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With Christmas rapidly approaching and after a two-year hiatus it certainly looks like "business as usual" for many of the organisers of the numerous Christmas events - check out pages 22-32 for lots of things planned locally to help get you into the Christmas spirit. Despite the rising cost of living, we're all hoping for a welcome escape from everyday realities and are looking forward to celebrating together this year. Just a reminder to all look out for each other this year -

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However you celebrate the festive season, we wish joy and peace to all our readers. Until next time,
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,

Jaci x

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Knitted Soldier created for Remembrance Sunday by talented residents at local retirement Village

The knitting group from the local Stoke Gifford retirement village has created an incredible 6-foot-tall Knitted Soldier to honour Remembrance Sunday.

Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford Matters was delighted to be invited down to meet the 'unknown hero' in the flesh so to speak as well as the lovely ladies who created him.

ExtraCare's Stoke Gifford Retirement Village's Knit & Natter group spent three months collectively creating the Knitted Soldier. The soldier is the work of 12 residents ranging in age from 63 to 93 years old. Supporting one another in their group, the residents created an inclusive environment for all to enjoy, especially those with a past love for knitting who are now faced with challenges such as blindness, loss of dexterity or memory loss.

The soldier follows the group's Knitted Queen (photo below right) which they created in honour of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee in June and which earned a written response from the Queen before her death.

Activities Coordinator, Natasheya Archer commented: "I'm so impressed with how our residents took on the huge challenge of knitting a full-size statue for Remembrance especially so soon after completing the jubilee project. It was touching to hear residents' stories of their loved ones who fought in WW1 and WW2 recounting memories of what the uniform looked like to make sure our soldier was accurate".

The soldier stood proud for all to see in the ExtraCare retirement village until Remembrance Sunday.

We can't wait to see what the group creates for the King's Coronation next May!

Photo shows ladies from the Knit & Natter group - Jill, Pam, Pat, Margaret, Margo, Fay, Jude, Ann, Natasheya Front: Gwen, Mary



Knit & Natter Group Member Pam created a poem to go with the finished project:

Making our knitted statue - By Pam Lower

A full-length soldier was planned
A young soldier brave and true
Made entirely with knitting
As we began the ideas grew

It started with a wooden frame
The basics were looking good
with hat, trousers and jacket
(Not fitting as it should)

Then Natasheya suggested a model
Quite surprised with his height
After a few adjustments
Things were fitting just right

There were belts and buckles
Straps and buttons, each person did their bit
Knitted mug and haversack
Bottle, helmet and sewing kit

We are very proud how he looks
Armed now with his rifle
So rewarded him some medals
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Stoke Gifford Scouts: Remembrance Day Parade in Stoke Gifford 2022

Sunday 13th November saw the Remembrance Day parade in Stoke Gifford where uniformed groups from Stoke Gifford, Little Stoke and Wallscourt Farm all joined together at the Trust Hall car park on North Road and paraded down to The Green to the memorial, and a large crowd of residents and wreath bearers.

Paul Smith GSL laid the 1st Stoke Gifford wreath and Amy Hancock carried the OSR scout troops flag. There were wreath bearers representing scouting, guiding, local councillors, police officers and cadets the RBL and other organisations.

Weather wise the morning was very glorious and the sun was shining down on us all. The Royal British Legion conducted the memorial to the fallen and Simon Jones performed the service.

This is probably the largest gathering for Remembrance Day on the Green ever and that was with over half the OSR scout troop having other commitments.

"For the Fallen" a poem written by Laurence Binyon was read by John Moloney and during the 2 minute silence you could have heard a pin drop. The respect shown by all that attended was amazing. Let's hope we have the same or higher numbers in 2023.

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Aerospace Bristol launches £500,000 appeal to help inspire future engineers, as the museum celebrates its 5th birthday

Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford Matters was delighted to be invited by Aerospace Bristol to their 5th birthday celebrations and launch of the new Bristol Fighter display, an opportunity to reflect on the journey so far and hear the charity's future ambitions.

Over the next five years, the home of Concorde is raising funds to sustain and grow its award-winning schools programme, which has thus far reached over 50,000 school children and young people in the local community since opening in October 2017. **'Engineering Futures'** is the new fundraising appeal that aims to raise £500,000 over the course of the museum's fifth birthday year.

Sally Cordwell, CEO of Aerospace Bristol, said: "As we celebrate Aerospace Bristol's fifth birthday and look back upon the achievements of the last five years, it's crucial that we also look ahead and raise the vital funds needed to sustain and grow the Aerospace Bristol learning programme, which benefits so many young people across the region.

We're therefore calling on corporate supporters and individuals who care about our engineering industry to support the Engineering Futures appeal and play a part in nurturing the next generation of engineering talent."

Amy Seadon, Learning & Community Engagement Manager, added: "Looking back on five years of Aerospace Bristol, we're proud to have inspired so many young people with workshops like Supersonic Sound, Mission to Mars, Hubble Explorers, and Blast off Rockets, as well as opportunities to work alongside engineers in our Conservation Workshop, and enjoy interactive exhibits, science shows and hands-on visitor activities.

Through the Engineering Futures appeal, we hope to build upon our existing work and enable even more young people to get to grips with science and engineering whilst discovering amazing aircraft and the people who built them."

Aerospace Bristol is a family visitor attraction that tells the story of Bristol's aerospace achievements from the earliest days of powered flight through to the modern day. The museum is home to the last Concorde ever to fly, with visitors able to step on board Concorde, explore the passenger cabin, glimpse into the cockpit, and learn about the supersonic passenger jet through a show projected on to the fuselage of the iconic aircraft.

At the celebration event the museum unveiled a new Bristol Fighter display, with the wooden frame of the WWI aeroplane suspended above the museum's existing replica.

