Scouting remains the largest youth movement in the world is that it's got great core values: it's faith, it's about friendship, it's about fun it's all part of what we wanted when we grew up.'

We look forward to welcoming more young people and adults into 1st Little Stoke and making the next 70 years as great as the last 70.

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The stylish Open Lobby, designed to provide guests with one multi-faceted public space to eat, meet, relax, socialise and work as they choose, will revolutionise the way guests live and interact at the hotel.

The traditionally separate zones of a reception, lobby, bar, lounge, restaurant and business centre have been merged into one cohesive 'Open Lobby' space where guests can operate in a more instinctive, flexible and homely way.

The multi-functioning zones will encourage guests to better utilise all areas and facilities in a way which works around their lifestyles and preferences, allowing them to blend work and leisure seamlessly, which has become a greater demand in recent times. The Open Lobby will also improve interaction between staff and guests as the Front of House reception teams can be more adaptable and accommodating while guests use the space, as well as the multiskilled team serving the Open Lobby who can meet a wider range of needs.

Key features of the new Open Lobby include free high-speed Wi-Fi, a 'To Go' Café where food and drinks are available 24/7, a versatile dining space with a range of seating from booths to high and low tables, a living-room style Media Lounge with comfy seating, games, magazines and TV and an E-Bar where guests can plug-in with lots of power points, a wireless printer and more.

Margaret Coffey, General Manager for the Holiday Inn Bristol Filton, commented:

"I'm delighted to welcome guests to our new and innovative Open Lobby space, the design really feels like an extension of home with a logical and comfortable flow. There are so many options and areas to plug in or switch off that I know our business and leisure guests will love what we've done. I'm also confident the Open Lobby will become a new hotspot for local Bristol residents and networking groups to meet up, or just drop in for a Starbucks coffee at our new round-the-clock café. Customer satisfaction is so important to me and my team, and this refurbishment will allow us to deliver a better service than ever before with no barriers between us and the guests".

The Holiday Inn Bristol Filton Hotel is set in scenic landscaped grounds featuring a range of comfortable rooms including Executive Rooms with pillow menus. The hotel's Academy Conference Centre has 18 meeting spaces with capacity for up to 280 delegates with high-end AV equipment. Amenities also include free parking for overnight guests and on-site fitness facilities.

The open lobby concept is unique to the Holiday Inn brand and has been extended to properties across Europe to become a brand-defining feature.

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Help The Brightwell raise £10,000 towards the refurbishment of its community café

In the run up to Christmas the Brightwell in Bradley Stoke is going **BIG!**

The charity who provides therapy and support to those living with neurological conditions is taking part in this year's **Big Give Christmas Challenge**.

The aim is to raise £10,000 towards the refurbishment of their café area. The 300 people who use the Centre have been very isolated during the pandemic and need a safe and welcoming place to help them have the confidence to get back out into the world.

The Big Give is a nationwide match funding initiative. During the week of 30th November to 7th December The Brightwell aims to raise £5,000 to unlock £5,000 of match funding kindly pledged by: The Rotary Club of Bristol Breakfast, Dr Hardie and Mr Weston and The Medlock Charitable Trust.

Throughout the Challenge week The Brightwell will be inviting everyone to "drink one, donate one" - enjoy a hot drink and donate the cost of a hot drink to our #Cuppa4Christmas Big Give Christmas Challenge. There will be fun events every day at the Centre in Wheatfield Drive, Bradley Stoke all involving hot drinks (and cake!): delicious coffee will be provided by the fabulous local coffee company The Artisan Coffee Company www.artisancoffeeco.com

Full details of the events being held at the centre can be found opposite, everyone is very welcome.

If you are unable to attend any of the events and would like to donate the cost of a coffee to this worthy cause please scan the QR code (right), or go to

www.thebrightwell.org.uk/the-big-give and help them to provide a fully accessible safe space for the enjoyment of the whole local community.

Plus every £5 donation automatically gives you a raffle ticket to win a fabulous Christmas hamper!













