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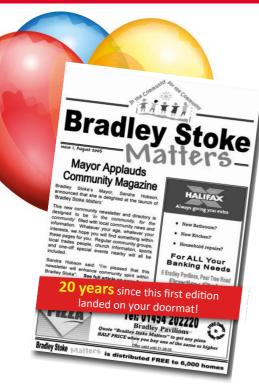
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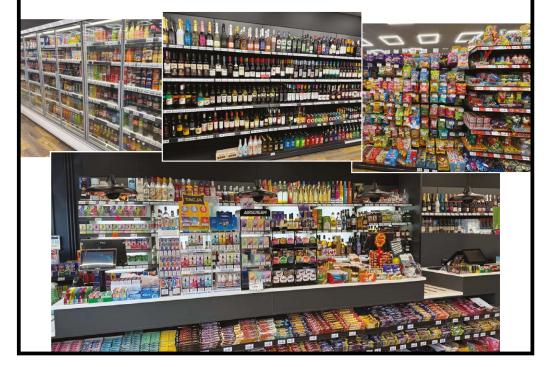
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A huge thank you to all of our local community and to all of our advertisers who have supported us over the last 20 years. Amazingly our very first advertiser, Medway Design, is still with us, along with many other small businesses owners who have been working locally and advertising with us since our old black and white days. Initially, as you can see from our very first front cover, highlighted on this edition's front cover, we only delivered to 6000 homes, and now we cover 15,000. We have also spread to cover neighbouring areas.

We have seen many changes over the years and have covered in our pages, and been present for, a lot of Bradley Stoke history in this time. We are also not the only ones celebrating 20 years! Both the Bradley Stoke Festival and 10k run also held their first events in 2005, the Bradley Stoke Football Club was founded in 2005 and the Bradley Stoke Community School also opened its doors to its first cohort in September 2005. This is off the top of my head! I am sure there are others.

Inside our pages this month we bring you reports from the activities over the Bradley Stoke Festival weekend, along with more local events for you to enjoy over the coming summer months. We have school news from three of our local primary schools, notice of forthcoming school open days that we have been made aware of, as well as a new local author in our community - his novel sounds intriguing!

If you are a business looking to promote your services across the local area, do get in touch and we will be happy to help. And please, if you get the opportunity, do let our advertisers know that you have seen them within our pages. As I write this it is 28 degrees outside! Enjoy the summer and enjoy the read, with a glass of something cool! Jaci

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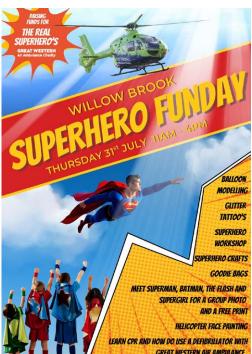
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News from the Bradley Stoke Mayor: Councillor Natalie Field

I hope this edition finds you well and that you have a good summer.

I recently attended the Annual Service of Remembrance at the Memorial Woodlands to pay respects as Mayor of Bradley Stoke to all those who had served for their country. The laying of wreaths at the Memorial Stone took place after a poignant service in the chapel concluded.

As I write this, we have just concluded the Bradley Stoke Town Festival over the weekend of 7th and 8th June. I'd like to express my thanks to all the community groups, volunteers, staff and Councillors who helped make this year's festival another successful event.





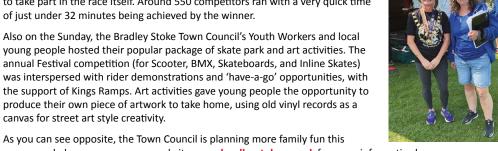
Thank you to everyone who made donations at the Festival to the three Mayor's Charities (Mamas, The Brightwell Centre and Diabetes UK). All of these do important work to support local people.

The main festival day was a combination of music, dance, community stalls, food and drink, rides, displays and demonstrations, the youth football festival and a street art project. It was wonderful to see people having fun, so many young people taking part in the Bradley Stoke Youth Football Tournament and the dancing of the different community dance groups in the Oak Hall.