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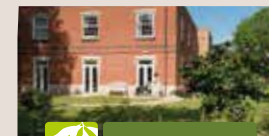
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Local classical music group is looking for string players

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Formed in 2018, the Ensemble has formed a reputation for its friendly, accessible concerts, providing light music and – crucially – home-made cake to appreciative audiences. The COVID pandemic stopped performances but not play – the group still managed to put pieces together online, including a recording of Ronald Binge's Elizabethan Serenade, made with each player recording their part at home with a click track.

Regular rehearsals finally resumed earlier this year and the Ensemble were delighted to present a cheerful summer concert featuring well-known pieces such as Handel's Royal Fireworks and Fauré's Pavane, as well as two new works composed by members of the group.

The group have now started planning their autumn programme, including a Christmas concert to feature a carol singalong and of course more cakes.

Now they are properly back to work, the Ensemble are looking for new members so that they can expand their repertoire. In particular they are looking for string players, especially violins and violas.

Rehearsals take place at 7.15pm on Sunday nights in the Trust Hall, North Road, Stoke Gifford BS34 8PE. Members pay £4 per rehearsal to cover venue hire costs, but the first trial rehearsal is free. There is a friendly and relaxed atmosphere and all players get involved with discussions about the music.

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The Barn has been developed by Craig and Katriona who moved into their farmhouse in 2013. The land had previously been farmed by Craig's grandad.

The couple chose the name Wolfridge in memory of his grandad's pedigree Charolais cattle herd - Wolfridge Charolais. "You need a strong name in pedigree circles and when we were deciding what to call the alpaca herd we chose Wolfridge - it has a local connection as it was the name of a wood next to our farm, and it's also nice to follow on from something my grandad did."

The Alpaca Barn offers free entrance and parking and free access to the lovely Café, which serves delicious homemade cakes, as well as a range of breakfast and lunch options trying to cater for all dietary requirements. Coffee is supplied by Bristol company Cawardines and has had excellent reviews from visitors to date. The café has seating indoors and outside with views of the surrounding alpaca paddocks.

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Bradley Stoke WI has continued to thrive and grow during 2022 and has welcomed several new members, swelling our numbers to 40 - above the pre-COVID membership level. Our WI has recently been entertained by The Barn Bell Ringers from Downend who played some beautiful tunes on the Hand bells. Some members volunteered to 'have a go' which was great fun.

In September Rhona Murdoch gave an inspiring and informative talk about the great work undertaken at The Brightwell, The West of England MS Therapy Centre. It was really good to hear more about this local charity based in Bradley Stoke.

The WI is always keen to have a good variety of speakers to educate and entertain it's members: in October Jean Burnett told us all about a Victorian Lady's intrepid travels in the Himalayas and in November Stephanie Sidney from Made in Fishponds gave an interactive talk on the origins of soap, during which we were able to smell and touch many samples of the source ingredients and finished products.

Our WI crafters are continuing to keep busy crafting and knitting, crocheting and sewing items in support of several local charities including hats and scarves for the Queen Victoria's Seamen's Rest at Portbury and baby blankets for Project Linus.

Bradley Stoke WI is now looking forward to a fun and interesting 2023. Speakers planned include a talk by a retired detective, chair yoga and Wessex Water – so plenty of variety!

We are always pleased to welcome new members to the WI and we meet on the second Wednesday each month in Oak Room at the Jubilee Centre in Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke. Our next full meeting is on Wednesday 11th January and our meetings start at 2pm, so if you would like to join us do come along ten minutes before so you can meet 'the team' beforehand!

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This October we had an amazing look at self portraits by the masters. In November, it was Festive Food, On December 15th (all invited), we look forward to a musical evening entertainment by the Winterbourne Wind Band.

Our talks are diverse and of a high standard by professional speakers. We come away enlightened and refreshed after an hour of pure enjoyment, as well as having discovered a new insight into the arts with like minded people. We also arrange group lunches and visits.

Sally, our Chairman, who is passionate about all things beautiful with the help of her hard working Committee, would love to see many local new members interested in the Arts and would be delighted to welcome you to join us once a month so why not come along and make new friends?

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Over 70 flower arrangers from across the West country gathered in Bristol on Tuesday 8th November to explore the skills needed to go 'Beyond Foam' with eco-friendly alternatives to traditional flower arranging practice. It was great to see such a variety of designs and brilliant that Bristol's The Wild Zinnia were able to supply some fantastic, sustainable chrysanthemum blooms – locally grown in Tockington.

This all came about from a chance conversation Fr Charles the Vicar at All Saints had with Ro York, who took up the idea and got Michael Bowyer



involved at an early stage and then suddenly Bristol's Henleaze Flower Club was organising this day in partnership with All Saints Clifton and supported by NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies). Huge thanks to Fr Charles and his team at All Saints Church, Michael Bowyer, and the team of volunteers from the Flower Club. All gave their services for free to ensure that this day was accessible and affordable to as many as possible. What's great to know is that other areas of NAFAS have heard about what we did here in Bristol and are planning similar events. The power of social media!

Follow up events are planned for next year and if you would like to find out more please contact Bristol's Henleaze Flower Club: Ro York - HDFC Secretary ro@royork.com 07588 887 187



OSR Scouts: Getting Creative

Scouting in the UK is based on a curriculum which aims at each section achieving their Chief Scouts Award, in the Scout section it is their Gold Award. To obtain this the scouts need to complete 9 Challenge Awards and one of these is the Creative Challenge, getting creative and learning, developing and showing their talents in any number of creative areas.

The OSR scouts have spent the term learning different skills and this last week we were lucky to have our very own graphic designer George Phelps (assistant scout leader) take the scouts through the history of street art, legal points and getting the scouts working on their own piece of work. The presentation went into the knowledge of artists and their work plus how to improve the scouts techniques. The scouts really enjoyed getting creative and George went around the tables giving individual advice and tweaks helping them get the most out of the session.