AMD Solicitors Welcome New Family Law Expert

AMD Solicitors are delighted to announce that Zoë Sproull has joined their Family Team, and is based in the Henleaze office, working alongside Jo Morris, Alison Dukes and John Todd.

Zoë qualified as a solicitor specialising all aspects of family law in 1999 at a firm in Bath. Since qualification she has practiced exclusively in family law and has developed her knowledge and expertise working for several well-known local firms of solicitors.

Zoë advises married and unmarried couples in matters involving finances and / or children. She has been instructed in children matters involving international re-location, parental alienation and parental mental health issues. Her work in financial matters has involved clients with complex financial assets including those with assets held abroad, trusts, companies and multiple pension investments. Zoë also helps couples who want to regulate their financial affairs during the course of their relationship either through pre or post nuptial agreements or co-habitation agreements.

Throughout her career Zoë has been a member of Resolution, a national organisation which promotes a non-confrontational and constructive approach to family disputes.

All Resolution members adhere to a code of practice which aims to consider the needs of the family as a whole and particularly the best interests of the children. Resolution campaigned for the introduction of "no fault" divorce for many vears. The Government announced that the law will be changed in April 2022 to allow couples to divorce without the need to blame one party.

Zoë said about the proposed reforms, "the exact details of the new procedure are yet to be announced but the process should be quicker and reduce conflict for all parties, which can only be a good thing. Reform has been a long time coming and I am looking forward to



being able to help clients to divorce with as little acrimony as possible".

Jo Morris, Head of Department, comments that "Zoë brings with her a wealth of experience in Family Law, and I am very pleased to have her join AMD Solicitors. Our aim is to provide our clients with specialist legal advice in a sensitive and constructive manner, and Zoë is an excellent addition to the team."

Zoë is able to offer free initial half hour meetings to new clients. These appointments can be arranged on the telephone or by video call. Where appropriate, we are also able to offer in person appointments.

Zoë can be contacted by email on zoesproull@amdsolicitors.com. or by telephone on 0117 9621205.



New Members Welcome at the Bristol Cabot Probus Club



Bristol Cabot Probus Club is an established club and will celebrate it's 25th anniversary in 2022. The Club is pleased to announce that there are now vacancies for new members.

Are you looking to widen your social life?

The Cabot Probus Club offers good fellowship with regular social gatherings and outside excursions for members and their wives and partners. Why not sample this unique experience as a guest at one of our monthly lunch meetings?

Meetings are held regularly on the third Wednesday of every month at the BAWA club on Southmead Road. Filton. The meetings consists of a three course lunch followed by a local speaker. Wives and partners are invited throughout the year to a series of Sunday lunches as well as to two of the regular monthly lunches, Summer and Christmas.

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Ben Mitchell, Bradley Stoke

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I love starting the day walking beneath trees, listening to the great array of birdsong all around. It's really rewarding and therapeutic to try and pick out individual songs and then find their composer. Wrens have a very distinctive song when you listen out for trills of repeated notes in the middle of fast and varied phrases. Song thrushes are another to listen out for, clear and loud, with each phrase repeated two or three times. Great spotted woodpeckers too can often be heard in the nature reserve, drumming away in treetops.

We've only recently noticed the amount of local birds of prev. Alongside buzzards, which can be heard calling from the tops of trees, we've seen sparrowhawks diving in-between and around the houses on our street. Kestrels are my personal favourite and are unmistakable when you see them hovering in mid-air.

The brooks and duck ponds are teaming with life. We enjoy seeing kingfishers regularly now, darting along the brook, even if they are only momentary glances of blue and orange. Little egrets often accompany the resident heron, and we have even seen a water rail enjoying the reedbeds.

Even in your own garden you can enjoy watching wildlife come to you. Our garden is as small as they come. But with a little encouragement from a couple of bird feeders, we love watching long tailed tits, coal tits, great tits, dunnocks and robins to name a few. Earlier in the year we took to eating lunch in our garden each day. and were often joined by a friendly and very cute field mouse who'd made his home amongst the plant pots!







