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Dear Readers....

Happy birthday to us!! This summer marks the 18th anniversary of the very first edition of Bradley Stoke Matters back in 2005! Many of our advertisers from the initial black and white days of print are still advertising with us today including our very first advertiser, the lovely Lois from Medway Design, who has appeared in every single issue and also expanded into our neighbouring Winterbourne & Frampton Matters! Within the year, due to multiple request from residents, we'd expanded to also include Little Stoke and Stoke Gifford! In 18 years we have not missed publishing an issue, only once having to cease delivery of our April 2020 edition due to the immediate nature of the lockdown restrictions (but every subsequent issue was delivered by our fantastic and dedicated team of local deliverers!).

Over the last 18 years we have been privileged to have helped many local businesses start out and grow, and also to have seen a few retire! Residents love to keep it local and prefer to use local people where possible, which in turn has helped our advertisers' businesses thrive. We have received so much positive feedback over the years of how we have brought the community together by sharing news of community groups and events and how to make contact, and how people have subsequently found fun and friendship through our pages. The intention has always been to be a source of positive information within the community - it's too easy to focus on the bad news but there is so much more good going on around us every single day.

We have expanded this edition to fit everything in, so no room to list it all here - you will have to have a good read through to make sure you don't miss anything! Don't forget if you are a business looking to promote your services across the Stokes do get in touch - deadline for the next edition is **15th September**.

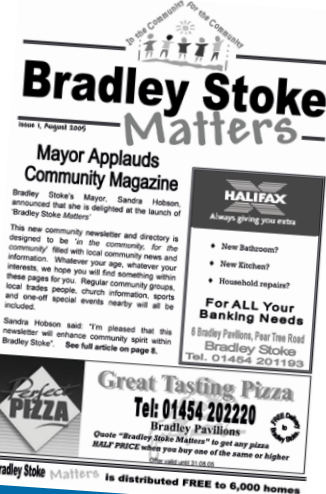
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News from the Royal British Legion, Stoke Gifford Branch

The Stoke Gifford Branch of the Royal British Legion is celebrating a great Poppy Appeal.

The Branch is very grateful to the very generous members of the public, local venues and other organisations 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.

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 or ring Tony Peters on **01179 470 775**

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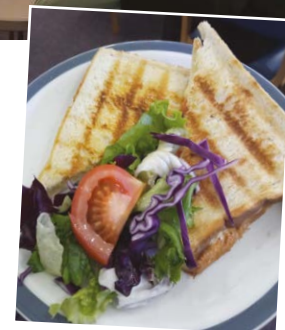
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Tackling food poverty and isolation in Little Stoke

For many years Little Stoke Baptist Church has run a regular coffee morning on a Thursday starting at 10am, during the winter in response to the warm spaces campaign they extended their hours to stay open until 2pm and offered a warm lunch. Since then the response has been overwhelming.

Rev. Tania Vaughan says, "we saw people coming not only because they were cold or hungry but because they were lonely". To eat together in fellowship does not only build community, it is Biblical. Many of the stories about Jesus centre around food and hospitality. As a church we really feel called to feed people not only physically, but emotionally and spiritually and so we are continuing to offer a free lunch every Thursday alongside other support services.

With the support of funding from South Gloucestershire Council we have been able to train volunteers in food hygiene, buy toastie machines to increase what we can offer and put everything in place needed to receive our 5* rating from Environmental Health.



This has meant that we are now able to offer other services. We regularly collect surplus food from Aldi on a Monday and Lidl on a Thursday which is offered to the local community. When food is available it is posted to the church Facebook page. The church is a referral agent in partnership with North Bristol & South Glos. Foodbank and works closely with the team there to find sustainable ways of tackling food poverty.

We work closely with other services in order to signpost people to additional support, as a part of this we have had people come to chat to the community on a Thursday from Bromford Housing, Citizens Advice, Adult Learning at SGS and Mental Health support services.

In the past year the space has changed from a weekly coffee morning to "The Place" in Little Stoke to be community, to eat, share coffee and stories and to be welcomed just as you are. The space not only offers a cafe style environment but also a safe garden space, a monthly creative workshop, games, clothing and a toddler area.

We are often asked why we would provide all of this without asking anything in return (although donations are accepted there is no charge for any activities or food we offer). We do it because as Christians we believe in loving others without exception and without expecting anything in return.

At Little Stoke Baptist Church there is a place for everyone.



STOKE GIFFORD

PARISH COUNCIL

Sadly, in June 2023 vandals set fire to the popular play equipment at Meade Park causing it to go up in flames and as such the equipment and safety surface is completely condemned beyond repair. The Parish Council staff were notified on the evening it happened and following various checks from the emergency services and insurers the site was cleared and made safe within a few days.

The impressive tower was tailor made to attach to the popular play slide and cost the Parish Council £29,450.00 on 6th December 2021.



Parish Clerk (John Rendell) is liaising with local Councillor's and the Councils insurance company in the hope to reinstate a play space that again can be enjoyed by so many. Parish Clerk commented, "Officers have been dealing with the insurers from the day after this terrible event, and it is hoped that we will be in a position to look at replacing the play space with something similar towards the end of the calendar year".

Council members and officers have attended Beat Surgery meetings and the Community Engagement Forum in the hope the Police are aware who committed this offence.