Following on with the theme of street art, the scouts visited Bedminster where the director of Upfest, Stephen Hayles, took them on a personal walk and talk of this year's art work. The organisers get permission from home owners and black out the walls so the 400 artists from all across the world can turn up and show off their talents. Some massive pieces which take days to complete as well as smaller pieces with hidden inner pieces made the scouts wow and ask so many questions. It was a great activity and we are hoping to make a further visit during the week that the artists are completing their works of art.

The scouts left Upfest and walked through Bedminster and under Temple Meads train station in a tunnel on Cattle Market Road where the length of the tunnel and much further are panel after panel of street art.

The scouts and leaders had a great time witnessing the skill and talents of local artists who's work can remain for a few hours before being painted over or months. It definitely invokes a reaction, for it or against but, if done with permission at legal locations it really brightens up the areas.



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The summer saw us saying a sad goodbye to our school leavers of 2022. Parents came to join in the celebrations and we had photos taken wearing caps and gowns to commemorate the graduation to 'big school', as well as party games, which was all good fun.

We also held a very successful summer BBQ with over 150 guests coming along. We had a great time getting to know each other, eating lovely food, playing traditional fairground games, face painting, live music and not forgetting a special visit from Peter Rabbit.

We had a Defibrillator installed at the building for the start of September. Sadly, each year 270 children pass away from sudden cardiac arrest (SCR). Completing recent first aid training, we realised the closest AED is a 9 minute walk away. We knew we had to act on this. While our initial idea was to fundraise at our summer BBQ, during a management meeting with our Commercial Director, Amrat offered to purchase a defib on behalf of the Directors and our wider company 3abcare in support of our team/family at Ambourne House. We feel the provision of a Defibrillator was another part of Ambourne House's commitment to the safeguarding of our children, staff, parents and the community. Whilst we hope that we never have to use it, it means that in the worst-case scenario we can increase the chances of someone's survival.

At the start of the autumn term we hosted a Montessori evening for parents and we look forward



to hosting other events throughout the year, such as a Mother's day breakfast with scones and jam and for Father's day sausage and bacon sandwiches! We love to include the whole family at our nursery and our recent parent's board games night was a feature in the National Nursery Magazine!

We love getting the children in our care out and about whatever the weather (taking relevant precautions of course!). We have our own Ambourne House minibus to transport us to regular forest and beach sessions, and have also introduced inter-generational visits to local care homes, which has included participating in singing and dance sessions with the likes of Jo Jingles. At one visit we also got to meet and hold some chicks! We recently took the babies to Lawrence Weston Community farm to feed the goats and the chickens. It was lovely to explore the farm and see all the different animals and all the sounds that they make! We saw pigs, goats, chickens and ducks and also explored the forest area!

Seeing how children change in our beautiful outdoor settings is such a wonderful sight and joy to be a part of. Running free in the open air, feeling the sand beneath their feet encourages their confidence to grow, not to mention their language development. These different environments not only offers the children an opportunity to grow and develop, it gives us the practitioners another insight into their development. To this end we are thrilled to say the BBQ raffle raised over £550 which will be used towards a yearly community entrance pass so that the staff and children at Ambourne can enjoy lots of trips to the brilliant Wildplace, as well as additional resources for our own garden.

There is certainly never a dull moment at our nursery! If you would like your child to join in the fun, we do have limited spaces available, so please call Lorraine or Roberta to book in a visit.

We truly believe we provide children with the best start in life!

Some of the planned events we have to look forward to over the next few weeks:

- Children in Need
- Anti-Bullying Week
- Making our own Christmas decorations
- Grand Parents Dress the Christmas Tree Day
- Christmas Party
- Christmas Dinner Day
- Winter Activities

to name a few!

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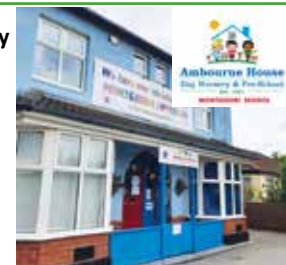
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Help your loved one start the New Year pain free

With Osteomyologist expert – Dawn Clode Ostm, Lic MET Lic CR FAO

Dawn Clode



Many of us live with pain of some sort – aching lower back, stiff shoulders, sore joints, repetitive stress injuries from hours at the computer! But few of us find the time or resources to rectify these problems, which would enable us to live a happier, healthier life! Now is the time to take action and Osteomyologist Dawn Clode is here to help!

From her Holistic Health Practice in Little Stoke, Dawn treats people of all ages, suffering with numerous different types of physical or emotional pain. Dawn practices a wide range of treatment modalities to effectively address each individual's pain. These include; Acupuncture, Aromatherapy, Confidence and Self Esteem Coaching, Cranial Sacral Therapy, Manipulation (HVT), Massage, Muscle Energy Technique (MET), NeuroLinguistic Programming (NLP), Reflexology and Reiki

For some people one session is enough to rectify their pain completely; for others a few sessions are required. Dawn told me, *"The ideal is to balance the patient, get them moving in tune with themselves, and then see them every few months for a check up to ensure that they are on track!"*.

Help somebody you love – Why not treat somebody you love, that you know is suffering in silence – or has been complaining for months but not doing anything about it!



What better gift this Christmas than starting the New Year pain free? Vouchers are available.



Looking ahead to 2023 – Dawn will be running more treatment courses so you can learn techniques to ease the aches and pains of your family and friends.

Dawn will be opening her Holistic Holiday home in France to visitors in early summer 2023.

Get in touch to purchase vouchers, book in for a treatment or find out more on any of the above.

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The History of the FIFA World Cup

By the time this edition comes through your door the FIFA World Cup Qatar™ will have already kicked off. We thought this would be a great opportunity to look back at how the tournament began and how it has changed over the years.

Football officially began in 1862 when J.C. Thring, an Englishman, published the first set of rules for what he called "The Simplest Game." As the British travelled the world, so did the game of soccer.

How did the World Cup begin?