You really don't have to travel far to see a great variety of wildlife, and you can get even closer by making your back garden a haven for nature. Whether it's hanging bird feeders, building insect hotels, leaving holes in your fences for hedgehogs, letting grass and wildflowers grow or even creating a small pond - we would encourage everyone to take simple steps to entice wildlife into your back garden. It really can be so rewarding!

I greatly enjoy spending time painting the wildlife I see and producing greetings cards, calendars and even mugs out of my paintings. Last year Jaci very kindly published an article of mine in Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford Matters about the benefits of getting creative in lockdown. I made readers aware of the wildlife calendars I had produced. It was so lovely to receive local orders as a result of the article, and my wife and I took great pleasure in delivering cards and calendars locally to people in our community.

Please take a look online at my range of art inspired by our local wildlife, including calendars and mugs: mitchellwildlifeart.etsv.com







Bradley Stoke WI is back enjoying our group meetings and clubs and we have been really delighted to welcome several new members in the last couple of months. A really popular activity is our Table Tennis club that meets every Monday at the Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre; this is a great opportunity to get some exercise and enjoy a coffee beforehand!

We held our AGM in October and as well as the formal WI business our President, Sue Bandcroft, hosted an entertaining table quiz which caused a lot of laughter. In November we got into the Christmas spirit rather early as we were entertained with some Christmas tales by Mark Rutterford.

Our WI will continue to celebrate Christmas at our December meeting on Wednesday 8th December at 2pm in Oak Hall in the Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke.

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Holistic Courses in Bristol

With local Osteomyologist expert - Dawn Clode

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It's a busy time for Dawn, November saw her take part in the Bristol Holistic Festival where she gave a talk entitled

- 'Bones and Structures - How Your Pelvis can Affect Your Whole Body', which was well received.

Prior to that, she took a trip to the stunning Charente, France to visit the 200 year stone cottage that will be hosting her Holistic Learning Holidays, later in 2022. The rustic holiday home is set in the beautiful village of Suris, in the East Charente, a ten minute drive from stunning lakes, beaches and the Vienne river. As well as being an idyllic spot in which to learn a holistic practice, if you like water sports, fishing, walking and cycling, this historic town is the perfect retreat. Do get in touch with Dawn if you are interested in finding out more about these Holistic Learning Holidays.

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News from St Michael's Primary School

Mrs J Prendergast

It has been a busy Autumn term at St Michael's so far however it has been wonderful for so many aspects of pre-Covid school life to be returning. The children and staff have loved being able to have assemblies again in the school halls and to sing together after so long of not being able to. Our fabulous variety of after-school clubs are now up and running again too and our sports teams have loved being able to play matches and tournaments with other schools once more. Our girls football team had recent success at the South Glos School Football Tournament and ended up winning the tournament and becoming the South Glos Girls School Champions! The girls will now play in the next round of the tournament in November against the winners from other counties.

Over the summer holidays we further improved our playground facilities and the children have loved being able to play on the new equipment during their break and lunch times. We are now starting to prepare for the various Christmas events that we hope will be able to take place during December! We are planning a whole school iSing Pop Christmas concert at the church and are keeping everything crossed that the Covid-19 situation will allow it to go ahead as planned.

In January our new headteacher, Mr Barnard, will join us at St Michael's. Mr Barnard is currently Headteacher at Framptom Cotterell Primary School and has been working at St Michael's for one day a week during the autumn term. Since Mr Freeman's retirement in July, I have been Acting Headteacher and will be Deputy Headteacher again once Mr Barnard has started. Whilst I am enjoying the new challenges of being a headteacher, I am looking forward to working with Mr Barnard and the next chapter at the school!



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If you are unable to make the days/times above, please contact us and we will find an alternative time to show you around.





Authors visit Meadowbrook Primary with a message from Santa

Further to the article in our October/November edition of Bradley Stoke Matters, we were pleased to help arrange a local author visit to Meadowbrook Primary School at the start of November.