On the Sunday the Sole Sisters 20th Anniversary 10K run started and finished at the Jubilee Centre and I was delighted to be able to open the start of the race and to take part in the race itself. Around 550 competitors ran with a very quick time of just under 32 minutes being achieved by the winner.

Also on the Sunday, the Bradley Stoke Town Council's Youth Workers and local young people hosted their popular package of skate park and art activities. The annual Festival competition (for Scooter, BMX, Skateboards, and Inline Skates) was interspersed with rider demonstrations and 'have-a-go' opportunities, with the support of Kings Ramps. Art activities gave young people the opportunity to produce their own piece of artwork to take home, using old vinyl records as a canvas for street art style creativity.

summer - do keep an eye on our website www.bradleystoke.gov.uk for more information!













In spite of gloomy weather, it was great to be able to pop down to the Bradley Stoke Festival for the main event on 7th June.

Saturday 7th June 2025 - Main Festival day at the Jubilee Centre Report by BSTC

The main festival day was a combination of music, dance, community stalls, food and drink, rides, displays and demonstrations, youth football festival and a street art project. Unfortunately, the weather was not in our favour, but the predicted thunderstorms and accompanying gusty winds did not materialise and by the afternoon, the sky cleared, and the sun even came out for a short while. A number of rides, attractions and a few community stalls were not able to attend due to the predicted inclement weather and the dance displays had to be moved inside, but the planned full programme of music and dance took place.

This year, the music was provided by a mix of local bands: Longshots, Limited Edition. Sonic Sunrise, The Layers, V-Dubz, Barrelhouse Strangers and the Saturday Night Bee Gees tribute band. Local dance groups performing in between the bands were: Stoke Gifford School of Dance, Baby Ballet, 5678 Dance, Danceworks, Street Cred and Emma Kate Dance Academy.

Once again, the Town Council provided a large Climbing Wall operated by qualified staff with volunteer support from the local 1st Bradley Stoke Scout Group which encouraged children to climb the wall in full safety harnessing and ropes as well as offering the opportunity for locals to find out about the world of scouting. The scout group also offered the safe opportunity to have a go at axe and tomahawk throwing.

Within the Community Zone there were inflatable rides which were free-to-use for local residents and children. Parents had the opportunity to donate to the Bradley Stoke Mayor's chosen charities when using the Community Zone rides, but there was no obligation to do so. Spread across the Jubilee Centre site were large number of community group stalls, local companies and food stalls alongside sideshows and a range of fun rides for the children include a giant slide, bouncy castle and the everpopular, children's Go-Karts.

Bradley Stoke Town Council's Youth Work team once again provided the very popular combination of free 'have a go' graffiti workshops (with professional artists) and a large portable skatepark half-pipe; provided by King Ramps. There were regular pro rider demos interspersed with 'have a go' sessions and music and a display of Town Council Youth Work project information. As always, the supervised graffiti workshops proved very popular with many families queueing for the opportunity to spray paint their names on a take-home graffiti board. Those involved in this were provided with allencompassing PPE to protect themselves and their clothes.

All Donations will go to this year's 3 Mayor's Charities - Mamas Bristol, Diabetes UK and The Brightwell Centre.







Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club Event

On the top football pitch, Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club once again ran their Football Festival which involved 145 children from Reception up to U13 girls age groups. All the participants enjoyed playing matches on proper pitches with correct goals in a fun and friendly environment where results did not matter. The children played with a smile on their faces while the parents watched and appreciated all the good play from all the teams. Everyone received a medal and each team got a cup. The rain came down, but the children still enjoyed every minute of the day. The penalty shoot out against the Minion was also very much enjoyed again this year. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor presented the medals to all the participants and trophies to the different age groups.



Skatepark Event

Once again, this year, Bradley Stoke Town Council's Youth Workers and local young people hosted their popular package of Skatepark and Art activities. A mix of skate park skills and creative arts ran alongside the annual Festival Skatepark competition. The competition was interspersed with rider demonstrations and 'have-a-go' opportunities, with the support of Kings Ramps, along with music and an MC.