Keep up to date with news and info on the Stoke Gifford Parish Council website. <https://www.stokegifford.org.uk/news/>

End of an era

One of our regular visitors to the Little Stoke playing fields carried out his last lap of the grounds recently as he is relocating away from the area to be nearer to a family member. A very popular local resident, Nigel has been visiting the park daily for a number of years carrying out many laps either side of popping into the café for his lunch. Nigel was greeted by many friends (old and new) as he said his farewells.



As of early May 2023, we have a new Council here at Stoke Gifford following the Local Elections. Meet your new Councillors:



Dave Addison, Chair SGPC
Stoke Gifford Central Ward & District



Sue Bandcroft, Vice Chair SGPC
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Local Nature Plan

Stoke Gifford Parish Council in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council has recognised the importance of taking steps to address the ecological crisis our world is facing. Acting together we will:

1. Address the effects of climate change.
2. Enhance the ecological value of our parks and green spaces.
3. Develop local habitat so plants, ferns, lichen, trees, insects and birds thrive.
4. Create and connect wildlife corridors.
5. Make nature relevant to all local residents.

We need everyone to become involved:

- To improve how we manage and connect public open spaces.
- To provide vital green space for nature to thrive in our communities.
- To create more attractive and healthier places for residents to live, now and in the future.

A Local Nature Action Plan has been drawn up in order for us to take the necessary steps to stop the decline of biodiversity. This is a five year plan.

Cllr Sue Bandcroft has been working hard in compiling this local plan, and will be actively involved in completing the agreed targets for 2023. If you are able to offer further support or help with this plan, please contact Cllr Sue Bandcroft via the Council Offices (or via the website). Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated and would also help build and support local natural wildlife.

Volunteers are needed to help with the building of • Bat Boxes • Hedgehog Boxes • Bird Nesting Boxes (photo shows Tim Hewer with a bat box)

Check out the Parish website for more information : <https://www.stokegifford.org.uk/council/local-nature-plan.php>



Report from Dan Norris, DAN NORRIS
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Thank You! from David

I want to say a huge thank you to everyone in Stoke Gifford who put their trust in me to represent them as a local councillor. I'm happy to be a Stoke Gifford resident and, with your help, we can make it an even better place to live and work.

During the election campaign, I said I would hold regular surgeries so I could meet people and listen to their concerns. These will be up and running from September. In the meantime, you can email me using david.addison@southglos.gov.uk and I will be happy to help.

Meanwhile we are getting on with our new Cabinet responsibilities at South Gloucestershire Council and bringing in the change people voted for.

Thanks again!



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Update from Jack Lopresti, MP

This month I have focused on 3 issues in our area, our national defence and defence industries, jobs and access to health services.

I was recently part of a roundtable discussion at the National Composites Centre with multiple employers including MBDA, Leonardo, GKN, BAE Systems, Rolls Royce and Babcock. We discussed multiple issues relating to the work the NCC do to support the defence industry in our area and enhance the technology base in our area. The NCC is part of the catapult network, designed to massively progress regional technology investment, encourage cooperation between companies and promote high-value manufacturing in the UK economy to help give British manufacturing a competitive advantage. In the discussion I emphasised the importance of educational engagement by STEM-field companies and the necessity to get young people engaged in science and engineering so that we can maintain excellence in manufacturing and produce the next generation of scientists and engineers.

I was also able to visit Babcock (photo below) and meet with Chief Technology Officer Dr Richard Drake, where I had an interesting discussion about their innovative projects. It was great to see such cutting-edge technology being developed right here in our area such as the Skynet satellite programme. We also discussed the importance of the recent AUKUS agreement. In parliament I also got to meet with apprentices from major Filton employers Airbus and Rolls-Royce to hear about their progress and their future career plans.



Access to health services is one of the most important issues for our area I recently visited Paula and Andy at Almondsbury Surgery to discuss primary healthcare provision. We also talked about their new access model, being introduced in July, which will enable greater access to clinical professionals at the practice through an online system. I also had the opportunity to have



a very informative meeting with Maria Kane, CEO of North Bristol NHS Trust at Southmead Hospital. We discussed the improvements made to cancer care by the trust, as well as domiciliary care and their impressive apprenticeship program with several hundred apprentices currently at the trust. I also heard about the exciting proposals for a new elective care centre with 4 theatres which will be a major boost to their operation.

At the SGS College Employer Conference this month (above photo), it was good to see so many local employers. Very interesting to hear presentations from Principal Sara-Jane and Matt and Chloe from Business West discussing business engagement, and skills development in our area as well as how the college can further develop their relationship with business and provide the skills required by employers in our area. I also visited the Engineering Centre at Abbeywood School to discuss the new University Technical College sleeve concept being introduced with representatives of Olympus Trust, UT Colleges, The Baker Dearing Educational Trust and several employers in our area. The UTC sleeve concept involves an advanced engineering facility located within a wider school framework. This should provide not only Abbeywood students, but students from across the Olympus Academy Trust with the ability to gain practical experience of engineering, and technical education in a first-class environment, it is very encouraging that local students will have access to such a high-quality resource.

Lastly, I should like to quash certain rumours that have been circulated during the recent local elections that I am not local. I was born in Southmead Hospital, and have lived and worked in the Bristol and South Gloucestershire area all my life. I have resided in this constituency since 2006, having lived in Filton, Frenchay and Bradley Stoke. I currently live near Almondsbury.