Steve Gunning and Chris Wheeler captivated and delighted children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with a reading of their new Christmas book. Santa's Secret Agents. The two local authors took turns reading their rhyming story and showing off the beautifully detailed illustrations to three very curious classes.



The sessions provided the authors with an opportunity to answer the children's questions about

the story (including why one of Santa's elves was disguised as a tea-pot) as well as talking them through the process of writing and producing a book. The authors even brought along one of Santa's top secret gadgets—TEDcam—but got more than they bargained for when their readings were interrupted by a surprise message via SANTAlite from Jolly Saint Nick (Double Ho 7) himself!

Prior to the event, the children had been given illustrations from the book to colour. The best were judged by the authors on the day with the winners being presented with a signed copy of the book. Many congratulations to Srinithi from Reception class (pictured), Alex (year 1) and Mihai (year 2).

Headteacher Nicola Bailey commented, "Our children were so excited about meeting Steve and Chris! They loved the reading of the story, and couldn't wait to point out where the cheeky little elves were hiding. It made us feel very Christmassy - albeit early!"

You can purchase Santa's Secret Agents on-line from Waterstones or Amazon or locally in-store from independent bookshops such as Max Minerva's Marvellous Books. Take a look inside Santa's Secret

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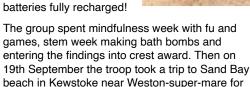




OSR Scouts Litterpick

After a well deserved summer break following a year and a half of continuous scouting on zoom and face to face, OSR scout leaders started back in September with batteries fully recharged!

some litter picking!



With the help of leaders and a few parents the scouts grabbed their pickers and rubbish bags and made their way from the car park over the road and dunes onto the sand. The beach is lovely and flat and stretches for miles. There were a group of Surfers against Sewage doing a test litter pick over a 100 feet by 100 feet area so the scouts went beyond this area and paid



particular attention to the high tide line where everyone found large amounts of plastic from rope strands, tiny beads, lolly sticks and even straws. It was very warm when the clouds were gone but very nice when they returned with a refreshing sea breeze.

We all stopped at lunchtime and enjoyed the beautiful scenery. Massive thank you to all the volunteers for coming out today. We had some fabulous comments from other beach goers thanking us for our hard work and questions regarding where we were from and why this particular beach etc. This was our little bit of giving back enjoying a weekend scout session.





On 3rd November the OSR Scouts took part in Parliament Week with a zoom session with our local Member of Parliament Jack Lopresti. As this was a sitting week Jack couldn't attend in person as he was at Westminster in London.

During the evening he spoke of how he became involved in politics and his previous working life in the family business and the military. He spoke of chairing a committee on apprenticeships. He said if he had gone to university he probably would have studied history. Jack is passionate about representing his constituents and helping people and loves his job. He answered all questions put to him and on concluding the zoom call invited to either come into the OSR for a visit or to facilitate a visit to Westminster for the scouts.

The rest of the evening the scouts were divided into cat lovers and dog lovers and with the help of a speaker of the house, Kathryn, and leader of each party, Megan and Rayne, we debated which was the best pet and there were some great arguments put forward, with factual views and opinions.

There were few scouts that voted against their party and so we were in deadlock. This showed the scouts just how difficult living in a democracy is and following party lines or not being swayed by the opposition makes getting items through the processes very difficult unless, as we currently have in this Country, the leading party has a majority vote.

The scouts had fun and really got stuck into the debate. Well done to all and big thank you to Jack for making the troops' Parliament week special.

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Christmas Services

Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church

Sunday 19th December

10.30am & 4pm All Age Carol Service

Christmas Eve

6pm Carols By Candlelight (Traditional Carol Service) (booking necessary)

Christmas Day

10:30-11:15am Christmas Morning Celebration

Sunday 26th December

10.30am Christmas Sunday Service (All Age)

For more information about our Christmas events please see our website www.bsec.org.uk or contact Tim (tim.sunderland@bsec.org.uk)

(We will be taking sensible precautions at all our Christmas events to limit Covid transmission)

