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## Dear Readers....

We want to express our profound sadness at the passing of Her Majesty The Queen and extend our sincerest condolences to His Majesty The King and the whole of the Royal Family on Her passing. Whilst I realise this will come through your doors after the State Funeral has taken place, as we write this the new King has just been proclaimed and we very much wanted to acknowledge our sense of loss and also our gratitude for an inspirational and constant presence in all of our lives. To this end we have produced our tribute to the Queen on our centre pages.

We also have updates from the Bradley Stoke Cricket Club and Judo Club who have both been very busy this season. Bradley Stoke Town Football Club is looking forward to the new season and South Glos Hockey Club is also glad to be fully back in action. We also hear from Gifted Drama Group, Bradley Stoke Green Gym, Little Stoke Baptist Church, the local Woodlands and meet the new Head Teacher at Holy Trinity Primary School. The Royal British Legion are gearing up for their Poppy campaign in the run up to Remembrance Sunday in November and would still love to have additional volunteers to help during this important time.

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## Bristol's Henleaze Flower Club - Bradley Stoke winner

Bristol's Henleaze Flower Club members swept the board with their floral arrangements for the Westbury-on-Trym village show on 3 Sept – including winning the Courage Cup Trophy for the best exhibit in flower arranging and the Trustee Bank Trophy for most points in the Flower Arranging Classes.

Beginner and complete novice Ro York from Bradley Stoke was the surprised winner of the two Trophies. She says, "it was amazing fun, as well as hard work and a precipitous learning curve, to have a go as a complete newbie – and fun to win - not only with my flower arrangements but also my prized pot plant!"

She credits her success to the excellent support and coaching from their very experienced Teacher Kath Taylor who runs the club's monthly practice classes. She also had to ask her neighbours in Campion Drive to drink white wine to provide enough empty bottles for the mechanics of her winning design.

Deputy Chair Jane Voke says, "it was great to have so many entries from club members supporting this traditional show – including in classes other than flower arranging". The success of the show, which raises money for charity, depends on people joining in and having a go, as well as the many volunteers behind the scenes and on the day.

There were many classes specifically for children to get families involved, and Jane says, "next year the flower club aims to sponsor a class and trophy for the young flower arranger of the future".

The Flower Club welcomes new members - to find out more please contact Jenny by email [yorkjenny2@yahoo.com](mailto:yorkjenny2@yahoo.com) or phone/text **07880 700270**

Photo top - Right to left: 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners for the now very poignant class 'Platinum Jubilee'. Ro York from Bradley Stoke just pipped her mum Myra, 93 yrs, to first place; Inset photo - Prize giving: Ro York from Bradley Stoke collecting one of her Trophies from Bristol's very own Briony May of the Great British Bake Off fame



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## Bradley Stoke Green Gym // Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group Update by Sara Messenger

Bradley Stoke's Green Gym have been reverting to their very distant youth and have been making leaky dams in Patchway Brook. Having checked the water levels to find that in some places the brook was down to barely a trickle less than 2 inches wide, we felt that something had to be done immediately to save the fish and other creatures that depend on the brooks. The dams are made from stone and leaves already in the brook and are all less than a foot high, they may be small but they have been 'dam' effective and hold back just enough water to create pools deep enough for the fish to survive as well as providing drinking water to our other parched wildlife. Plans are also being made to put in more berms in Stoke Brook (which flows from Sherbourne's Brake to the lake), these slow the flow of the water as well as helping create shelter and habitat.

Our first **Bat Walk** of the year went off without a hitch thanks to Jacky Wyatt our new events organizer and to Andy Selman of Avon Bat Group. Although less than a minute into the walk we lost our Police 'escort' as just inside Savages Wood we all walked through a dense and aromatic cloud, so they went off to investigate while we, a little more 'chilled' than before, went on with the walk. As well as owls and pussy cats we also found lots of bats, mostly we thought, different types of Pipistrelle. The insect corridors have been working well and several bats were found swooping through them and we were very pleased to see that after the lake desilting the bats have now returned to feed there. We have several bat boxes

on the reserve but as I pointed out none of the group hold bat licences so we are unable to check them. Andy at this point mentioned that his licence does allow him to check boxes. We swooped faster than any Brazilian free-tailed bat could have and, whether it was an offer to do ours or not, we took him up on it!

If you were unable to make any of our organized bat walks we do have at the library 10 bat detector packs, each with a detector and a guide, all free to borrow if you have a library card.

Our first **nature walk** of the year rather suffered from the weather as it was in the middle of the heat wave so, after us all wishing Neil a Happy Birthday, we set off towards the cooler woodlands instead of the baking meadows. Rupert Higgins is engaging and hugely knowledgeable but at least we knew one thing he didn't, that the depressions in Savages Wood are actually bomb craters! There used to be 5 or 6 but the Leisure Centre was built over them leaving just the 3. We also found King Alfred cakes, Hairy Willow Herb, bees and Burdock which Rupert reminded us all how bitter it was when we had it as children. The younger generations in the group didn't understand our childhood hardships so we nipped over to the supermarket and bought some Dandelion & Burdock for them to try, which was a lot nicer than we recalled it being or maybe it was sweetened by the ice lollies that had also fallen into my basket.

**Next Walk:**  
Nocturnal Nature Walk with Chris Sperring  
MBE: Friday 14th October 7.30pm - 9.30pm





## News from the Royal British Legion, Stoke Gifford Branch

The Stoke Gifford Branch of the Royal British Legion is celebrating a great Poppy Appeal having raised around £44,000.