As always, should you need my help with anything, my office is open from Monday to Friday between 9am and 6pm. Please telephone me on 01454 617783 or email me at: jack.lopresti.mp@parliament.uk if I can be of assistance or to book a surgery.

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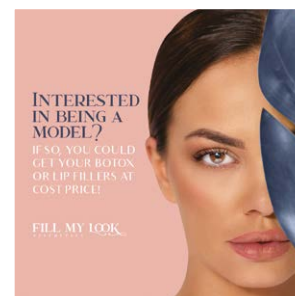
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Local performing group looks for new members

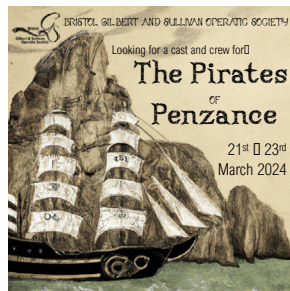
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Local performing group, Bristol Gilbert & Sullivan Operatic Society, is looking for people to join their ranks. The current membership includes people of all ages – from age 8 to 80 – who get together regularly to sing, act and socialise.

Chair Hannah Long, is passionate about the society, "It's a really friendly group who aren't just great performers, we are also great friends." Along with a professional orchestra, BGSOS is looking forward to its next production of *The Pirates of Penzance* at The Redgrave Theatre in Clifton in March.

BGSOS rehearses at Saint Teresa's on Gloucester Road in Filton on Tuesdays from September. BGSOS is looking for performing members, scenery builders, costume developers and technical volunteers. You can also support us as a society friend.

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Wellbeing Matters!



Well it's that time of year again – Summer Holidays! What does that mean for you?



When it comes to our Wellbeing, it is easy to find that changes in routine knock us off course. For some, the certainty of routine provides a stress-free life. For others it is quite the opposite; the constant treadmill of things to remember for school, (from end of year performance costumes to school reports, remembering teacher presents and getting time off work to see your offspring run for a whole 30 seconds in a health and safety-approved sports day) creates more stress than anything else! You might be ready to cast routine out of the window and sit with a large glass of wine in a darkened room!

Maybe you are blessed with Grandchildren and look forward to school holidays because it's a chance to spend more precious time with them and make memories to cherish. Nowadays, it is not uncommon that Grandparents contribute hugely to managing childcare across the long holiday period. Is that something that brings you endless joy or do you feel ready for a holiday yourself by the time September comes?!

Children often find routine a great stabiliser, so whilst the lure of that 6 weeks of freedom is all that keeps them going through these last few days of July, the novelty can wear off after a couple of weeks and the boredom rise, niggling with siblings increase and you find yourself managing more heated negotiations that you might have been at work!

You might have a fun-packed 6 weeks ahead and already know when you're away, what play dates and day trips you have in store and are counting down the days yourself to a blissful holiday season together.



Tip the Balance

Any of these could easily be your truth. For every person who is counting down the days till family time together, there are others who feel it looms with a sense of quiet desperation, financial worries, childcare stresses and sleepless nights wondering how to make it through till the schools go back. It's best we don't slip into judgement of ourselves, or others, either way.

If you're working towards health and fitness goals, having your children as cheerleaders can really help motivate you through your workouts, accompanying you on your runs/walks, company to walk the dog, extra hands to help prepare meals, the chance to be more active in the park, at the beach...or not. Having them around might disrupt your momentum, halt mid-morning gym sessions or mean a slightly different pool experience to the relaxing swim sessions you had been enjoying in the afternoons.

If you're "struggling to find the time" just challenge yourself to make sure that's the truth and not a convenient excuse to take a break from working on you! As humans, we have a natural instinct to conserve our energy and take the path of least resistance. Harsh words, but always worth checking! Staying on track comes down to your priorities and planning ahead, and flexibility as you progress through the summer period. Working together as a family to maintain your focus and make sure you all have time for you may sound selfish, but if you are topped up and on track, it's amazing how this positive energy ripples out through the family. If it's still a daunting prospect, let's chat and see how we can support you to have a happy, balanced summer!

See you soon for our next Wellbeing update from Tip the Balance – The Clinic Without Walls™

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New Local Respite Day Care Centres

Autumn Years Community Care are an experienced and established team supporting people living with dementia and those who care for them.



Through an innovative range of services Autumn Years Community Care offers the older generation and their caregivers solutions to the problems that they face when confronted with such a life changing diagnosis. The respite day centres offer a safe and compassionate environment where people can enjoy good company and participate in fun activities with lots of laughter along the way. Activities include: Live music, Arts & Crafts, intergenerational events, Animal Therapy, chair based exercise, gardening, song and dance, pottery, trips out and many more. Recent trips have included a visit to Oakham Treasures and the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery. A recent cheese and wine tasting session was also very much enjoyed.

Autumn Years Director Victoria Irish said, "Our respite centres are a haven for anyone living with dementia or living in isolation. They are a place where someone can enjoy a stimulating and fun filled time while their loved ones take a much needed break."

In May Autumn Years opened their first respite day centre at the Ridgewood Community Centre in Yate, swiftly followed with a second opening at Turnberries in Thornbury. They are now pleased to announce the opening of a third Centre on 8th August at the

St Michael's community centre in Stoke Gifford. Further centres are also planned to open in Winterbourne and Lawrence Weston at the end of August.