Christ the King Church

Sunday 19th December 6.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve

4pm Crib Service

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Morning Celebration

Sunday 26th December No Service

Holy Trinity Church

Sunday 19th December

6.30pm Candlelit Carol Service

Christmas Eve

11.15pm Midnight Communion

No Service



Holy Family Catholic Church

Christmas Eve

6pm Christmas Family Mass 11.15pm Hymns and Readings to welcome Christmas

Christmas Day

12.00am Christmas Midnight Mass 9.30am and 11am Christmas Day Masses

Sunday 26th December

9.30am and 11am Holy Family Masses

Most Services will be live streamed via the parish website. More details are available www.holyfamilyrcchurcpatchway.co.uk

Little Stoke Baptist Church

Sunday 5th December

2pm donation based Christmas Market (see advert)

Sunday 19th December

4pm Christmas Carols & Afternoon Tea (prior booking essential)

Christmas Eve

5pm Crazy Crafty Christmas Eve (see advert)

Christmas Day

10.30am Christmas Day Service

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4pm Christingle

Sunday 26th December







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At the heart of Christmas

We all love a good story right? I was given a birthday gift of a poster that contained a 'bucket list' of a hundred films that simply must be seen before departing this life!

With the easing of restrictions at this stage in the pandemic, many of us have ventured out to the cinema once more. From James Bond to the Marvel universe, movies convey stories of hope, rescue, love and redemption.

And right at the heart of a good story is the hero. Batman, Spiderman, Ironman, Captain Marvel and Black widow. All captivate us with their flawed natures and flowing capes.

At the heart of Christmas is another hero. A hero unlike any other. A hero with no flaws or failings. A hero who gave His name to the festival. A hero who would lay down His life for his friends. A hero who could not be defeated by death.

This Christmas I am praying this prayer: "Lord Jesus, may I find space in the middle of this busy, chaotic, celebratory Christmas season to make You my hero once more."

We'd love to welcome you face-to-face to our Christmas services at St Michael's this year.

Have a lovely Christmas and a restful new year,

God bless. Revd Canon Simon Jones



Christmas at St Michael's Church, Stoke Gifford

Saturday 11 December

Carols on the Green 18.15 (in person only)

Sunday 12 December

All-age Nativity 10.30 - St Michael's Centre

Wednesday 15 December

Christmas Concert - 19.00 Stoke Gifford Retirement Village

Sunday 19 December

Carol Services 16.00 (and repeated at 18.30) - St Michael's Centre

Christmas Eve

15:00 Christingle Service - St Michael's Centre 23:15 Midnight Communion - St Michael's Church (advance booking required)

Christmas Day

10:00 Family Worship - St Michael's Centre

www.stmichaelsbristol.org/Christmas2021





at the heart

of Christmas









Winter at Winterbourne Medieval Barn

Leonie Evans – Wednesday 1st

December, 7.30pm – This event had to
be postponed from 29th October due to illness.
Singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Leonie
Evans will be joined by musician Kai Carter, and by
storyteller Corrine Harragin. The gig will be seated,
cabaret style. Bar open from 7pm, music starts at
7.30pm. Free parking on-site. Tickets £10 online via
the Barn website

Christmas Fabric Wreath Workshop
— Saturday 4 December, 10am — Explore
festive textiles, colours, and embellishments to
make a unique and lasting decoration for your
home. All materials are provided and no sewing
experience is needed! Mulled wine and mince pies
will also be served to really get you in the festive
mood. This workshop will be held in our warm
downstairs seminar room! Cost £30. Book online.

Tea and Tour – Thursday 2nd
December, 2pm – 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.

West Gallery Festive Music Performance – Saturday 4 December, 3pm – Come and hear the kind of festive songs that were sung 200 years ago and join in with well-known carols. Tickets £5.

Talk: A Medieval Christmas – Tuesday 7th December, 7pm – Hear how the middle English poem Sir Gawain and the Green Knight tells us about Christmas back in medieval times. Talk available in person and online. Tickets £5.

Family Christmas Crafts – Sat 11th

December, 10am and 1pm – Family festive
crafts suitable for children under 12. Cost is £5 per
family. Book in advance.