The Branch is very grateful to the very generous members of the public, local venues and other organizations who support the Poppy Appeal, and of course the local media who help raise awareness of the Poppy Appeal and the work of the Royal British Legion.

All money raised by the Poppy Appeal goes to the RBL Welfare Fund, which provides help, support and guidance for current and ex members of the armed forces and their dependents.

If you or someone you know needs help from the Royal British Legion please contact the National helpline - 0808 802 8080.

The Stoke Gifford Branch, which covers Bradley Stoke, Filton, Little Stoke and Stoke Gifford is now preparing for the new Poppy Appeal year starting in October. The poppy fortnight will be the two weeks up to Remembrance Sunday.

On Sunday 10th July, David Bell received his 20 year service badge and certificate at a Poppy meeting held at Aston Gate. David has been a regular contributor to our local Matters magazines both for the RBL and for the local community woodlands where he also volunteers. Congratulations to David on this latest acknowledge of his voluntary service.

The Stoke Gifford branch urgently needs volunteers to help with the Poppy Appeal, including people to help with collecting at various venues in the Branch area.

If you are interested in volunteering or joining our Branch please contact the branch at - [rblstokegifford@gmail.com](mailto:rblstokegifford@gmail.com) OR ring **Tony Peters** on 01179 470 775

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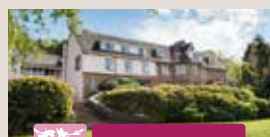
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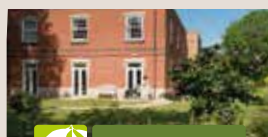
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## Combating Loneliness in the Stokes

Rev Tania Vaughan, Little Stoke Baptist Church

It is clear as I look back over my first year in Little Stoke that the pandemic has left a legacy of loneliness. I hear many stories of the thriving community and have seen glimpses of it over this last year as people grow in confidence and begin once again to emerge into community life.

However, it is still a big problem as people became disconnected during lockdown and struggled to find the space and even the courage to connect with others again.

Little Stoke Baptist Church (LSBC) has always been and remains a safe place for people to come for a coffee and a chat, bring a hobby, do a jigsaw and just chill out.

We offer a space where each person is accepted as they are and for who they are. Church Pastor, Tania Vaughan says, "Loneliness is the new pandemic and we must do everything we can to offer a place of welcome where people can be themselves and feel comfortable and safe."

In term time the space is open from 9am to offer parents a place to chat and catch up after the school run, around 10.30am other members from the community wander in. Some stay for a quick cuppa others to chat and relax either in the hall or out in the newly renovated garden. There's even a toddler area inside and out for those with little ones.

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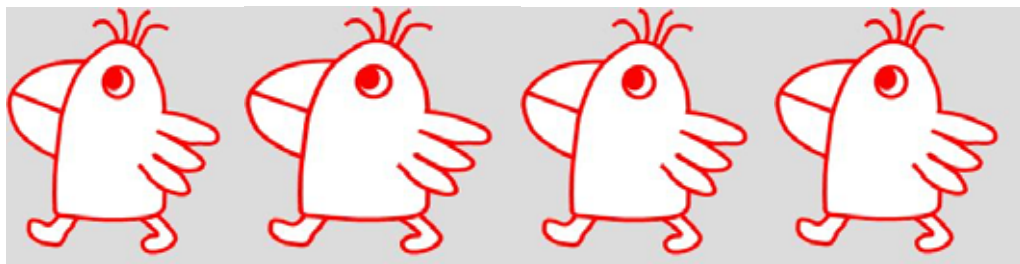
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**Gifted Drama Group finally able to perform in front of unrestricted audience!**

Gifted drama group performed their latest production this summer, the first since December 2019 that was able to open to an audience free from restriction. The Christmas show still having to be limited to just 50 people from members' families only.

It was great to be able to welcome an audience of local church members, Gifted families and the wider community. A coffee morning was held in conjunction to the performance, offering refreshments and raising £100 for the church pastoral fund.

The group gave brilliant performances of two plays - 'Big Bad and Little Red' by Raymond Blakesley and 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde. Leaders were also able to issue end of year certificates once again which were well received by the children.

Gifted is a drama group for children aged 8 to 12 years, which meets in the church worship area on Saturday mornings during term time from 10 to 11:30am.

Gifted teaches all aspects of theatre and performance skills such as script writing, improvisation, mime and voice projection, to name a few. Gifted has been running since January 2008 and offers spaces for 20 members with a waiting list usually in operation. However, (as we went to print!) they had a rare two places become available if anyone is looking to join.

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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.

The Barn also offers Alpaca Experiences and fun Craft Workshops for all ages from parents/toddlers to adults/carers. Tues-Fridays mid-morning sessions, no need to book, check website for more information.

Visitors are free to take a wander around the paddocks. There are also information trail/challenge sheets (available from the Café for just £1) called the Wolfridge Wander for the younger generation, or people who are particularly keen to learn about alpacas!

Wolfridge Alpaca is a very friendly place which aims to provide excellent levels of service to ensure all visitors feel welcome. There are accessible facilities, disabled car parking and baby changing facilities.

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Why not visit for a great cup of coffee, delicious food or a trip to engage with all things alpaca!!

Keep an eye on facebook for more information  
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## Shareholders' Agreements & Avoiding Shareholder Disputes



### Reviewing and amending shareholders' agreements

In the same way business terms and conditions may need reviewing overtime, shareholders' agreements are flexible documents that can be amended with the agreement of the parties.

When a company starts out, as long as it has 2 or more shareholders, an agreement should be considered. Over time, new shareholders may join the business or the roles of the shareholders may evolve. These are just 2 examples of when a need may arise for reviewing and updating an existing agreement.