The Skate Park Competition featured a mix of competitions in all skate park disciplines, interspersed with

more pro rider demos with the additional half-pipe being relocated from the Jubilee Green to alongside the skate park to provide extra capacity.

The Art activities gave young people the opportunity to participate in workshops run by Olas Arts and those attending produced their own piece of artwork to take home. The artist has worked with the Town Council in the past, running popular workshops and, this year, once again used old vinyl records as a canvas for street art style creativity.



Young people's involvement in planning and organising the festival is supported by Bradley Stoke Town Council's youth workers.

If you are a young person living in the Bradley Stoke area and aged 11 to 19 who would like to find out about our other youth work sessions and projects, or would like to get involved as a young person or volunteer, come along for a chat or contact the youth development and participation worker on 07900 253826 or email Graham Baker graham.baker@bradleystoke.gov.uk

Please let people know you saw them in Bradley Stoke & Little Stoke Gifford Matters!







Football Festival Report from Martin Lee, BSYFC

On Saturday June 7th 2025 at the Jubilee Centre, the annual free Bradley Stoke Youth FC Football Festival was held and this year we had a good mixture of age groups at the event. In the morning we had the Reception children, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children playing their fun based matches.

The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children had a penalty shootout with the Minion in goals. I think the Minion is improving as it saved a few this year!

Then in the afternoon we had the U11/12 children and the U13 Girls playing their matches. The number of children playing at the event was 147. They all received a medal and a cup with the Reception and Year 1 children also receiving a goody bag.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Bradley Stoke did a fast and efficient job of handing out the medals and cups to the excited children. We also had the pleasure of having Matt Wheaton from the Luke Wheaton Legacy Trust to present the annual Luke Wheaton Memorial Cup to the Year 1 children for all of their effort on the day. We also had Caroline and Chloe Jones attending to present the new award, the Terry Jones Memorial Cup to the U12 winners.

The club would like to thank Bradley Stoke Town Council for their ongoing support with the Football Festival. The football pitches looked very good this year and the medals supplied by the Town Council were fantastic.

The club would also like to thank the Luke Wheaton Legacy Trust and McDonalds for their ongoing support for this event and other funding they provide to the community.

Also we would like to thank all the helpers on the day as without them there would be no Football Festival. Their hard work and dedication is much appreciated.

The weather was wet and the children and helpers did get soaked especially in the morning matches but we all still had smiles on our faces.

If you want to find out more about Bradley Stoke Youth FC just visit our website at www.bsyfc.co.uk

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This year was a special milestone for Martin Lee who has managed and organized the Festival for the 20th time. He has announced that this one would be his last. He will still continue to do all his other duties for the club but feels he has done his time on the Festival and hopefully someone else will now take it on.





Editors note: Martin is a real

community legend - he is always so passionate and encouraging and has made a positive impact on so many children over so many years. Organising these Football Festivals has been a lot of hard work and it was great to see

Martin presented with his own trophy after so many years of handing them out! Thank you Martin.





New Walking football club for people living with longterm conditions and impairment

Walking football is an evidence-based activity for people who have physical or cognitive impairments and longterm health conditions. It is a safe, inclusive and fun activity, that promotes movement, social engagement and is mostly about fun with other people.

Each session provides a warmup that encourages coordination, balance and cognitive processes, this is ideal for those with cognitive and neurological conditions.

The football sessions are tailored to the members, the sport is non-contact, walking pace, with an emphasis on keeping the ball below shoulder height. People with all forms of physical limitations and impairments can get involved.

We recognise that people might want to bring their carer or support workers, even a friend or family member, and all are welcome to come along and take part if they wish. Members have to be over 18 and everyone needs to register with the Walking football association to receive full injury insurance. There are no other restrictions. The sessions will be run by a Graduate Sport Rehabilitator, and they will be supported by students from the Sport Rehabilitation programme at UWE Bristol, as part of their placement experience.