By the end of World War I, football had already become a world sport, but it was two Frenchmen, Jules Rimet and Henri Delaunay, who proposed the idea of a World Cup to be held every four years. According to footballhistory.org, there were unofficial pre-FIFA World Cups held in the late 1800s, at a time when only a few national teams existed. Another unofficial "world cup" was the Sir Thomas Lipton Trophy held in 1909 and 1911.

Before the FIFA World Cup the international tournament that everyone wanted to play in was actually part of the Summer Olympics. But during the 1920s the game was transitioning to professionalism which was inconsistent with the Olympic spirit, so in 1928 FIFA started to make plans to organise their own World Cup.

Uruguay, who had won Gold in the 1928 Olympics, were selected as the host nation for the inaugural World Cup finals in 1930 with 12 other teams accepting FIFA's open invitation to take part (qualification rounds didn't start until the 1934 tournament).

The tournament has been held every four years since then, except in 1942 and 1946 when it was suspended due to World War II. A total of 17 countries have played host over the years with 79 national teams having competed as of the last World Cup in 2018, although the trophy has only been won by eight of them.

Brazil have won five times, and they are the only team to have played in every tournament. The other winners are Germany and Italy with four titles each, Argentina, France, and Uruguay with



two titles each, and England and Spain, with one title each.

1966

This is the year that every English soccer fan references at any opportunity – the one time that a team from the birthplace of the game has ever won – and which arguably produced one of the best tournaments to date. Geoff Hurst scored the first and only "hat trick" in a championship game as England defeated West Germany 4-2 in the final. One of Hurst's goals was also one of the most controversial in World Cup Final history: a powerful drive that hit the underside of the crossbar and bounced on the goal-line – according to the Germans – or just over it – according to the English and, more crucially, the Soviet linesman.

This year's tournament will be different for several reasons: the first to be held in Winter (for Northern Hemisphere teams), a controversial choice of host country, concerns over transport infrastructure and support for travelling fans, and threats of boycotts. But love it or loathe it, there'll be no escaping the World Cup between now and the final on 18th December.

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Ex-Pupil Returns to Visit School ahead of World Cup!



On Monday 7th November, Holy Trinity Primary School had an exciting visit from Urdd Gobaith Cymru ahead of the World Cup. Footballer Joe Morrell, currently playing for Portsmouth, is part of the Welsh team and used to attend Holy Trinity Primary School.

In the assembly, the children were all very excited to hear more about Wales and the Welsh team and even learned some Welsh words. The Welsh mascot – Mr Urdd – even made an appearance! We were presented with a large photo of Joe and the Welsh pendant.

The whole school all predicted the scores of the first round of the World Cup, of course putting Wales straight into the next round! By the time this goes to press you will all know how well Wales did. Maybe Joe even managed to score in the final itself.

After the assembly, Years 3 and 4 received some fun football training in between the rain showers! They had a fun game called 'The Traffic Light Game' which involved learning names of colours in Welsh, for example red is coch and green is gwyrdd. We learned that the Welsh team are going to play the USA first, followed by a game against Iran before their final match against England.

It has made us all look forward to the World Cup and we will be keeping a close eye on how Joe Morrell does. **Come on Wales!**

Little Stoke Football Club are looking for a permanent First Team Linesman.

This is a paid role with food after the match and travel included.

If you can help please make contact with the club via their social media pages:

Twitter - @LittleStoke_FC
Facebook - Little Stoke Football Club



Holy Trinity Primary School



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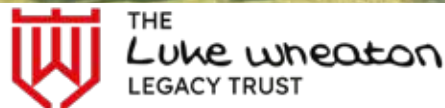
Bradley Stoke Youth FC and the Luke Wheaton Legacy Trust

Bradley Stoke Youth FC (BSYFC) Under 7's were extremely pleased to be presented with our new matchday jackets that were kindly purchased for us by the Luke Wheaton Legacy Trust. As players, coaches and parents we wanted to say a huge thank you to them.

As two newly established teams entering the Hanham Minor League for our very first seasons, there was naturally some anxiety for many of our young players, however, it was amazing to see the transformation when they received them as those early nerves were quickly replaced with excitement at having their very own football club jacket. It was fantastic to see them all smiling and wearing them with immense pride.

From a football coach perspective, a team uniform brings identity, a sense of unity and belonging to a team as they feel connected and part of something. They also look incredibly smart and seeing them all arrive in their kit makes us very proud.

Without funding, the purchasing of these tops would have not been possible as the clubs limited resources sadly do not stretch that far, especially as we have two U7 teams this year consisting of



46 players! I also know from speaking with many of our parents that with the cost-of-living challenges we are all currently facing that sadly for some of them they wouldn't have been able to afford one themselves.

Also the Luke Wheaton Legacy Trust wanted to support the whole club so they donated footballs to every age group at BSYFC. So every age group received size 3, 4 or 5 footballs to enable their training sessions to be even better.

Luke, a former Bradley Stoke Youth Player, sadly lost his life in the tragic Avonmouth accident in 2020 at the age of 16. The Luke Wheaton Legacy Trust exists to support and encourage underprivileged young people on their journey through life. Helping them to further their education outside of the classroom, gain new skills, stay active through exercise and local sports clubs and allowing them to achieve their full potential. My closing message would be to ask you to please donate anything you can to help those closest to Luke continue their great work in memory of him: lukeslegacytrust.org

A big thank you to the Luke Wheaton Legacy Trust.

Wreath Making Workshop 6th December 6.30-9pm

The Brightwell, Bradley Stoke BS32 9DB, UK

£42 per ticket, £10 of which goes directly to the Centre
Book: **01454 201 686** libby.jordan@thebrightwell.org.uk
Hosted by Emma from The Flower Hut. Enjoy a warm mulled wine along with delicious complimentary treats. Come and learn how to make your own festive wreath from scratch. All wreath workshop class sizes are small. This workshop makes an ideal gift - why not bring a friend or family member?