My role is not just to reflect the current client objectives but also to work with my clients and plan for the future growth of the business, for example if funding may need to be raised and how this may affect the existing shares in issue.

When advising private limited companies, one of the first documents to discuss is an agreement between the shareholders. This is because in most private limited companies we work with, the directors and shareholders are one and the same. The same tends to apply in family run businesses.

The relationship between the shareholders of a business is vitally important if a company is going to succeed. A shareholders' agreement allows you to define the relationship between shareholders, set out the rights and responsibilities of each shareholder and provide for how the shareholders must act in certain given situations, for example on death or long term illness of a shareholder who also works in the business.

### Drafting shareholders' agreements

Shareholders' agreements should be carefully drafted and tailored to meet the bespoke requirements for the Company. This will ensure everyone's rights and obligations are clear, allow the company to operate effectively and minimise the potential for disputes.

Typically, an agreement will cover at least the following:

- Shareholders' duties and entitlements
- How the company will be managed
- How directors will be appointed
- How board and shareholders meetings will operate and how often
- How decisions will be made between shareholders
- What will happen if a shareholder wants to leave the business
- The existing shareholders having a first right to purchase a leaving shareholder's shares
- Shareholders' rights to information
- How the exit of shareholders will be managed (including the need for non-compete clauses)
- What will happen on death of a shareholder

### Shareholder disputes

A shareholders' agreement cannot prevent a dispute arising between shareholders but it set out the mechanics for what should happen in the event of a dispute or even define certain actions that could make a shareholder a compulsory leaver. Shareholders agreements can set out a dispute resolution procedure which shareholders must follow before disputes are escalated.

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### A nursery is only as good as its team and at Ambourne House we believe we have the best!

We have been busy welcoming back children who have been off for the summer, focussing on rebuilding strong bonds which are crucial. We also have new children to welcome to our setting and have been busy with visits over the last few weeks. We extend a warm welcome to each and everyone of our families.

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.

As we start the new term this autumn we are looking forward to hosting a Parents Montessori evening and other events throughout the year. Last year we held a Mother's day breakfast with scones and jam and for Father's day sausage and bacon sandwiches; we look forward to doing something similar in 2023. 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!

At the end of August we had a Defibrillator installed at the building. 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.

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 also 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 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.

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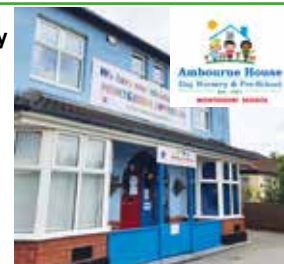
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Dawn is just back from overseeing renovations of the large, rustic 200 year old stone building and is excited to be welcoming people from March 2023.

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## News from a local woodland

The Splatts Abbey Wood Conservation Group is planning new projects and developing existing partnerships and plans in the historic woodland based beside the MoD and Cheswick Village. There are three Bradley Stoke residents on the Group's committee - Jenny James, Andy Ward and Fred Hillberg.

There are plans to build a Pond at the site as an exciting new feature and to encourage biodiversity and also to provide greater diversity within the woodland site. Splatts Group Chairman David Bell emphasised the importance of the project saying that in the twentieth century two thirds of the ponds in the country disappeared, so developing new ponds is vital nationally and for the Splatts Woodland in particular.

Long term Splatts Committee members Fred Hillberg and Andy Ward, excited by the project said: -

*"The pond is a project that has been on the radar at Splatts Woodland for quite some time, the area of woodland where the pond is to be created has always remained wet and boggy whatever the time of year so it is an ideal spot to create this new feature. It is hoped that given time the new pond will become naturally populated by plant life as well as species native to this type of environment replacing one of the many naturally occurring ponds that have been lost due to construction projects, road building etc.*

*A massive thank you to South Glos Council who have agreed to cover the cost associated with installing the pond, also to the team from UWE Greenspace team who are student volunteers kindly supporting the project and without whom we would not of been able to achieve as much as we have done, as we continue to conserve the*

*woodland for the use of future generations. Many thanks to all involved in the project."*

South Gloucestershire Council is strongly supporting the woodland's plans to build the pond and their support has been essential to its development.

Splatts Abbey Conservation Group works in Partnership with South Glos Council and its sister woodland Sims Hill, and student volunteers. This year the UWE Student volunteers were joined by student volunteers from the University of Bristol.

UWE Students John Hoyos and Tom Day said: - *"From a student's perspective being able to participate in the project planning and later building the pond shows our commitment to mother nature and to our common goal of tackling the climate emergency. Although it is a small project, what would happen if such small projects were replicated worldwide?"*

*Secondly, students who volunteer come from all walks of life and from a wide variety of degrees yet we all want to take action, create new habits for wildlife, network and gain skills such as how to fell trees, plant trees, and in the near future how to build a pond. These volunteering opportunities are beneficial for our personal wellbeing along with providing skills that can be applied in our day-to-day lives now and upon graduation."*

Splatts Abbey Wood Conservation group can be contacted at - [splattsabw@gmail.com](mailto:splattsabw@gmail.com)  
Sims Hill Community Woodland can be contacted at - [simshillcw@gmail.com](mailto:simshillcw@gmail.com)

Please Follow us on Facebook (Splatts Abbey Wood Conservation Group) and

Twitter (@SplattsG) for the latest updates and to get involved.



## A New Head for Holy Trinity Primary School

It was my pleasure to pop in to Holy Trinity Primary School at the start of the autumn term to meet newly appointed Head Teacher, Stuart McClelland. Mr McClelland has been teaching for 24 years in Bristol and this is his fifth role as Head across the area, the previous two roles being as an Executive Head of multiple primary schools.