For more information email info.walkingfootball@uwe.ac.uk









Sole Sisters 20th Annual Bradley Stoke 10K

Report by Jenny, Bradley Stoke 10k Race Director, Sole Sisters North Bristol Running Club.

For the 20th time, Sole Sisters running club hosted the Bradley Stoke 10k on Sunday 8th June, as part of the annual Town Festival. Over the years, the club has had to overcome some interesting race-day challenges, one year we had air balloons landing on the field next to the HQ and on the same date the police cordoned off a section of the course prompting a last-minute route change. This year we had the road works on Bradlev Stoke Way to contend with, but we have been in close contact with the works manager for the last couple of months to ensure that the final route was open to us, safe, and measured as closely as possible to the 10k in distance. Being a mixed terrain race there isn't a requirement to have the route officially measured and so we used our usual method of asking club members to run it using their own GPS to make sure we were at 10k.

This year's race was won by Jamie Williamson in a very quick 31 minutes 58 seconds and the first female competitor Debbie Hale ran in a time of 45 minutes and 4 seconds. We were really pleased that the 600 entries sold out before race day, and on the day, we had 544 finishers (which is 60 more finishers than the previous year), 167 of whom were registered as Bradley Stoke residents. The first Bradley Stoke resident Stephen Honight ran the race in an impressive 37 minutes and 7 seconds.

This event would not be possible without the amazing support of the Bradley Stoke Town Council, our sponsors (proudly displayed on the back of the 2025 t-shirt), the local residents, the guides, brownies, and rainbow groups who love being involved as well as the Evangelical church who kindly manned the first water station just up from their premises. A big shout out also to our warm-up extraordinaire 'Terry the Tornado' and Pete Tang and his team from the Physio Clinic who provided post-race massages. We are eternally grateful for the superb marshalling team which amounts to around 90-100 volunteers out on the course and at HQ. who received such terrific feedback from entrants and spectators.

Sole Sisters has really enjoyed hosting this special event over the past 20 years and we love to see the event t-shirts out and about in the local area – we especially look forward to seeing this year's black with a sparkly gold logo. which was chosen especially to reflect the 20th event.

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Wellbeing Matters!

The Benefits of Summer Seasonal Eating for Gut Health and Overall Wellbeing

As summer rolls in, our supermarkets and kitchens can fill with an abundance of vibrant, fresh produce. From juicy strawberries to sun-ripened tomatoes, the season brings an array of fruits and vegetables that not only tantalise our taste buds but also offer incredible benefits for our gut health and overall wellbeing. Embracing seasonal eating during the summer months can improve digestion, boost immunity, and promote more balanced gut health (microbiota), setting the stage for better overall wellbeing.



The gut microbiota is a complex community of micro organisms, including bacteria, fungi, and viruses, that reside in our digestive system. These tiny organisms play a pivotal role in digestion, metabolism, immune function, and even mental health. A diverse and balanced microbiota is essential for optimal health, while an imbalance can lead to issues such as bloating, inflammation, a weakened immune system, even

Seasonal eating, particularly in the summer when nature offers its most diverse and colourful produce, can enhance the diversity of our gut microbiota. The wide variety of fruits, vegetables, and herbs available during the warmer months provides the necessary vitamins, minerals, fibre, antioxidants, and prebiotics that support our beneficial gut bacteria. Examples of seasonal foods that promote a healthy gut:

- 1. Berries Blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries are packed with fibre and antioxidants that can help to reduce inflammation in the gut and support the growth of good bacteria. Their high fibre content also helps to regulate bowel movements and prevent constipation.
- 2. Tomatoes A summer staple, tomatoes are rich in lycopene, an antioxidant that has been shown to reduce inflammation in the gut. They are also high in water content, which aids in digestion and prevents dehydration during the hot summer months.