Support in the Cost of Living Crisis

As the cost of living crisis and cold weather begin to bite, the churches of Bradley Stoke are here for you, and want to make you aware of when they are open.

Warm spaces

You may have heard of 'Warm Spaces', places where people can gather for free, that are warm, welcoming and able to signpost to other resources that can help in times of financial need. We are pleased to be able to offer such spaces in our local churches:

Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church (BSEC) will be open **every Monday from 2-4pm**.

You can come and enjoy free refreshments, charge your devices, make use of the internet and find support and guidance to other available sources of help.

Christ the King will be open **every weekday morning from 8am until 12 noon**.

They will be happy to offer a cuppa and a slice of toast!

Regular Activities

In addition, the churches run a number of regular activities, where you would find a warm welcome and further support if needed.

Carer and baby/toddler

Trinity Tots - Mondays (term time), 9:30-11am at Holy Trinity

Busy Bees - Tuesdays, 10-11:30am at BSEC

First Steps - Thursdays, 10-11:30am at Christ the King

Children/Youth Clubs

Trailblazers (ages 5-11), Wednesdays, 6-7pm at Christ the King (parents welcome to stay)

4mation (ages 11-14), Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30pm at Christ the King



Boing (school years 3-6), Thursdays, 6.15-7.30pm at BSEC

Chill (secondary school age children), Thursdays, 6.15-7.30pm at BSEC

Friday Club (school years 3-8), Fridays 6:30-8pm at Holy Trinity

All ages

Coffee morning (with children's play space), Fridays, 9-11am at Christ the King

Sunday services

You are always welcome to attend our Sunday services!

Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church, 10:30am

Christ the King, 9:30am

City Church, 10am

Holy Trinity, 10:30am

For more information about any of the activities and services, please contact our church offices:

Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church
Baileys Court Road, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8BH
0117 931 4716
www.bsec.org.uk

Christ the King
Mautravers Close, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8EE
0117 931 2304
www.ctkchurch.org.uk

City Church
Bradley Stoke
0117 924 3322
www.citychurch.org.uk/visit/bradley-stoke-site

Holy Trinity
Broad Croft, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, BS32 0BD
01454 620975
www.htcbradleystoke.co.uk



Singing in support of our local community

Come and sing carols with Stokes Singers!

Are you feeling stressed? De-stress and have fun with Stokes Singers! Join us for some festive cheer at Willow Brook shopping centre on the afternoon of **11th December** or in the morning at Poplars Cafe Frampton Cotterell.

On **Saturday 3rd December** we are joining with the Good Afternoon Choir and singing at St. Mary's Yate from 1.30 pm. to celebrate the start of the Christmas Tree Festival.

Shopping at the Mall, Cribbs Causeway? Take a break and sing with us on **Thursday 8th December** from 6pm. We will be opposite Chandos Deli at the end of the food court.

Singing has many positive effects on our body and mind especially singing with others! **Come and join us! Stokes Singers meet every Thursday at Holy Trinity, Bradley Stoke BS32 ODB, 7.30-9.30pm.** We are a small friendly group who sing for fun. You don't need to read music. Just come along, have fun and make new friends.

Email: info@stokessingers.co.uk

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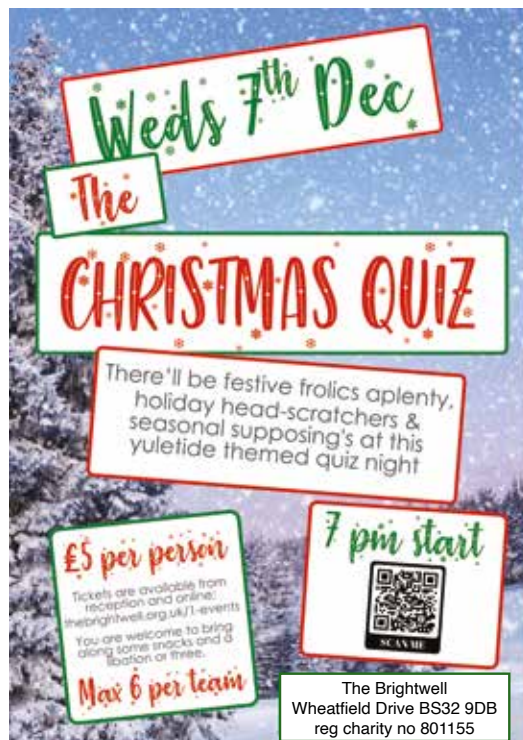
Come and join us for a fabulous festive evening as we countdown to Christmas.

A variety of different local stall holders, to help you find the perfect Christmas gifts for family and friends. The perfect opportunity to start (or finish) your Christmas shopping whilst supporting our wonderful Centre!

There will be refreshments on sale throughout the evening and festive carols to get you in the spirit.

Christmas starts here!

The Brightwell, Wheatfield Drive, Bradley Stoke BS32 9DB



What's Up Doc?

Forget moustaches – so last month! In December, it's all about beards for bowel cancer awareness and rocking a Christmas jumper to raise much-needed funds for deprived children.

Hair-raising stuff!

If you're a man in need of a beard, **Decembeard** will be right up your street. It's all about raising bowel-cancer awareness and funds for research and treatment, and the rules are simple – have your final shave on November 30, then let your facial hair flourish throughout the month. Just think of all that time you'll free up every morning... And if you're already bearded-up, you can still join in. The organisers suggest clean shaving and starting over, or decorating or dyeing your existing beard, depending on how brave you're feeling!

Former England cricketer and Nottinghamshire captain Chris Read is right behind the campaign in his role as a patron of Bowel Cancer UK, which he started supporting in 2007 when his first coach Trevor Ward died of the disease. "He was a wonderful man who, along with his family, became great friends," says Chris, "and that's why I'm encouraging sons, dads, brothers, uncles, nephews and granddads to join together this Decembeard and show their support for the charity."