As with many of us, the circumstances of the last couple of years has driven home the importance of a better work-life-balance and, with a young family himself, Mr McClelland decided that a position within his own home area of Bradley Stoke and even more importantly in a role where he could get back in front of the children directly, was something he would value.

Exuding a dynamic and energetic personality, Mr McClelland extolled the Christian values at the heart of Holy Trinity Primary - Love and Understanding - Thankfulness - Friendship - Resilience - Service/ Humility being just some of these. These are values to be proud of regardless of faith, or even if you come from a background without faith.

Holy Trinity is fortunate to have children from a variety of backgrounds and faiths and this in itself offers many learning opportunities. Mr McClelland told me that *"Children learn best from each other. Even as an adult, children educate us all the time, which then enriches our own lives. You can have a conversation with a child and find that their perspective can really lift you. Children are very accepting of each other (adults could learn a lot from this). There is much love and understanding between our children and nothing is better than allowing them to explain to their friends and classmates if they are celebrating a special festival - whether it be Christmas or Diwali - that others may not know about. As a school it is our job to encourage open vocabulary and in-person teaching where questions are welcomed and encouraged. We must offer a range of facilities where each child can flourish and make their own informed opinions based upon the facts they have access to"*.

When starting in any school the first thing is to look at what is working well from the stakeholders viewpoint, the children, the parents, the governors and the wider community in order to make the school the best it can be for the benefit of all children who attend; children of any faith and children of no faith. One thing Mr McClelland hopes to be able to encourage is the offering of different environments for learning, to be able to get outside more and discover outdoor learning. To encourage more clubs that the children wish to participate in be it sports, drama or something different (this is the subject for a planned pupil vote!). Schools have a lot to do to support children, but the importance of letting children be children, whilst still preparing them for the next level of learning journey, should not be lost from Mr McClelland's viewpoint.

At Holy Trinity there is time for collective worship of some kind every day, whether it be whole school led by the Head Teacher (on a Monday morning) or by an external visitor, or just time in class with the class teacher. This term's theme is one of the core values - Thankfulness. The importance of appreciating what you do have and not regretting what you do not.

This was very appropriate with the news of the Queen's passing late Thursday. Friday morning a whole school prayer service was held for the Queen and her family and the following Monday Mr McClelland headed a full school gathering of Thankfulness for the Queen. He guided the children to look at the Queen's life values, how she often spoke of the importance to her of her own Christian faith and how this has helped her throughout her life, as well as in her Service to our country.

We are pleased to be able to share a sample of some of the children's own work opposite as they reflected their thoughts of the Queen following the Thankfulness discussion.



A photograph issued to mark Her Majesty The Queen's 96th birthday, showing her ponies Bybeck Nightingale (left) and Bybeck Katie (right). Photograph: Royal Windsor Horse Show/PA

## Queen Elizabeth 1926-2022

### Some Thoughts and Prayers from the Children of Holy Trinity Primary School

#### Remembrance for Queen Elizabeth II

*The Queen was a mother, a leader  
and served our country faithfully.  
We remember Her Majesty because of this.  
She started as a young queen  
and grew into a great one.  
Our amazing queen  
served 70 years on the throne.  
We thank her for her leadership, we thank her for  
her service, thank you lord for Our Queen.  
Rest in peace  
Your Majesty Queen Elizabeth II  
Amen*

#### Dear Lord

*Thank you for our lovely queen.  
We are sad at her passing though we are  
thankful for her long reign.  
We thank you for her life and her energy.  
We hope that everyone learns to love life  
and nature like she did.  
Amen*

#### Dear Lord

*We are writing this prayer to remember our beloved  
Queen Elizabeth II.  
She reigned over us from the tender age of 25 until  
her passing at 96.  
We remember her compassion and generosity  
which she provided to our kingdom.  
We give our love to the Royal Family as they go  
through this challenging time.  
Please help all who are grieving.  
Thank you for giving us our amazing queen.  
Amen*

#### Our Queen

*Dear God,  
Thank you for The Queen's long life.  
Her role was important and  
we are thankful that she did so much.  
Thank you for guiding her to be a good  
queen, that followed you.  
We pray that she will have  
a good place in your heaven.  
Amen*



**We very much wanted to acknowledge the passing of Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth on 8th September and express our gratitude for her inspirational and constant presence in all of our lives.**

The sense of loss is enormous. Throughout her long and remarkable life, The Queen gave our country and the Commonwealth untiring service. She represented our country for more than seventy years; ever-present in our lives and a constant reminder of the values of determination, generosity and compassion. 90% of the country has only ever known the Queen as our monarch.

As Queen, she held regular (usually weekly) audiences throughout the terms of 14 British Prime Ministers, from Winston Churchill to Boris Johnson. Just two days before her death, Her Majesty, determined to carry out her duties to the end, appointed Liz Truss as her 15th Prime Minister. She met 7 Popes and her reign also spanned 14 American presidents, from Truman to Joe Biden. She met them all bar one, Lyndon Johnson.

Before she became Queen, she had said, *“There is none of my father’s subjects from the oldest to the youngest whom I do not wish to greet.”* During her reign, she visited every realm and every region of the UK, returning to some many times over. Initiating the ‘Royal Walkabout’, it is stated that nearly a third (31%) of the UK population claim to have met or seen the Queen in person (Our Gran, who is 97, has met her twice!).