- Leafy Greens Spinach, kale, and rocket are abundant in the summer and are excellent sources of fibre, magnesium, and other essential nutrients. The fibre in leafy greens helps to support the growth of beneficial gut bacteria while promoting healthy digestion.
- 4. Cucumbers With their high water content, cucumbers help to keep the digestive system hydrated and flush out toxins, contributing to a healthy gut environment.
- 5. Herbs Fresh herbs like basil, mint, and coriander are not only flavourful additions to summer meals but are also rich in polyphenols, which act as prebiotics. Prebiotics nourish the beneficial bacteria in the gut, helping them to thrive.

There is growing evidence of the connection between gut health and mental wellbeing, often referred to as the "gutbrain axis." A balanced gut microbiota can positively influence mood, cognitive function, and mental health. The consumption of fibre-rich seasonal foods, which support the growth of beneficial gut bacteria, has been shown to enhance the production of neurotransmitters like serotonin, often referred to as the "happy hormone." Eating seasonal foods that are rich in antioxidants and anti-inflammatory compounds not only helps reduce digestive challenges like IBS, but also relieves gutrelated stress and improves overall mood and mental clarity, particularly during the summer when the mind and body are more active.

Adopting a diet based on summer's seasonal bounty is an easy and enjoyable way to support your gut health and overall wellbeing. If you need some support or inspiration to make this theory YOUR reality, get in touch and make the most of a happy, healthy summer.

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Later Life Planning – The Importance of Lasting Powers of Attorney

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It might come as a surprise to many, that without the right legal arrangements in place, your closest family members, including even your spouse, would not have the legal authority to manage your property and finances or make decisions about your health and welfare if you could no longer do so yourself.

A Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) is a legal document that gives you the ability to appoint someone you trust to act on your behalf should you lose capacity, known as an attorney. There are two types of LPAs: one covering property and financial affairs, and the other relates to health and welfare.

A LPA for Property and Financial Affairs allows your chosen attorney(s) to handle matters such as managing your bank accounts, paying bills, collecting benefits, and dealing with your property. The health and welfare LPA enables your attorney to make decisions about your daily routine, medical care & needs, and even consenting to or refusing lifesustaining treatment. An LPA also gives your attorney(s) the authority to request medical records should this be required when considering future care provision.

Without an LPA in place, if you were to lose capacity due an illness or serious accident, the only way for someone

to legally manage your affairs would be to apply to the Court of Protection for a Deputyship Order. This can be a lengthy, costly and emotionally draining to which there is no guarantee the Court would appoint the person whom is making the application. As Deputyship Orders can take time to be issued, there is often a period where no one has authority to make any decisions.

Planning ahead by putting LPAs in place provides clarity and peace of mind for both you and your loved ones. It means your wishes are respected, and allows you to give those closest to you the legal authority to act swiftly and confidently on your behalf.

Whereas an LPA takes care of your affairs during your lifetime, it's important not to overlook the importance of a Will which takes care of your wishes after your death. A Will ensures that the right persons are appointed to deal with your estate and that your estate passes to your intended

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A big thank you also to my hand-selected suppliers that really went the extra mile, giving awesome presentations and staying the evening to chat with customers and to impart their knowledge: Neil (Sandals), Claire (Newmarket), Tom and Carolyn (Tee the World) and Katie (Fred Olsen).

This was the first of many events and destination presentation evenings that I am planning, throughout this year and into 2026. There will be Canadian (including Rocky Mountaineer), Caribbean, Greek (with Greek language study option), Santa Lapland, Ski, Ocean cruise, River cruise and Asia themed presentation evenings. All will be revealed!

From June my company and yours-truly will also have a presence in the largest supermarket in Bristol - Asda Cribbs Causeway - extremely exciting indeed.

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Update from the children at St Mary's Catholic Primary School -Year 6 Camp

On June 2nd, year 6 went on an extreme trip to PGL! We stayed there for 2 nights and 3 days. But I must warn you these days go by very fast because you will have so much fun and not one bit of boredom. The trip to Barton Hall (Devon) took around 2 hours and 10 minutes so you are welcome to bring a book, sing songs or just chat with your friends.