Bowel cancer is the third most common cancer in men in the UK, with one in 14 diagnosed during their lifetime. Yet men are less likely to participate in the national bowel cancer screening programme when eligible, or to recognise any of the main symptoms:

- Blood in poo.
- A persistent change in bowel habits.
- Or abdominal pain, discomfort or bloating that's always triggered by eating.

Even if men do think something is amiss, they are less likely to see their GP about it. So there's a real need to get the message out to men that if they are diagnosed early, bowel cancer is highly treatable – and curable. Now that's worth a bit of facial-hair fun, for sure. Find out more at bowelcanceruk.org.uk/decembeard



Wear a sweater to make the world better

Wrap up warm and help raise money for Save The Children on Thursday December 8th by wearing your tackiest, most outrageous Christmas jumper with pride. This year, for every £2 donated, the government has pledged to give £2 too – double bubble! (Or should that be double bauble?) All you have to do is sign up, set up your JustGiving page and then strut your silly stuff on the day. And don't sweat it if you've not already got a festive sweater. Just make your own by decorating an old top with tinsel, baubles, stickers or whatever takes your fancy – chocolate Christmas tree decorations, anyone?

This annual event has raised over £4 million since 2012. This year your donations will give children around the world a better future, while the money pledged by the government will provide medical treatment for 200,000 mothers, babies and children in Kenya, where every year 74,000 children die before their fifth birthday.

Find out more at savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day

About the author: Gill Mullins is a freelance writer and journalist at www.superhappycontent.com

Born to be King

It has been an eventful, turbulent and historic year.

2022 saw the change of an era, as we mourned the loss of her Majesty the Queen and celebrated the new monarch, King Charles III.

At the age of 73, he is the oldest person to accede to the throne. This is something he has waited for, prepared for (and possibly been anxious about) his whole life.

Born to be King, but waiting a whole lifetime for the reality.

As you will have guessed by now, there are some resonances with the Christmas story!

At the heart of Christmas is another king. In fact, the King of Kings. A King with no age limits or surprise accessions. He is the King destined to be King from the very beginning of time.

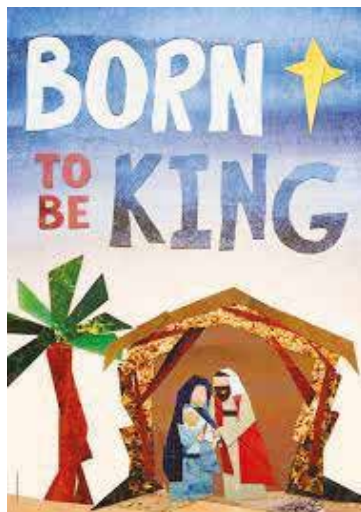
The King who came to serve.

The King who would take on death, and win.

Jesus, born to be King. God with us. Come to show us God's love. On a mission to rescue us and bring us his life. A king worth knowing and worth following.

We'd love to welcome you face-to-face to our Christmas services at St Michael's this year to find out more about this King

**Have a lovely Christmas and a restful new year,
God bless, Revd Canon Simon Jones**



The Churches of Bradley Stoke are holding the **Community Carol Service on Thursday 15th December**

It will be held in The Willow Brook Centre. Brass Band and Carols from 6.15pm, the service will start at 6:30pm with contributions from local schools.

Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church

'All Age Christmas Celebrations' on 18th and 25th December at 10:30. In the church building.

Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church

Carols by Candlelight at 6pm on 24th December





Christmas

St Michael's Stoke Gifford



Monday 5 December Blue Christmas Service of Healing & Hope 7.30pm in Church	Sunday 18 December Carol Service - 7pm in the Centre
Tuesday 6 December Carols on the Square - 6.30pm in Cheswick	Christmas Eve Christingle All Age Celebration - 3pm in the Centre Midnight Communion - 11.15pm in Church
Saturday 10 December Carols on the Green - 6.15pm Village Green	Christmas Day All-Age Christmas Day Celebration - 10am in the Centre
Sunday 11 December "Have Yourself a Wrappy Christmas" All-Age Celebration - 10.30am in the Centre Contemporary Carols - 6.30pm in the Centre	stmichaelsbristol.org/christmas 

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Christ the King

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Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 11th December, 6:30pm

Crib Service

Christmas Eve, 4:00pm

Midnight Communion

Christmas Eve, 11:15pm

Christmas Holy Communion

Christmas Day, 9:30am

Holy Trinity

Broad Croft, BS32 0BD

Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 17th December, 6:30pm

Christingle Service

Christmas Eve, 4:00pm

Christmas Holy Communion

Christmas Day, 10:30am

Happy Christmas!

Hope is born

As we head into Christmas it is with the instability of a government in crisis and the fears of poverty caused by a sharp rise in the cost of living. There is less concern about getting the Christmas lights on and more concern about being able to keep any lights on.

As we speak to neighbours in the community there is an overwhelming sense of hopelessness looking ahead.

How is it therefore that can we say "Hope is born"?

This hope is rooted not only in the birth of Jesus but in his death and resurrection. It is hope that is not dependent on governments, or circumstances or the state of the economy. It is hope which abounds despite it all.

What we celebrate is the birth of a new hope which brings about new life through transformation.

What if a new life meant you were no longer a slave to the system or to fear?

Not that these things magically disappear, Jesus is not a wizard! But a life in Him gives us a new sense of purpose and a changed perspective on the reality of hope. What if your future hope was not controlled by the outward circumstances held is someone else's hand?

What if you could grasp a hold of a new hope that changed your life from the inside out?