The Respite Centres run every week throughout the year and activities are designed around each individual's interests and capabilities to ensure that they make the most of every minute.

Victoria continued, "We are very aware of the impact that loneliness can have on a person's health, so our focus will always be on helping our clients to improve their physical and mental wellbeing, reduce their anxiety and stress levels and maintain their independence and quality of life."

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Ray Rubber joined in March 23 and is learning everything about travel and specialising in Golf and Sports Holidays.

Now in August, John Marchant is joining the team as our Cruise, Winter & European Holidays expert. John is a very established and eminent travel agent and brings immense experience. John is joining as a Director in the business.

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Andy, top photo centre with the team; and new Director John Marchant above.

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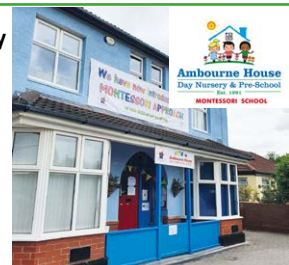
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Tuesday	16th	January '24	at 9.30am

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- **Reception half school days in September: we can help with childcare.**
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Spaces for the new preschool have been filling fast, we have minimal places available from September. Sessions are offered for children aged from 2 upwards during term time only, Monday to Friday 9am-12pm and 12-3pm, or all day from 9am-3pm. Funded places are also available.

Child Starting Reception? We are supporting the half school days in September with an hourly rate to support parents' childcare needs before full time school starts.

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OSR Scouts from 1st Stoke Gifford Group challenge themselves at Strategy

Every year for the past 8 since Strategy Competition with camping started, the OSR troop from Stoke Gifford take on the challenge at Cirencester Park.

This year against 336 other teams of scouts, guides, explorer scouts and rangers the super star team came a respectable 60th place.

The weekend starts at about 5pm for the scouts although the leaders get to the estate a few hours earlier to select their camping area and put up the tents and gazebo. Once on site they get an arm band either blue, orange, green or yellow which get called at meal times. A safety briefing and then hot soup and a roll and then pretty much free time before bed.

Saturday morning starts with breakfast and the teams gather to have their kit checked and walk out to either A, B or C hubs. The leaders have already left to their designated base to set up and await the competition start.

The day runs from 9am till 5pm and the teams must visit as many of the bases as they can in any order they like, take on the challenge and move on. Bases are scored either 50, 100 or 150 points.

After checking back in its dinner then lots of evening entertainment from silent disco to cafe and lots more.

Sunday morning is breakfast then results and free time whilst decamping and getting ready to go home. Lots of inflatables, cave bus, go karts and more!

The team of 6 from OSR were Charlie, Amy, Zoe, Samuel, Rayne and Rebecca. A big well done to all for doing their best!

Also a big Thank You to Lee for stepping in as always to help lead the weekend for the troop.

Here's looking forward to next year!



Summer term ends with a splash!

The scouts from 1st Stoke Gifford Old School Rooms finished a very busy water themed summer term at the West Country Water Park in Trench Lane near Bradley Stoke, the scouts had an evening on the inflatable water assault course. Lots of fun was had by all! The water quality and activities available are awesome and the scouts had attended earlier in the term with the water rats from 1st Bradley Stoke scout group with 2 evenings of raft building and racing.

Also this term the scouts had an evening of kayaking at Saltford with the water unit from 1st Keynsham scout group

Plus dragon boating with Bristol Empire Dragons at their base in Saltford.

Plus sessions at Pirate Bay crazy golf now called Kong. A session with the SS Great Britain educational box Boat Afloat.

We did also this term hold our annual two day expedition along the Severn Walkway from Woodhouse Park, plus problem solving and Strategy challenge weekend with camping (per overleaf).

We've had 2 sessions to present all our Gold Chief Scouts Awards plus many of the scouts and leaders were involved fundraising with 2 BBQ's (on the green and Popular rooms field) for the community.

Finally we've had talks from Wessex water on pollution and taken part in a beach clean at Kewstoke where we picked up 2 huge bin bags full of junk with lots of small plastic pieces. The troop used this as evidence to gain the UN challenge badge - Plastic Tide Turners.

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Tockington pupils support homeless in Bristol

Pupils at Tockington Manor School were delighted to be able to hand over a substantial cheque to The Julian Trust at the end of the Summer term. This was the culmination of a full year of fundraising for the charity, which looks after homeless people in Bristol. "We selected The Julian Trust as our charity for the 2022 school year because we really believe in the good work they are doing. Feeding over 70 people every night is no mean feat and we wanted to support all they do, beyond just providing a hot meal." Stephen Symonds, Headmaster at Tockington Manor School told us.

The Julian Trust's Vera Sanders visited the school to explain to children during assembly how the charity also provides beds for those who need shelter, a laundry service for the homeless and, importantly, human contact and a listening ear for those who may need it. She accepted a cheque on behalf of The Julian Trust for over £4,000 from student representatives of the school.

Funds were raised through a variety of school events held throughout the year, from multi days to cake sales and the popular Christmas Jumper Day. A large portion also came from the children's participation in the Knight Frank Schools Triathlon, held at Clifton College in May, which saw 928 children from over 20 schools across the South West participating. TMS had an incredible 88 children take part, raising funds not only for The Julian Trust, but also over £5,000 for Restless Development, the charity behind the triathlon series.