Camp is all about having fun with your friends and facing your biggest fears! To conquer challenges, you need to work as a team but if you are on your own you need confidence and strength to complete them. You will get various activities to do and these activities are: paddleboarding; you get to jump into the water and catch rubber duckies (mega fun), Archery tag, it requires a lot of skill so be prepared! We also had Jacob's ladder which was very slippery because it was pouring down with rain but that didn't stop us from pushing through and having A BLAST! Swimming was next (the pool was heated) and then we headed to orienteering. Now the scariest of all ... Abseiling! Once you start doing it, it's not as scary as you think.

When we had free time, we played games and sang songs; our class's favourite was the jungle game. Also, whilst you walk to your activities, we always sang songs. Not just any songs, some HILARIOUS songs. You might be wondering how the food is but trust us it is amazing! You have various options to choose from so if you are one of those picky eaters you don't have to worry. You sleep in accommodation; once you walk in you are greeted with a clean room with an en suite bathroom. Sharing a room with your friends is very interesting, but you will end up in hysterical laughter together!

In summary, camp is surely something you would not want to miss! You will make memories that will last a lifetime and you will realise how much you need your friends to help you. There are many opportunities

to try out things you would never imagine yourself doing. We all loved it!

By Maria and Liliana Y6

On 2nd- 4th June 2025 for our residential trip, Year 6 St Francis class went to PGL camp in Devon, Torquay, Barton Hall. When we arrived at camp we received out accommodations and the adventure started!

In the afternoon, we all thoroughly enjoyed paddleboarding and balloon splash, as they were both water-based activities and included teamwork. Although it was raining, on the 2nd day, we had the most challenging activities: Jacob's ladder and abseiling, but then we had a relaxing swim in the warm, spacious pool! It had stopped raining by then and the sun was back! Before we left, we were able to have rifle shooting and buggy-building too.

We all missed camp so much when we had to leave. Overall, our favourite activity was paddleboarding, however we really liked the campfire and buggy building, as well. During campfire we sang silly songs and ate roasted marshmallows. One of our favourite songs was "Petunia Petunia" which was very repetitive, yet so enjoyable! Buggy building was a blast as we got to build our own buggies and ride them. The teachers even joined in!

In general, we all loved this trip and wished we could stay longer! We recommend this to year 5 and all the future classes.

By Freya, Alice and Megan







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A Wonderful Season of learning and adventures at nursery!

The past couple of months have been full of joy, discovery, and meaningful moments at nursery. From exciting day trips to thoughtful conversations, our children have experienced a rich variety of activities that have helped them to grow, connect, and explore the world around them.

We kicked off this season of adventures with trips to the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery, where the children were captivated by the fascinating exhibits. From ancient artefacts to towering dinosaur skeleton, their curiosity was truly sparked! Preschool children dived into the deep blue with a visit to the Bristol Aquarium, where the children got up close with colourful marine life and learned about the importance of protecting our oceans. Once of the most exciting outings was our trip to Weston-Super-Mare, where we enjoyed a classic day at the seaside!

> Back at nursery, we have been busy too! We celebrated World Bee Day, where the children learned all about the importance of bees in our ecosystem. Through fun crafts and nature walks, we explored how these tiny creatures make a big impact. We also took time to talk about our feelings during Mental Health Awareness Week, helping children to understand and express their emotions in healthy and supportive ways.

A particular heartwarming experience was our visit to a local nursing home. This inter-generational connection brought so much joy to both the elderly residents and our little learners.

As we look ahead to the summer, we are filled with excitement for the adventures still to come. Whether near or far, every day brings something new to discover, and we can't wait to keep exploring, learning, and growing together.

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Tockington Nursery Shines in South West Awards

Tockington Manor School's on-site Nursery has been recognised as one of the Top 20 providers in South West England.