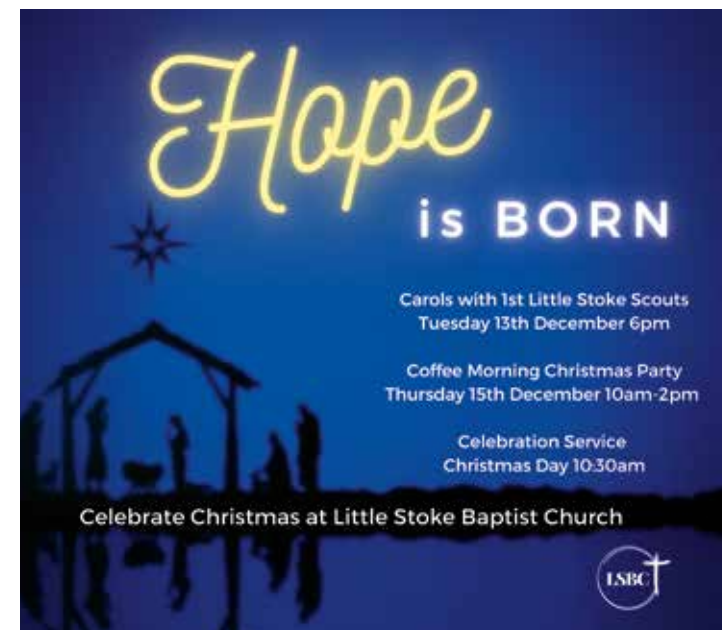
This is the hope that is born and this is the hope that Little Stoke Baptist Church wants to introduce you to this Christmas, through the birth and life of Jesus Christ.

Come along to one of our services, pop in for a chat, pick up a booklet about what we believe or just come and keep warm at one of our free, 'open warm' spaces (see right).

No hard sell or Bible bashing.

We have this Hope and we want to share it with you.

Happy Christmas.





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Marie Curie Five Stokes Fundraising Group Christmas Wreath Making Event

**Wednesday 7th December, 6.45pm-10.00pm
at St Michael's Centre, Stoke Gifford.**

Tickets are a minimum donation of £35 which will include all wreath making items and light refreshments.

If you are interested in buying tickets please contact Jane Marshall at janemarshall2021@gmail.com or 07909 966367

We look forward to another festive evening!



Events at Winterbourne Medieval Barn

**Carols in the Barn –
Saturday 10 December, from 2.15pm –
Sunday 11 December, from 2.15pm or 5.15pm**

Celebrate the Christmas story as re-told in words and music by members of St Michael's church in the very atmospheric setting of the Medieval Barn. Join in singing your favourite Christmas carols. Suitable for all ages. Carols start at 3pm or 6pm, and doors open 45 minutes beforehand, for you to enjoy mulled wine (or juice) and a mince pie (included with your ticket). The Barn is a medieval agricultural building so wrap up warm! Booking essential (£5 adult, £1 child) – see the Barn website or Tel: 0117 403 1536.

Parking at the Barn is reserved for people with mobility difficulties and must be pre-booked.

No parking on Church Lane as this obstructs emergency vehicles and other users. You can park

at Winterbourne Academy (BS36 1JL) for just £1, and then walk down Church Lane or Beacon Lane to the Barn. A torch is useful after dark.

Family Christmas Craft Sessions – Wednesday 21 December, 10am or 1pm

Family festive craft sessions are aimed at families with 6–11 year olds, but all are welcome. We'll be making our own Christmas stockings, crafting some sparkly wreaths, and creating some reindeer antlers – perfect for prancing your way into the New Year! Tickets are £7.50 per family. Booking essential, direct on Ticketsource or via the Barn website.

Apple Grafting Workshop – Saturday 18 February 2023, 10am-4pm

A one-day course run by Ben Raskin of the Soil Association, explaining why and how we graft fruit trees. You will make at least 3 newly-grafted apple trees to take home, and learn a new skill to use in your own garden or allotment. The cost is £55 including full tuition, three rootstocks and wood to graft, and tea, coffee and biscuits. More information is on the Barn website. Booking essential by January. This workshop might make an unusual Christmas present for a gardener!

The primary purpose of these events is to raise money for WMBT and to support conservation, management, maintenance and improvement of the WMBT site.

Volunteering – WMBT would welcome more volunteers to help out with Barn maintenance and with community events, either occasionally or on a more regular basis. Contact us via the website or ring 0117 403 1536 to make enquiries (office manned part-time) and join a welcoming team of people who want to be involved in their community.

**www.winterbournebarn.org.uk
Facebook @winterbournemedievalbarn**

Winterbourne Medieval Barn
Church Lane, Winterbourne, BS36 1SE





**Christ the King
Christmas Fayre**


Saturday 17th December
10am until 12 noon

An event for all the community!
Come and spend pennies
rather than pounds

Meet Santa!
plus games, brie-a-brac
refreshments and lots of
Christmas fun

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Both Christ the King and Holy Trinity Churches
will have a very special installation of giant
angel wings this year!



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CASTELL ROC DATES RELEASED FOR 2023



After the fabulous events at Castell Roc 2022, held inside the absolutely beautiful grounds of Chepstow Castle, organiser Carol Mutlow of Hannah's Music is already putting the acts in place for 2023.

Now in its 12th year, the festival continues to grow, and 2022 was no exception, with Chepstow still buzzing from 13 fantastic sold-out events!

"The problem is" Carol told us, "it makes me wonder how I can top that!! But - I will certainly try!"

We have some fantastic events lined up for you next year already, some of whom have never been seen before at Castell Roc! As usual there is hopefully something for everyone, no matter what your music taste. This is what makes Castell Roc stand out from other festivals: the variety of music, plus the absolutely breath-taking venue!

Each week one act will be released until all 13 nights have been revealed. In this pre-Christmas edition Matters Magazines is able to bring you the first five events for Castell Roc 2023.

It's already looking amazing!!