"We are so grateful to receive this donation from Tockington Manor School." Says Joanne Brown, Trustee at The Julian Trust. "We are privileged and honoured to have had their support – the fruits of their fundraising efforts will go straight to those who really need it."

Next year, the school has chosen the charity, S.H.E, part of the Catalyst Foundation Programme, as its beneficiary. S.H.E stands for Secure, Hope and Empowered and the charity focuses on removing the barriers preventing young girls in Africa from accessing an education.

Tockington Manor's New Headmistress Calls for Fundraising Dog Show

Ms York, 4, acting as Headmistress For the Day, said the proposal was backed by her deep love of dogs. She also had further suggestions for the school's Board of Governors, put forward during a meeting with the Chair. "I would like to offer Cross Country to Reception and Year 1" she proposed. TMS pupils enjoy extensive cross-country trails on their doorstep and achieve remarkable results in the sport with the U13 Girls team having recently clinched the Small Schools title at the National Prep Schools Cross Country Challenge and was only 7 points away from winning the overall national title. With this in mind, the Governors are considering her proposal. Ms York's second suggestion of amending the girls' uniform to include gems on dresses was less likely to bear fruit!

After a day that included greeting children in front of the Manor House in the morning, handing out certificates in assembly and lunch with teachers, York finished off her day by welcoming Year 3 and 4 parents to the annual Shakespeare Festival. Mr Stephen Symonds, who has had a rather longer stint as Headteacher for ten years resumed his duties the following day.



Starting School in September 2024?



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When Noa died at Charlton Farm in November 2018, aged three months old, the care, compassion and support the family received from the hospice helped give them the time and space they needed to say goodbye. Here mum, Jo explains why the family will be forever grateful to Charlton Farm for the vital help and support during Noa's life and after she had died.

"Me and my husband, Jim and our daughters Nellie, aged 3 and Ada aged 1 love coming together to visit Charlton Farm and reflect on the memories that we had with Noa. One thing that we love about the support at Charlton Farm is that, despite our girls not being born when Noa was here, members of staff have built lovely relationships with them to help them process and understand grief, having lost their sister they never met. It's incredible how they intentionally want to help support your grief for a long time after, even though our time there was so brief."

"We visit Charlton Farm every year on Noa's anniversary which is really special for us, and maybe that won't be a forever thing, but now, while the girls are small, it's really great getting



to take them somewhere specific where they get attention and we get to mark Noa's anniversary and somewhere she actually was. Our favourite place is the trees in the garden where we take photos, because that was the first place Noa was properly outside in her life."

Jo has recently welcomed her fourth baby girl and the family look forward to continuing to share precious memories made with older sister Noa.

CHSW needs around £11m a year to run its three children's hospices, and around 85 per cent is raised through voluntary donations. Their promise is to 'make the most of short and precious lives across the South West'.

If you have been inspired by this story and would like to support CHSW by perhaps arranging your own fundraisers, or you are a community group that would like a representative from the charity to come and provide a talk, please do get in touch by ringing **01275 866600** or email **reception.cf@chsw.org.uk**

Check out **<https://www.chsw.org.uk/events>** to find out in so many ways how you can help.



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Cancer Charities aided by "Calendar Girls"

After months of rehearsals, final preparations are being made by Collaborative Productions to perform "Calendar Girls" from 21 to 23 September.

There will be four performances of this poignant and extremely popular play written by Tim Firth at Rangeworthy Village Hall.

This is being held as a fund raiser for two very worthy cancer charities: BUST which supports the breast care centre at Southmead Hospital, and Blood Cancer UK. In their own ways, both charities are striving to beat cancer.

The play is based on the inspiring true story of eleven WI members who persuaded one another to pose for a charity calendar with a difference to raise money for the Leukaemia Research Fund.

Performances are each night at 7.30pm and a matinée on Saturday at 2.30pm. The play is suitable for those over 16 years.



Adult tickets £12 and Concessions £10 are bookable online via www.ticketsource.co.uk/collaborative-productions. Group bookings of 10+ get one ticket free. Tickets are also available in person with cash at the Rose & Crown in Rangeworthy.

One small request. To enable us to give more money to the charities, it would help enormously if audience members could bring CASH on the night to purchase in-house items such as programmes, raffle tickets and refreshments.



AMD'S Nick Middleton considers how saving legal costs when entering into a new lease could end up costing more in the long run.

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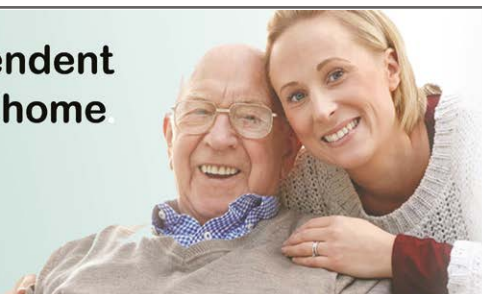
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Meet your PCC – Mark Shelford

*Avon & Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC),
Mark Shelford was elected as Conservative PCC in 2021.*

In the summer, Chief Constable Sarah Crew made an announcement regarding institutional racism in Avon and Somerset Police.

This is a challenging issue to face. However, through initiating and continuing these uncomfortable and difficult conversations, the Chief Constable is demonstrating openness, courage and willingness to be held accountable by the communities that she and our police officers and staff serve. I have let the Chief Constable know I support her and have full confidence in her leadership.