Presented by Daynurseries.co.uk, the accolade recognises its exceptional nursery provision and commitment to early childhood education among over 1,300 other nurseries in the region.

"We are absolutely delighted to receive this recognition." Says Headmaster of the School and Nursery, Stephen Symonds. "It is a testament to the passion, creativity, and hard work of our Nursery staff, who create a vibrant, inclusive, and inspiring environment for our youngest learners every day."

The Top 20 Awards are based on reviews from parents and carers. Tockington Manor Nursery received praise for its child-centred approach, strong family partnerships, and dedicated team of early years professionals. "The Nursery at Tockington Manor is absolutely fantastic and our kids are so happy there." Said one review. "From welly walks in the school grounds, sports days in the walled garden, to swimming in the pool, it really is an incredible and natural environment for the kids to enjoy and benefit from." The Nursery is well recognised for its imaginative play-based curriculum, excellent facilities, and strong focus on wellbeing and development, as well as its specialist teaching in French, swimming and

Parents and carers also highlighted the positive impact the Nursery has had on their children's confidence: "I've seen such an improvement in her learning since she started, and I feel confident knowing she's in such a nurturing environment. Highly recommend TMS to any parent looking for a place that truly fosters growth and happiness!"





Daynurseries is one of the UK's most comprehensive nursery directories with almost 15,000 facilities listed, 1,314 of which are in the South West. Tockington Manor Nursery is also the only early years provider in the Top 20 which is attached to an independent prep school, making it the perfect start for children's school

"We would like to congratulate Tockington Manor Nursery on being rated by parents as a top nursery in South West England! It is a huge achievement to be rated so highly by the families and carers of children who attend the setting." Says Amanda Hopkins, reviews manager of daynurseries.co.uk.

To see Tockington Manor Nursery reviews go to https://www.daynurseries.co.uk/daynursery.cfm/ searchazref/65432218677



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Two Top Authors visit Wheatfield Primary School

At the beginning of May, Wheatfield welcomed two fantastic authors.

Abi Elphinstone (top photo) came to visit KS2 to promote her Ember Spark series. She spoke to the children about how she finds her inspiration for stories from ordinary every day objects and asking 'what if...'

Lots of children returned to the classrooms keen to write their stories. Scarlett (Y3) was really excited to meet Abi as she has read all her books!

The following day Cressida Cowell (photos right) visited Wheatfield on Day 1 of her Dragon School Tour. She gave a fantastic presentation to years 2-6 about her new book 'How to Train your Dragon School: Doom of Darkwing'.

After her presentation, Cressida spoke with children about their artwork.

'It is so cool that she came to see us at Wheatfield' Niva (Y4)

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Holy Trinity's Net Zero Heroes!

For the past few years, Year 5 and 6 pupils at Holy Trinity Primary School have taken part in the 'Net Zero Superheroes' competition run by AtkinsRéalis. The idea is to inspire younger generations to make an impact and consider careers in engineering by teaching them about the challenges of meeting Net Zero, particularly from an engineering perspective.

During this time, the children who attend design and build several projects from recycled materials such as a wind turbine, a nuclear fuel transporter and a solar oven in which they cooked a marshmallow! These practical activities inspire them to create their own inventions which they research, design and present to enter the competition.

The aim of the competition is to create innovative designs that could be developed towards helping their school or local community contribute to Net Zero.

This fantastic opportunity is always an exciting time at Holy Trinity where the talents and creativity of our children really can shine in an impactful way that could one day help make the world a better place.

This years' entries included 'Music Wave Productions', which uses sound waves to create energy; plans for an Eco-School which harvests rainwater, encourages children to 'play for power' and has plans for food sustainability; and 'Re-Becca', a waterproof robot who will tackle the problems of ocean pollution!