For more information and tickets (which make AMAZING CHRISTMAS PRESENTS) contact -
www.castellroc.co.uk





Bradley Stoke Library What's-on December 2022

Staffed Opening Hours

Monday: 10:00 - 18:00
Tuesday: 10:00 - 18:00
Wednesday: CLOSED
Thursday: 10:00 - 18:00
Friday: 10:00 - 18:00
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Holy Trinity Primary School, Broad Croft BStoke, 01454 866735, www.holytrinitypri.com

Little Stoke Primary School, Little Stoke, 01454 866522, <http://www.littlestokeps.co.uk>

Meadowbrook Primary School, Three Brooks Lane BStoke BS32 8TA, 01454 868630, meadowbrookprimary.co.uk

Stoke Lodge Primary School, School Close, Bourton Avenue, Stoke Lodge, Patchway BS34 6DW 01454 866772

St Chad's Patchway C of E Primary School, Cranham Drive, Stoke Lodge, Patchway 01454 866523

St. Mary's R.C. Primary School, Acting Webbs Wood Lane BStoke, 01454 866390,

St Michael's Primary School, Ratcliffe Drive, Stoke Gifford 01454 866781. www.stmichaelsg.co.uk

Wheatfield Primary School, Wheatfield Drive BStoke, 01454 868610

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Abbeywood Community School, New Road Stoke Gifford BS34 8QT, 0117 307 5660, abbeywoodschool.com

Bradley Stoke Community School, Fiddlers Wood Lane Bradley Stoke BS32 9BS, 01454 868840, bradleystokecs.org.uk

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Lasting Powers of Attorney – The appointment of attorneys



A Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) is a legal form that gives authority to those appointed as Attorneys to make decisions on behalf of the donor (the person who has created the LPA). There are separate LPAs for Property and Financial Affairs and for Health and Welfare.

Attorneys appointed under an LPA are able to make decisions that the donor could make if they still had the ability to do so themselves. You can therefore appreciate the power that these documents have and the importance of appointing an attorney or attorneys who you trust to look after your best interests.

Some people think that the decision over who to appoint to is a simple one. Perhaps they have a spouse who they trust to look after their best interests and they know would be willing to make decisions for them, a child or children who are financially knowledgeable and manage their own finances well, or siblings who they think would get along and act well together. However, there is more to the consideration of who to appoint than meets the eye. For example:-

1. Sole attorneys – If a solely appointed attorney is unable to act (perhaps they have died before the donor or lost capacity themselves), their appointment would fail and the donor would be left with no attorney to make decisions and the LPA will be invalid. You should then consider someone else who could act alongside your attorney or, who could step in as a replacement.
2. Multiple attorneys: how should they make decisions - You can appoint attorneys to make decisions jointly and severally (they can make decisions either together or separately, jointly (they must make decisions together), or they can make some decisions jointly and separately, and some jointly. Each option requires very careful consideration. For example, appointing attorneys to make decisions jointly could

mean that if one of them dies before you, the remaining attorney cannot make those decisions that they had to make jointly with the other attorney.

3. Bankruptcy or Debt Relief Orders – An attorney cannot be appointed if they are currently bankrupt or an undischarged bankrupt or are subject to a debt relief order. If this happens after they are appointed, they can no longer act. If an attorney has previously been bankrupt etc, are they a suitable choice of attorney?

These are just some of the issues to consider when thinking of who to appoint as your attorney and it is best to seek professional advice to ensure the best possible decision is made.

For further advice on Lasting Powers of Attorney, the administration of estates, and Wills and other private client matters, contact AMD's Private Client Department at 100 Henleaze Road, Bristol BS9 4JZ or on 0117 962 1205, email info@amdsolicitors.com or visit our website www.amdsolicitors.com

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

BABY AND TODDLER GROUPS

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

Busy Bees Toddler Group Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church Tuesdays from 10 till 11.30 during school term time phone 0117 931 4716

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.

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 Whetfield Primary 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 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 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, 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. 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 Little Stoke Baptist Church, Kingsway. T: 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 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 - We are a friendly mixed choir singing a wide range of music. No auditions. You do not need to know how to read music. We rehearse at Holy Trinity Church in Bradley Stoke on Thursdays during term time, 7.30-9.30 pm. For further details, please email info@stokessingers.co.uk or call 07716 353182. Our website is www.stokessingers.co.uk.

Stoke Gifford Royal British Legion Looking for members and volunteers. We meet 3rd Mon of each month 7:30pm Little Stoke Park Hall. Contact Ray: sgbinfo@gmail.com See us on Facebook . or <http://www.britishlegion.org>

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 07887 373924

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

Young At Heart Club meets at the Christ the King Church, Bradley Stoke every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 2pm - 4pm. Set up 20 years ago and aimed at people over the age of 50 who would like to make new friends, enjoy games, speakers, outings.

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, contact: blackandblues_netball@outlook.com.

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 your details have changed, please let us know at

community@mattersmagazines.co.uk and we will update it +for you!

Bradley Stoke Bowls Club - Baileys Court Activity Centre www.bradleystokebowls.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 - Meet at the Jubilee Centre every Wednesday U12's - 5.15pm - 6.15pm - U14 & U16's - 5.45pm -7.15pm bsncjuniors@yahoo.co.uk <http://bradleystokenetballjuniors.org.uk/>

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

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.

North Bristol Triathlon Club: Swim, Bike and Run sessions throughout the week around North Bristol/South Gloucestershire. Suitable for all levels. Find us on Facebook or email membership@northbristoltri.co.uk.

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 – All ages and abilities welcome at a real community club. Contact Mark Stephens on 07816 962503.

Stoke Gifford Short Mat Bowls Club - Monday, Tuesday and Friday afternoons. For more information please contact 0117 330 5487.

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

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

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

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

Edge Church International. 1160 Park Avenue, Aztec West Business Park, BS32 4TL. Tel 01454 837990. www.edgechurch.co.uk

Holy Family Catholic Church Southsea Road, Patchway 0117 9081247 www.holyfamilyrcchurchpatchway.co.uk

Holy Trinity Church Broadcroft, Bradley Stoke 01454 620975 www.htcbradleystoke.co.uk

Little Stoke Baptist Church, Kingsway, 0117 969 6060. Coffee & Cakes Thursday mornings 9am-noon. 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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