Culture change is not something that happens overnight; it takes a minimum of five to 10 years and involves looking at many areas within the service. This includes improving our vetting and selection processes, retention, and progression of staff, how police complaints are handled and, crucially, the training given to the workforce within the wider police family.

We recently discussed the issue of institutional racism in July's Performance and Accountability Board. The meeting, which was broadcast live, allowed me to ask the Chief Constable how she intends to improve police conduct and standards. You can watch the discussion on my website: www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk

Next, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the devastating effects of courier fraud. This type of fraud occurs when fraudsters contact victims by telephone pretending to be a police officer or bank official. Victims are asked to cooperate in an 'investigation' by attending their bank and withdrawing money or foreign currency from an exchange or purchasing an expensive item to hand over to a courier for examination who will also be a fraudster. At the time of handover, unsuspecting victims are promised the money they've handed over will be reimbursed but, in reality, there is no further contact and the money is never seen again.

Recent data from the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau shows that individuals aged 70 or older lost over £12.6 million to courier fraud last year. I urge family members to be vigilant and educate their loved

ones about the risks, including unexpected phone calls, couriers, and visitors. Remember, banks and police will never send couriers to

collect cash or personal information. If targeted, report to Action Fraud and your bank.

Finally, Avon and Somerset Police joined all five police forces and Police and Crime Commissioners in the South West and the South West Regional Organised Crime Unit (SWROCU) as part of the region's ongoing work to target and disrupt organised crime groups harming our communities through drug supply.

Thanks to the action taken, Avon and Somerset Police is the top out of all forces for the number of operations focused on drug supply disruptions, and all five police services in our region are in the top 10 and have been for the past two years.

In Avon and Somerset, officers recently seized over three million pounds worth of cannabis and arrested 20 people in relation to crimes linked to the illegal cultivation of the plant.

This operation continues to go from strength to strength. We collectively continue to make our communities safer by targeting the criminals bringing drugs and violence to our region as well as protecting the vulnerable they seek to exploit as workers or as users of the drugs they supply.

Taking a regional approach really does make a difference; so much so, that the number of county lines in our region is decreasing as criminals are having to change the way they operate.

The message is clear, the South West is no place for drugs or drug dealers.



www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk 01278 646188

Avon & Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner, Avon & Somerset Police HQ, Valley Road, Portishead, Bristol, BS20 8JJ



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

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

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

Arts Appreciation Group - Join us on third Thursday of month at Bradley Stoke Community School, 7 for 7.30pm, for illustrated talks on all aspects of the Arts. More details from Sally - 01454 774401

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

Gifford Ensemble - A small and friendly group looking to grow to a full orchestra. We rehearse Sunday evenings from 7.15 to 8.45pm at The Trust Hall, Stoke Gifford during Term Time. For more information find us on our Facebook page: Gifford Ensemble or e-mail secretary@giffordensemble.uk

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.

Knit, Stitch & Natter Bradley Stoke Library Thursdays 10am, bring your own project, just turn up and join our friendly group. Adults only.

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

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.

St. John Ambulance - 100s of volunteer roles available for 18+. Your local unit meets in Bradley Stoke on a Thursday evening. More information at www.SJA.org.uk or e-mail the New Volunteers Team at BAS-NVTeam@sja.org.uk

Stoke Gifford Community Choir 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 Stoke Gifford Retirement Village Hall, BS16 1YG, on Tuesdays, 7.00-8.30 pm. For further details, email natasheya.archer@extracare.org.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>

U3A - Bristol U3A - For retired or semi-retired. Meet new friends and enjoy an amazing range of interests and activities. See us at <https://www.u3asites.org.uk/bristol/welcome> . Our "Stokes" Social Group welcomes new members. Email Andy: andyclarke2@pm.me

Willowbrook Townswomen's Guild - Jubilee Centre – 7:30 – 9:30pm the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Call Janice on 01454 615040 or email Ros - 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

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.

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!

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 Abbeywood Community School, contact: blackandblues_netball@outlook.com.

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 leee1@btopenworld.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, bristolxtreme@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

CHURCHES / COFFEE MORNINGS

Amberley Road Baptist / Cafe Church, Patchway, 01454 610808

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 924 3322 www.citychurch/visit/bradley-stoke-site

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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Local Schools

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Baileys Court Primary School, Breaches Gate BStoke, 01454 838320

Bradley Stoke Community School Primary Phase, Fiddlers Wood Lane BStoke BS32 9BS 01454 868840

Bowlsland Green Primary School, Ellicks Close BStoke, 01454 866766, bowlslandgreen.org.uk

Holy Family R.C. Primary School, Amberley Road Patchway, 01454 866786

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, 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

Patchway Community College, Hempton Lane Almondsbury BS32 4AJ, 01454 862020, patchwaycc.com



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OPEN DAYS

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THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2023

www.bradleystokecs.org.uk



THURSDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2023

www.winterbourneacademy.org.uk



TUESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2023

www.abbeywoodschool.com



THURSDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2023

www.patchwaycs.org.uk

Further details will follow regarding timings and booking information on the Olympus Academy website and also on individual school websites



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News from Abbeywood Community School

Welcome to our new Deputy Headteacher.... Andy Poole

'I am delighted to be starting at Abbeywood in September and am really looking forward to getting to know the staff, students and parents at the school. I am currently a Deputy Headteacher in a school in Oxford and have previously worked at schools in Bournemouth, Bristol, Auckland (New Zealand) and Cheltenham. My areas of responsibility will be behaviour and attendance and I bring a broad range of experience with me to this role having been involved in pastoral work and behaviour management in one form or another for 25 years. I believe very strongly that all students deserve to have disruption-free classrooms in which to learn and that every student has a responsibility to ensure they do not disrupt the learning of others.'