Sunday 12
December –
Carols in the
Barn – 3pm or
6pm – Get in the
festive spirit! Enjoy
Christmas sketches,
poems and readings
from members of St
Michael's Church,

and join in all the well-known carols. Suitable for all ages. The medieval barn makes a very atmospheric setting for celebrating the old Christmas story.

Performances at 3pm and 6pm. Gates open at 2.15pm and 5.15pm so you can enjoy mulled wine and mince pies before the Carols, and listen to live music from the Bristol Waites. Tickets £5 (child £1) include a cup of mulled wine (or juice) and mince pie. Additional refreshments available to buy if you wish. No parking at the Barn or in Church Lane (except Blue Badge). Please walk or cycle down Church Lane. Ride & Stride Parking available at Winterbourne Academy for £1.

Tai Chi Wednesdays, **10.30am** – Join Jenny for around 30 minutes of gentle SHIBASHI Tai Chi, followed by a drink and chat. £5 per session.

Apple grafting – Saturday 19th February 2022 – A one-day course held in the Cart Shed, explaining why and how we graft fruit trees. You will make at least 3 newly-grafted apple trees to take home. Cost for the day is £45, to include full tuition, three rootstocks and wood to graft, tea, coffee and biscuits during the day. Please book by January.

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

www.winterbournebarn.org.uk Facebook @winterbournemedievalbarn



Fruit & Nut Bark – a great gift to make for Christmas

Ingredients

75q cup walnuts 450g good white chocolate. finely chopped 75q dried cranberries 75g medium-diced dried apricot

Directions

- Preheat the oven to 180 degrees C.
- · Using a pencil, draw an 8-by-10-inch rectangle on a piece of parchment paper. Turn the parchment paper over so the pencil mark doesn't get onto the chocolate and place it on a
- Place the walnuts in one layer on another sheet pan and bake for 8 minutes. Set aside to cool.
- · Place three quarters of the white chocolate in a heat-proof glass bowl and put it in the microwave on high for 30 seconds.
- · Stir the chocolate with a rubber spatula, return it to the microwave for
- · another 30 seconds, then stir again. Continue to heat and stir in 30-second intervals until the chocolate is just melted.

- · Immediately stir in the remaining chocolate and allow it to sit at room temperature, stirring often, until it's completely
- Pour the melted chocolate onto the parchment paper and spread it lightly to fill the drawn
- Sprinkle the top evenly with the cooled walnuts. the cranberries, and apricots. Press the nuts and fruit lightly so they will set in the chocolate.
- Set aside for at least 2 hours until firm or refrigerate for 20 minutes.
- · Cut or break the bark in 16 pieces and serve at room temperature.

Great as Christmas presents – present in a small box or cellophane bag tied with a pretty ribbon. Enjoy!

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Local Woodland looks forward to returning to normal

Splatts Abbey Wood Conservation Group is looking forward to returning to normal in its work looking after the historic Splatts Abbey Wood, situated near the MoD and UWE. The Group is also back working with its sister woodland Sims Hill Community Woodland, sited around the Bristol Business Park near UWE.

The Splatts Abbey Wood Conservation Group is resuming its relationship with student volunteers from UWE and the Students' Union at UWE. This marvellous relationship started in 2014 when the Group approached the UWE Volunteering Department who set up the Greenspace group, which over the last seven years has done much work with both Sims Hill woodland and the Splatts Abbey Wood.

The UWE Student volunteers / Students Union at UWE are resuming their workdays at Splatts Abbey Wood in November and continuing their work throughout the academic year.



Faith Terry-Doyle of the Students' Union at UWE told us: 'At The Students' Union at UWE, we are really excited to be getting the conservation volunteer sessions going again soon at Splatts Abbey Wood. Pre-covid, students made a transformational impact on the woodland, and won an award for their outstanding contribution to the community.

Getting the sessions going again will be a fantastic opportunity for students to enjoy the wellbeing benefits of being outside, make a real contribution to their local community, and get some hands on experience of conservation.'