In total she visited circa 128 different countries and travelled over a million miles. As Head of State she acted as diplomat and hostess making some 300 State visits, and welcoming over 110 Presidents and Prime Ministers to the UK on official visits.

Her Majesty supported and encouraged achievement in many different ways. The UK honours system enabled her to confer titles such as MBEs, OBEs and CBEs on people from all walks of life in public recognition of their merit, service or bravery. *“Some of them are very cleverly discovered,”* she said. *“That’s very important, that the system does discover people who do unsung things, that perhaps the local people know about but nobody else does, and that’s very satisfactory.”* During her reign approximately 400,000 such awards have been made and well over 1 million people have attended garden parties at the Palace.

*“I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.”*

Pledge from the Princess Elizabeth made on her 21st birthday in 1947

*“Although that vow was made in my salad days when I was green in judgement, I do not regret nor retract one word of it.”*

Queen Elizabeth on her Silver Jubilee in 1977

### The Coronation Day 1953

*A poem by Marlene Elizabeth Anne Ash, then aged 15. She loved the Queen. I can only imagine how exciting the Coronation must have been to a young girl back then.*

A young girl of slender frame,  
this Queen Elizabeth of our reign  
From her shoulders, slim and slight,  
Hangs a dress of Royal White

Diamonds are in her ears,  
Looking like faultless tears

While on her head a golden crown  
Gleams as before the altar she kneels down

On her head King Edward’s Crown,  
On her body a sateen gown  
On her shoulders a long red train  
This young girl has now begun her reign

Philip as always by her side,  
During her coronation ride  
People shout all the while,  
And she rewards them with a smile

From the balcony she gives her speech,  
All the people in England it will reach.  
All the people to the edge of the coast  
To the new Queen - A Toast - A Toast!

*In times when nothing stood  
But worsened, or grew strange,  
There was one constant good:  
She did not change.*

*Philip Larkin*

Written for the Silver Jubilee in 1977. Her Majesty was to carry on for another 45 years after these words were written.

The Queen has sent around 100,000 telegrams to centenarians in the UK and the Commonwealth and more than 280,000 telegrams to couples celebrating their diamond wedding (60 years) anniversary.

Those closest to her often talked about her wicked sense of humour, which became apparent to the rest of us during some big national moments such as the 2012 Olympics opening ceremony featured a skit in which she accompanied Daniel Craig as James Bond from the palace to the Olympic Stadium; her own idea, which she had kept secret from the rest of her family. This year, her Platinum Jubilee celebrations included her playing herself in a short video with a CGI version of Paddington Bear, bonding over a shared love of marmalade sandwiches – finally revealing the secret of what she’d been keeping in her handbag for all those years!

And let us not forget she was also a mother and grandmother, a matriarch as well as a monarch. She was married to Prince Philip for 73 years, had four children, eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. For them as well as us, she was a symbol of stability, resilience, and wisdom.

**God Bless You Ma’am. Thank you for your great service.**

**“Queen Elizabeth II was the rock on which modern Britain was built ... She has been a personal inspiration to me and to many Britons. Her devotion to duty is an example to us all.”**

Prime Minister Liz Truss



**Her Majesty  
QUEEN ELIZABETH II  
1926-2022**

### For Elizabeth

*by Philippa Atkin*

Lay still your tongues and bow your heads,  
lower the flags, our Queen is dead.

Put down your work, set games aside, silence  
the songs, our Queen has died.

Stand in the streets, pause in the rush, think  
of her now, amid the hush;

In the time before the tribute drum, ‘til the  
bugles call and the eulogies come.

Hold back the words, make no speeches  
today,

Reflect on the debt we may never repay.

A beacon of light, a life lived well, give thanks  
for our Queen, toll the mourning bell.

Grieve now a while, let the Nations weep  
for our greatest Queen in her final sleep.

Then raise up your hearts, let her legacy sing,  
Great Britain unite and stand by our King.

The future is ours in a world made bright, by  
the strength of her love and eternal light.



**Long Live the King,  
His Majesty King Charles III**





## Her Majesty The Queen

It is with profound sadness that we at Girlguiding have learned of the death of our Patron, Her Majesty The Queen. Our deepest sympathies are with the Royal Family at this very sad time.

On a personal note, both of my Rainbow units had taken the time to make a card and to write a letter to The Queen to wish her a splendid Platinum Jubilee and were so excited to receive in return a letter and two cards.

They didn't believe that Her Majesty would find the time to reply to people so young and seemingly unimportant but that she did write back and with such generosity, Her Majesty has made them realise that they are significant and that all the Queen's subjects were important to her, even the very small ones.



To: The 1<sup>st</sup> Alverstoke and 1<sup>st</sup> Piling Rainbows

The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for the letters and colourful cards which you sent to Her Majesty on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee.

The Queen was glad to hear from you and, although unable to reply to you personally, Her Majesty greatly appreciated the nice things you said.

I am to thank you again for your messages of good wishes to The Queen in this, her Platinum Jubilee year.

*Lizzy Hussey*

Lady-in-Waiting

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## Bradley Stoke Cricket Club: Season Review

### Youth season 2022 review

Another busy season for over 100 local youngsters has ended, with the weather largely kind, albeit with matches postponed due to excessive heat for the first time. Eight teams between late April and late August completed over 80 matches.

We made it to an unprecedented four Bristol Youth Cricket League finals, with our Under 17s reaching that stage in their 'Champions League' style league championship, our main Under 15s and Under 13s teams reaching their knockout cup showpieces, and our main Under 11s team making their plate final. Unfortunately, we came up short in all four, by 28, 8, 14 and 32 runs respectively. Batting first may be the way forward!