Alongside this, we as teachers have a responsibility to ensure we are always delivering well-planned and engaging lessons. I know from experience that helping students to be successful at school involves working in partnership with parents and carers and I am looking forward to working with all members of the Abbeywood community to help the students achieve their potential. I also have a keen interest in developing character education as a means to helping young people develop the key characteristics and values that will help them in their adult lives such as resilience, honesty, motivation and humility. When I visited Abbeywood I was struck by how focused the school is on providing as many opportunities to its students as possible. It was this community-focused approach which made me feel that I wanted to join the team at Abbeywood and I am really looking forward to meeting you all in September'.

Simon Connell & Jack Lopresti visit the Engineering Centre at Abbeywood

We were pleased to welcome Simon Connell, CEO of the Baker Dearing Educational Trust, and Jack Lopresti, Conservative MP for Filton and Bradley Stoke, to the Engineering Centre at Abbeywood on Friday 30th June.

You can find out more about the Baker Dearing Educational Trust here.

We were sad that Lord Baker was unable to join us due to ill health as he has championed engineering education for the last 15 years. Our visitors' involvement was influential in some local employers choosing to come and talk about partnering with us on an ongoing basis.



Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (DSTL) Work Experience

Students in Post 16 studying Engineering recently took part in the DSTL Callisto Activity. Students were tasked to work in teams to develop a base to put onto Callisto, Jupiter's second largest moon. They had to consider issues such as how to create power, heat, oxygen, food, keep the team healthy, communications, crew members, how they will build the base and how they would live in it.

The feedback given from DSTL was amazing. They said it was a lot of fun to engage with the different presentations! They said they were interesting, thorough, and spoke to a promising generation of possible STEM careers, as judges they were very impressed by the quality of the students and their work, especially given the short time available to them. Picking their winner was hard, and they agreed on two runners up who they felt were very close. The overall winner was Abbeywood!

Well done to everyone who took part in this activity, you did really well.



*Little Stoke Ladies Club
Celebrates 60 Years!*

The Little Stoke Ladies Club celebrated their 60th Anniversary earlier this year at Cadbury Court. They had a very enjoyable afternoon with a delicious three course meal, wine and a beautiful cake followed with dancing.

The club started in 1963 when a few fedup young Mums with nothing to do in Little Stoke started meeting up in each other's houses. As the group grew, they hired a school room in the local primary school and Little Stoke Mother's Club was formed. About 20 years later, when the Community Hall was opened, they hired the hall and changed the name to Little Stoke Ladies Club. Due to unforeseen circumstances, they now meet in the Baptist Church.

Members enjoy meeting up twice a month and hope to do so for many more years to come.

We are a very friendly club and new members are always welcome.

Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at Little Stoke Baptist Church Kingsway at 7.30pm. We have interesting speakers on a wide range of topics, open evenings, suppers & trips.

Please come and join us after our Summer break on 5th September. Contact Julie on 0117 9315007 for more information.

Knit, Stitch and Natter
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Thursday Creative - craft and a cuppa

As part of the weekly welcome space, Little Stoke Baptist church has been running monthly craft sessions. Sessions run on a Thursday between 11am-2pm and include the usual refreshments and light lunch. Previous sessions have included; silk painting, acrylic painting, mosaic coasters, screen printing, stained glass art and rose garlands.

Each craft session includes materials and tuition, no previous experience is required and are suitable for all abilities. The sessions are run in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere among regular attenders of our weekly welcome space. Many continue to bring their own projects each week; knitting, crochet, drawing and colouring over a cuppa and a chat.

Our upcoming sessions for the rest of this year are:

17th September - Patchwork Penguins

19th October - Scrapbooking

9th November - Fluid Art Baubles

14th December - Christmas Crafts

Although booking is not essential it does help us to know numbers and places can be booked via our eventbrite page, Facebook and our website

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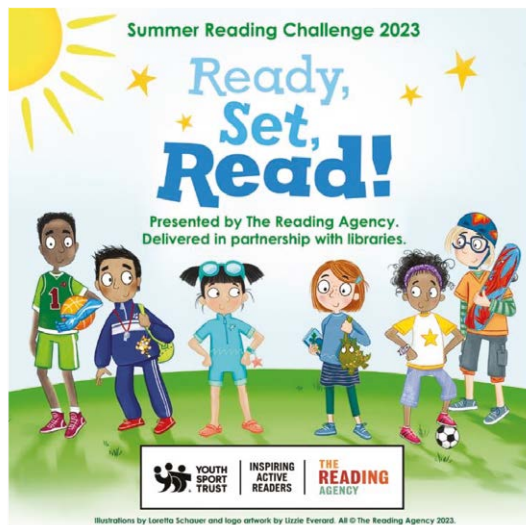
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Join the Summer Reading Challenge at the library for loads of fun!

Join the Summer Reading Challenge 2023, Ready, Set, Read! at a South Gloucestershire library during staffed hours from Saturday 8 July finishing by Saturday 9 September and pick up your FREE bag of goodies including Ready, Set, Read! seeds.