David Bell, Chairman of the Splatts Abbey Wood Conservation Group stated: - "The two woodlands and other partners have worked very well together to help maintain them, and to increase access for the public. We are delighted with our partnership working which benefits everybody."

The Splatts Abbey Wood Conservation Group has been going for many years and is responsible for the historic woodland sited between the MoD and the UWE. It can trace the wood's roots back

centuries. It's committee currently has members of the public and representatives from other bodies on it.

The Splatts Abbey Wood group can be contacted at its email: - splattsabw@gmail.com

The Sims Hill Woodland Community Woodland can be contacted at: - simshillcw@qmail.com

Several Splatts Abbey Wood Committee members have won the prestigious South Gloucestershire Council Chair's Awards for their volunteering including Fred Hillberg, Andy Ward, UWE Greenspace (student volunteers), David Bell.







Barton Hill Boxing Club Helping the Youth of Tomorrow

Barton Hill ABC was founded in 2007 by ex-world supermiddleweight champion and Bristol born Glen Catley.

We are a community-driven boxing club which aims to create a safe space for young people to train and learn. We currently have approximately 500 members from varied backgrounds and age groups.Our goal is to help local youngsters stay safe, encourage them to participate in sports and to teach them discipline and respect for others. We host a myriad of classes such as boxing training, keep fit classes, women's self-defence classes and boxing tournaments for members.

We want to provide a safe space for everyone to come together as a community.

We welcome all skill levels, whether you want to train competitively, or just have a good time.

There are also opportunities for youngsters who don't want to box, and we can also help connect them with other sports they might enjoy.

Barton Hill Amateur Boxing Club, The Dug Out, Barton Hill Road, Barton Hill, Bristol BS5 0AP Contact Tom on mobile 07834 498518 or Mark Thomas (Digi) 07722 085870



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Bristol's biggest bike ride is returning in 2022

St Peter's Hospice is asking supporters to get back on their bikes to pedal for patient care.

Taking place on Saturday 9th April, Tour de Bristol will

be returning to the roads of Bristol and the surrounding areas with the choice of 40k, 65k, or 100k routes. The routes are fully signposted with feeding stations, chip timing, mechanical support and a medal for those that cross the finishing line.

Hospice

The ride will start at UWE Frenchay Campus with staggered start times to help keep everyone safe.

St Peter's Hospice Events Fundraiser, Hayley Ali, said: "We're so excited to be returning for Tour de Bristol 2022 and hope to make it our biggest event to date. It's with the help of our supporters, riding and raising funds for the Hospice, that we're able to continue being there for patients and local families."

St Peter's



"Every pound you raise helps us to provide a nurse on the doorstep, a listening ear on the phone and the best possible care at the most difficult of times."

Tour de Bristol will also be welcoming back sponsors Total Produce for the seventh year. Regional Director, Nick Matthews, said: "Our colleagues absolutely love being involved on the day, whether they are participating in the rides themselves or manning the feed stations."

"We feel that it's always important to give something back to your local community and with St Peter's Hospice having cared for two of our colleagues previously and my wife's uncle in late 2014, it's a charity with which we have very strona links."

Tour de Bristol first took place in 2015 with 350 riders but has since grown in popularity each year with over 1,000 people expected to take part in the next event.

There's also the option to take part in Tour de Bristol: Your Ride, allowing supporters to customise their route and pedal the kilometres at a time that suits them.

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

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!

On these pages we have tried to collate many of the non-profit making groups, clubs and

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

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

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.

Bradlev Stoke Rotary Club Meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Doubletree Hilton hotel in Bradley Stoke. Contact Secretary Karen on 07540 458119

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

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

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Black and Blues Netball - Non-League Social Netball Wednesdays 7.30-9pm BSCS, contact: blackandblues netball@outlook.com.

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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

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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@smobrugbv.co.uk

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

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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.stokescvclingclub.org.uk stokescvclingclub@googlemail.

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.

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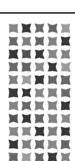
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