Notable league success came in the form of our main Under 13s team finishing runners up in the performance (top) division, only on net run rate and having beaten the eventual winners; and our main Under 15s and 11s teams remaining unbeaten in and winning their participation (middle) divisional groups.

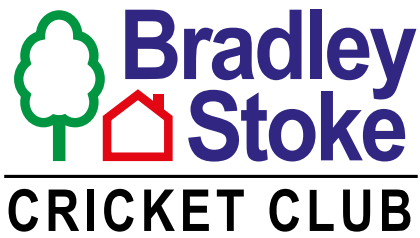
Additional experience was gained by 28 of our youth players in senior cricket matches, three of whom played on occasion for our Saturday 1st team in the West of England Premier League.

All in all a successful season and much to look forward to in 2023 and beyond.

As ever thanks to our coaching team, ground staff, committee, parents, players, the Bristol Youth Cricket League and the town council, all of whom play their part in facilitating training sessions and matches.

### Adult Section 2022 Review

2022 presented an exciting proposition for the club with the first team moving into the West of England Premier League Bristol & North Somerset with the seconds and thirds hoping to back up strong 2021's with promotions this season. Our fourth team had a great promotion year in 2021 and looked to solidify their spot in their new league and amazingly, our fifth team was hoping to become a more prominent fixture with availability at an all-time high.



Alas, the season did not go as planned for the first XI, suffering relegation on the final day of the season. Albeit, after a strong second half of the season which gives great belief moving into next season in what will be a tough Bristol & District Senior Division. Tom Laver finished top scorer for the side with 669 runs (8th overall in the league) which in itself is a great achievement. Competing with strong sides such as Congresbury, Keynsham and Brislington can only stand the team in good stead for future challenges!



However, it was the opposite outcome for the second team (above photo) who had a great season to finish as runners up in the Bristol & District Division 4 to be promoted to Division 3! A hotly contested league, which saw many twists and turns, culminated in a final day victory at Long Ashton to secure promotion! Mikey Tromans finishing as top scorer with 455 runs (7th overall in the league) but the standout player was Club Legend and all-time top wicket taker Wayne Passmore who amassed an amazing 38 wickets finishing as top wicket taker in the league, 11 wickets ahead of his closest counterpart!

It was success for the third XI also who were promoted as champions of division 10! An amazing team effort this season, which saw the team, lose just 2 games all season. Harry Eccott scoring 401 runs (9th in the league despite only

playing half of the games!!) A season in division 9 is one to look forward to for the third team, higher than the third XI have ever played.

Our fourth team had another great season finishing in a solid 7th position, which will set a platform for next season. A great mix of Youth and experience saw the side make great progress across the season. Prabhaukar finishing as the team's top scorer with 433 runs!



Our Women's team also took further exciting steps this season as they entered the GCF Women's 35 over league held on Sundays. Each team in the league was allocated 1 or 2 Gloucestershire players to further develop women's cricket in the area, unfortunately our 2 allocated players were unavailable for selection for any of the games so we hope to see availability more promising next season from our allocated players. Despite this the team did amazingly well to finish 4th in the league! On the pitch, it was another great season with runs and wickets flowing including reaching the final of the GCF Women's Hardball Hundred competition. Emma Vincent finished as top run scorer with 236 runs and she also bagged the top wicket taker prize with 10 wickets.

To summarise, the club had a mixed year with promotion and relegation across some of our adult teams, however the club continues to grow and shows its long-term future is very bright!

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who make playing each game possible as without them it the club really wouldn't be able to function in the way it does.

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## Hockey Saturdays are back!



We at South Glos Hockey Club are extremely excited that Hockey Saturdays (and Sundays) are back on the calendar! We are excited to build on the progress made last season where we played 96 matches, out of which we won 34, drew 12 and lost 50. There was a grand total of 232 goals scored across our five league teams!

### Who are we?

We are a local, Bristol hockey club based at Bradley Stoke Community School. We have three mens teams and two ladies teams. We're a friendly sociable club off the pitch as well, throughout the season there are plenty of social events and get-togethers, including the much-anticipated end of season awards dinner!

We play competitive league matches on Saturdays and in a friendly mixed league on Sundays. This year, the hockey season stretches from October 2022 to April 2023. And if that isn't enough hockey, we also enter a friendly league throughout the summer months; so there is plenty of hockey on the cards.

Watch this space or check out our social media pages for updates on this season.

### Youth Hockey

This year we enter our fourth year of Youth Hockey as it continues to go from strength to strength. Youth Hockey runs on Sunday mornings at Bradley Stoke Community School from 10am to 11am. Our Youth Programme is split into two groups.

The first is Hockey Heroes. The Hockey Heroes programme is a fun and welcoming introduction to hockey, for children aged 5-8. It is aimed at beginners and will develop the physical skills to play the sport, such as dribbling and passing. It also places emphasis on character development superpowers such as teamwork, communication, perseverance and respect.

The second is Junior Hockey which is aimed at children aged 8-14. Our aim is for the children to enjoy playing

hockey! Our team of coaches work with children to develop their hockey and team working skills as they grow with the sport. Last season, we were able to purchase new equipment (including youth Goalkeeper kit) to support the Junior coaching and teams. This allowed us to enter the Avon Junior Hockey League for the first time. The Avon Junior League is a series of mixed 7-a-side festivals for U10s and U12s where teams play several short games. Our juniors cannot wait for the hockey festivals to start again this season.

This season we have already seen our first Junior join in with our Adult training and Club Tournament.