It's FREE and all children aged 4 – 11 are invited to take part! Children read books they enjoy over the summer holiday and collect stickers (including some stinky ones!) to complete their exclusive Ready, Set, Read! collector card and get a medal and certificate.

See the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to your child's reading:

'I thought the challenge was brilliant and so did my children. It was a fantastic way to get them excited about reading over the summer. The craft activities were very clever and engaging. My eldest's reading fluency noticeably increased during the challenge.' Parent, Cadbury Heath Library

Children love taking part and there are lots of fabulous FREE activities: ZooLab animal workshops, Ready, Set, Read! themed crafts and Lego™ clubs.

Find out more at www.southglos.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge or like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/sghlibraries for the latest updates.

Bradley Stoke Library

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
Saturday: 09:30 – 12:30
Sunday: CLOSED

A warm welcome awaits you at Bradley Stoke library where you can read the newspaper, relax, do a crossword, use a PC, use the free WiFi, have a chat, study, or read a book.

Full details of all our FREE children's events can be found here: <https://www.southglos.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/libraries-childrens-services/>

Ready, set, GO!
Make games and activities to play with your friends and family
Thursday 27 July 10.30-11.30am

Ready, set, MAKE!
Create your own animal mascot, and more!
Monday 7 August 2-3pm

Junk Box Challenge
Get creative and let your imagination run wild – what will you make?
Friday 18 August 10:30am-12:30pm

ZooLab Workshop
ZooLab is on the hunt for the athlete of all animal athletes this summer! Children attending must be 6+ and accompanied by an adult.
Monday 31 July 2-2.55pm

Places are limited for these activities.
Book your FREE ticket at sglibraries.eventbrite.com

Tickets available from 1 JULY

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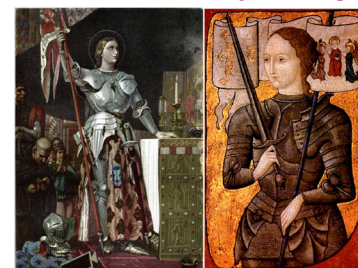


Events at Winterbourne Medieval Barn

Family Craft Sessions – Tuesday 8th August, 10am or 1pm – craft activities aimed at families with children aged 5–11. We'll be creating Insect Fridge Magnets, Flower Fans perfect for the heat, Summer Wreaths to decorate your home, and Ice Lolly Bunting! Pre-booking is essential. The cost is £3.75 per child.

Talks – Tickets for all talks are £7.50. Pre-booking strongly advised. Doors and bar from 6.30pm.

Joan of Arc – Thursday 10th August, 7pm



We probably all know that Joan of Arc was burnt at the stake during the 100 Years' War and is hugely revered as a martyr in France, but what else do we know about her? The inimitable Prof Ron Hutton returns to the Barn to explore why Joan of Arc became so famous, and why she is both one of history's most spectacular successes and also one of its great failures.

Orchard Revival in Gloucestershire – Thursday 21st September, 7pm – Tim Andrews will talk about local Orchard Revival and cider production.

Bat Walk with Drink and Nibbles – Thursday 24th August, 7.30pm – Naturalist Ed Drewitt guides a walk of around 1.5 hours- around the nature reserve. He will show how to use a bat detector to 'hear' bats echo-locating, and will provide lots of information about bats, and also birds we hear in the dusk chorus and maybe owls. The walk is followed by a drink from the bar, or tea/coffee, and nibbles, back at the Barn. Pre-booking essential.

Craft Workshops – Fused glass workshops in September and Pottery sessions in October are already booking up fast, but there are currently a few spaces left.

Fused Glass Workshops – Friday 22nd September, 10am or 1pm – Choose a morning to make a decorative glass hanging, or an afternoon to make an ornamental curve to backlight with a candle or sunlight. Places are very limited and pre-booking is essential.

Pottery Taster Sessions – Saturday 14th October, 1pm – Choose a hand-build workshop or a wheel taster at The Pottery Shed.

Heritage Open days – Sat 9th and Sun 10th September, 11am – 4pm – Free access to the Medieval Barn as part of the national Heritage Open Days on a theme of "Creativity Unwrapped." Come and see how medieval craftsmen created this amazing timber roof in 1342. We will have some other examples of Medieval Creativity on display, including artefacts kindly lent to us by the University of Bristol, and some examples recreated by local school children. There will even be a chance to decorate your own illuminated letter or mosaic if you wish. A small selection of drinks and snacks will be available from the pop up café. Neighbouring St Michael's church with its medieval wall paintings will also be open for Heritage Open Days. www.heritageopendays.org.uk

All events can be booked online direct on Ticketsource or via the Barn website

www.winterbournebarn.org.uk
Facebook @winterbournemedievalbarn

Winterbourne Medieval Barn
Church Lane, Winterbourne, BS36 1SE

Editor's note: We are aware there has been an unfortunate disagreement between Winterbourne Barn (WB) and 3 Engineers Brewery (3EB). We have received a multitude of emails in support of 3EB. We contacted WB in this regard and received the same statement as published on social media, Facebook: Winterbourne Medieval Barn. It is not really our remit to get involved in such disputes and therefore continue to publicise all the great family events that are happening at the barn in the forthcoming weeks.



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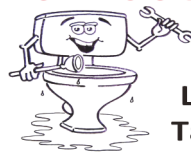
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