A lovely quote from one of our junior's parent:

*"Just wanted to say, the festival today was my daughter's very first experience of playing in a "proper" match (and only the third week since she joined SGHC). It has meant to the world to her to be involved today; she is absolutely buzzing now and it's done heaps for her confidence, so thank you so much to everyone involved for giving her the chance today and being so kind to her. A lovely start to hopefully a lifelong love of team sports! Thank you again."*

### Fancy giving hockey a go?

We are always looking for new players! We can cater for long-term hockey fanatics and those who have never picked up a stick before. We even have sticks you can borrow. The only thing you would need to bring with you is shin pads, a gumshield and enthusiasm.

We train at Bradley Stoke Community School. The ladies train on Mondays from 7:00pm to 8:30pm; and the men train on Tuesdays from 8:00pm to 9:30pm.

*So why not come along for your free taster session?*

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## A New Season at Bradley Stoke Town Football Club

Bradley Stoke Town have eagerly waiting for the new football season to start. The committee have been working hard behind the scenes in preparation with three out of the five football teams playing in new divisions this season after gaining promotions.

We have brought in some new players this season to boost the first team's chances to make it to County level football following their win in the Bristol Combination Division 1 last season promoting them to the Bristol Premier Combination League! (photos above).

We said goodbye to Phil Ashton after he stood down as the veterans manager, we wish Phil all the best.

We start a first ever Sunday team who are competing on Division one of the Bristol Sunday Premier League.

We have seen a big influx of players from last season local under 18 teams, which is good to see local lads moving on to play for their local adults football team.

It's been a good pre-season for the club with plenty of the games being played throughout all of the teams. The Veterans have started strong in their pre-season games which is great to see.

The season kicked off with Jon Welsh's first team who welcomed St Nicholas to Patchway community school. The firsts managed to get one point on the board with a goal from Tom Muller which enabled the firsts come away with a 1-1 draw.

The Reserves opened the season with a short trip to play Bristol Barcelona. The reserves knew it was going to be a difficult fixture as Bristol Barcelona were strong contenders last season who also were promoted. George Haskins took a good squad with him but were unfortunately beaten 2-1.



Chris Evans opened the season for the A team with a home fixture against St Nicholas Res. Chris has put a lot of effort in this pre-season trying to strengthen the team. Chris has had some new players which have fitted right in with his plans. Unfortunately, the start of the season didn't go to plan, where in the second half the A's allowed St Nicks to score three goals.

The B & C teams are yet to start the season as we went to print.

Club history was made where our first ever Sunday team played their first ever competitive fixture. The Sunday team, who play on the new 4G pitch at Winterbourne Academy, faced Little Stoke Old Boys. George saw his team run out 7-3 winners.

The Veterans start their season on Sunday 2nd October vs Severnside, in what should be a thrilling game. Severnside are the league winners on a regular basis, so it will be a big test of the Vets who are eager to start.

**We are always on the lookout for new players, or volunteers to assist in the running of the club. If you are interested, please get in touch via our facebook or twitter page or via our website [www.bstfc.co.uk](http://www.bstfc.co.uk)**

**As always, the club would like to thank Bradley Stoke Matters for their ongoing support & sponsorship. The club depends on sponsorship and the ongoing support from the Committee.**



**The club heavily depends on people giving up their time to ensure the local football team is running smoothly. Over the years we have increased the size by 3 football teams. This has only been possible due to the dedication of the management committee working endlessly.**



# A Year of Firsts for Bradley Stoke Judo Club as We Bid a Sad Farewell to a Club Legend

## Steve Westlake

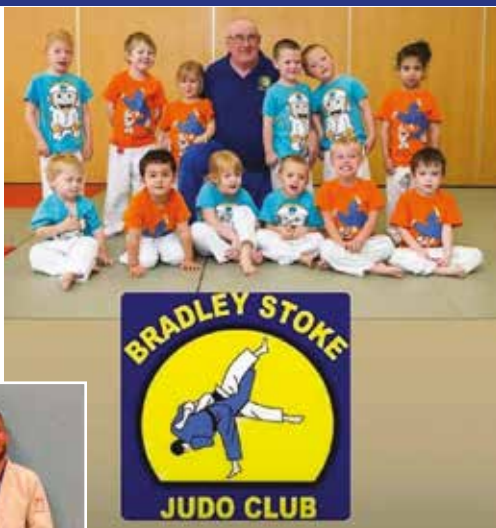
Before we talk about the progress of the club this year, we start this article by mentioning the sad passing of our wonderful and inspirational club president Steve Westlake who died after a short illness in July. Steve (photo right) was the founder of Bradley Stoke Judo Club with head coach Nick Brace back in 1999.

Though retiring from the main club coaching programme during the pandemic, Steve continued to coach in mainstream and special educational needs schools in Bristol right up until his untimely death. During his coaching career Steve was pivotal in the promotion of adaptive judo in British Judo and founded one of the very first adaptive sections in the UK as part of the club. One person who is testament to Steve's dedication to adaptive judo is Rowan Kinsella (inset) who won a bronze medal at the recent UK Adaptive Judo Championships in August. Rowan now trains with the advanced and seniors classes competing in both the mainstream and adaptive forms of Judo. Steve was very proud of Rowan and would have been thrilled at his recent success and continued development as a judoka.

Steve was ever present at the club and always had time for everyone. His beaming smile will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

## BSJC Continue to Build on Our Previous Success

At the end of each year when the club reflects on the past 12 months and all the successes it has achieved, it can be a daunting prospect to think how we can better it in the year to come. However tough the new targets seem, Bradley Stoke Judo Club always manages to hit them and continues to set the levels for others to follow and achieve new firsts not only for the club but for Judo locally, regionally and nationally. The following article highlights just some of the fantastic achievements so far this year:



Our under 12s beginners/novice class goes from strength to strength and we regularly see up to 40 kids from the age of 4 upwards learning the basics of Judo whilst having great fun and making new friends. We continue to see strong interest from parents wanting to enrol their children in the class.

We have started to see the first cohort of under 12s progress to the more advanced classes and take their first steps on the competition mat achieving some great results (photo bottom right). We are very proud of the progress of younger judoka and the fantastic sense of companionship and respect between all of them.

On the national and international front we have been proud of the number of judoka at the club who competed at the under 18, under 21, Senior and Veteran age groups representing England, Wales and the Great Britain all around the globe. Countries visited so far have included Ecuador, Mongolia, Israel, Italy, Croatia, France, Poland, Romania, Kosovo and Turkey with even more countries still to come this year.

In the under 18 level we have had 4 members compete across Europe with the most notable performances coming from Ben Moore who won a



bronze medal on the European Cup circuit and was selected by GB to compete at the European finals.

In the Junior (under 21) age bracket we have again tasted great success and have had Tatum Keen, Ethan Nairne and Ryan Rijkse-Salman all being selected to fight at the Junior World and European Championships. For the World Championships only 4 judoka were selected to represent GB with 3 of the team being from our club!

On the senior level which is age 23+ Lele Nairne (photo right) has gone from strength to strength being selected to fight for GB at Grand Prix and Grand Slam levels which are the highest level a judoka can compete at. The next cycle for Olympic qualifying has started and Lele is now in the position to try and earn enough points to qualify for an Olympic place. In another first for the club Lele was selected to represent Team England at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. Lele fought really hard and achieved a great 5th place just narrowly missing out on a medal.

On the Veteran front we recently saw club coaches Nick Brace and Roy Walker fighting at the Veteran World Championships in Poland where they both achieved 5th places in their respective weight groups. Both put in great performances against top quality opposition, and they were unlucky not to come away having been on the medal rostrum.

On the grading front we have seen 10 members of the club achieve their black belts so far this year. This is a great achievement for them as they have had to achieve 100 points through winning competitive fights and passing a tough theory exam



on Judo techniques which includes providing the Japanese names for them.

Head Coach Pete Douglas (centre, top photo) has double cause to celebrate so far this year by achieving his 6th Dan black belt and qualifying to coach at the highest level in World Judo. To achieve his 6th Dan Pete had to go through a very hard theory test and be

nominated and recognised by British Judo for his services to Judo. The International Judo Coaching award took a great deal of study and dedication over the past year and ended with a week long residential exam where he had to undergo multiple practical and theory exams to earn his qualification. Pete becomes only one of 2 such qualified coaches in the whole of the South West.

The club continues to attract new members of all ages and levels but we do not run a waiting list, so we are always open and welcoming to anyone who wants to start or improve their judo. We are proud that we are the premier club in the South West and one of the UK's top performance clubs.





## 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 Whetafield 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](http://www.bradley-stoke-scouts.org.uk/join)

**1st Little Stoke Scouts** - 1st Little Stoke Scout Group, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. To enquire about your child joining or to volunteer call Tony Edmonds (Group Scout Leader) 07957880503, or email [tonyedmonds108@yahoo.com](mailto:tonyedmonds108@yahoo.com)

**Bradley Stoke 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](mailto:ambyoung29@yahoo.com)

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

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

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**Gifted drama group** Saturday 10-11.30am. Term time at Holy Trinity church. Ages 8-12 years. Contact Hayley Thomas via church office 01454 620975

**Girl Guides, Brownies & Rainbows** - [admingirlguidingbsg.org.uk](mailto:admingirlguidingbsg.org.uk), [girlguidingbsg.org.uk](mailto: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

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

**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](http://www.silverwindsflutechoir.co.uk) or email [silverwinds@michellekrawiec.co.uk](mailto: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

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**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.

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

**Black and Blues Netball** - Non-League Social Netball Wednesdays 7.30-9pm BSCS, contact: [blackandblues\\_netball@outlook.com](mailto:blackandblues_netball@outlook.com).

**Bradley Stoke Bowls Club** - Baileys Court Activity Centre [www.bradleystokebowls.com](http://www.bradleystokebowls.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

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**Bradley Stoke Cricket Club** - throughout the cricket season, we run 6 adult teams and five youth teams. All contacts are on our website at [bradleystokecc.play-cricket.com](http://bradleystokecc.play-cricket.com)

**Bradley Stoke Jiu Jitsu Club** - Chris Harris, [maru.jiujitsu@gmail.com](mailto:maru.jiujitsu@gmail.com) We train at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre Tues & Fri evenings, classes for children and adults

**Bradley Stoke Junior Netball Club** - Meet at the Jubilee Centre every Wednesday U12's - 5.15pm - 6.15pm - U14 & U16's - 5.45pm - 7.15pm [bsncjuniors@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bsncjuniors@yahoo.co.uk) <http://bradleystokenetballjuniors.org.uk/>

**Bradley Stoke Judo** - Various days and times, Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre, [www.bradleystokejudoclub.com](http://www.bradleystokejudoclub.com)

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**Bristol Extreme Allstar Cheerleaders** - Wednesdays 7-9pm Little Stoke Primary School, [bristolxtreme@gmail.com](mailto:bristolxtreme@gmail.com)

**North Bristol Rugby Club**, Rugby teams from 4+ [www.pitchero.com/clubs/northbristoljuniorsrfc/](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/northbristoljuniorsrfc/) .

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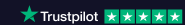
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