For each of the last three years students from our school have made it through to the national finals. This year AtkinsRéalis had 260 submissions from 40 schools across the UK. Being a finalist involves presenting their ideas to a judging panel of industry experts in a 'Dragons Den' style pitch and answering questions about their inspiration and aspirations for their design in the future. This can be a little scary but the children's passion for their projects really shines through when they explain their ideas. Pupils from our school have placed third twice receiving prizes for themselves and their class for their efforts and we have also been 'Highly Commended'.

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Stoke Gifford Repair Café

Jane Watkivs tells us about the Stoke Gifford Repair Café.

It all started when our daughter went to the open day at Winterbourne Barn and came back to tell us that Winterbourne Down had a repair café. My husband Mike and I had vaguely heard of repair cafes, but this prompted us to find out more. We learned repair cafes are groups of people with skills in mending things who volunteer their time and skills to repair items so that they get a longer

life, and we can reduce what goes to landfill. An eco-church group was started by the operations manager of St Michael's Stoke Gifford, we joined the other interested people in the church, and the group agreed that we should try to set up a repair café.

We visited Brislington and St Anne's repair café and Winterborne Down repair café to see how they worked and had a meeting with people in the church who were interested in fixing things. One thing which did become clear was that it was essential to make sure that the people bringing items to repair know that the repairers were volunteers, not experts, and that we could not make any guarantees about fixing the

We held our first repair café on a Saturday in May 2022. At first the Coffee Shop wasn't operating, so we served simple refreshments. One of the earliest things that was fixed was an old Kenwood mixer and the owner was so pleased that she made us a cake to serve. We only advertised in the church to start with so we could get

welcomed volunteers who are not connected to the church, but who wish to prevent so many things being thrown away, to add to

After a few months we advertised the café more widely and



We now fix a variety of items including bikes, small electrical goods, clothes and toys. Sometimes people have to buy parts for the repair and return with them the next month, sometimes we advise people to seek professional advice and sometimes things just can't be fixed. At other times people know what to do, but don't have the tools to achieve the job so they come along to us.

The repair café is on the second Saturday of the month in the Coffee Shop on the green, from 10am to 12pm. We recommend that you come as early as possible, because we can get quite busy. It is also a good chance to have refreshments while you wait. We always welcome new volunteers to fix items, so do come along for a chat to see if you would like to join us.

St Michael's eco-church group have also run clothes swaps, plant swaps and litter picks and we are always on the look out for other ways to encourage the community to care for our world.

More details at: stmichaelsbristol.org/saturdays Next Repair Cafe dates - 12th July, 9th August, 13th Sept at 10am





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Schools Out Party - 25th July

Summer starts here! Join the Thornbury team on Friday 25th July from 7pm to 1am for the ultimate Schools Out Party. Whether you're a teacher, student, or just ready for summer, kick off the holiday with music, dancing, and good times in the beautiful surroundings of the club from £25 per person.

Christmas Party Nights - December Delights

Thornbury Golf Club's Christmas Party Nights are always a highlight of the festive calendar, and this year promises to be no exception.

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New for 2025: 80s/90s Disco Christmas Party – 18th December

Get ready to rewind the clock with Thornbury's allnew 80s/90s Disco Christmas Party on Thursday 18th December from 7pm to midnight. Dig out your neon, grab your scrunchies, and prepare to dance the night away to retro classics. At just £37.95 per person, this night of nostalgia includes:



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Ideal for friends' groups, themed office parties, or anyone who knows the words to every Spice Girls and Duran Duran hit.

New Year's Eve Disco – 31st December 2025

Say goodbye to 2025 and hello to the New Year in true Thornbury style. The club's New Year's Eve Disco on Wednesday 31st December will keep the party going right through the countdown. Expect great music, a buzzing atmosphere, and a night to remember as you welcome 2026 with friends old and new.

Spaces are limited, and events sell out quickly—so early booking is strongly advised!

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Moonlight Memory Walk Returns to Clevedon for a Night of Remembrance and Reflection

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Now in its third year at this beautiful seaside location, the event offers a special and uplifting opportunity to honour the memory of loved ones. The evening begins with a touching memory ceremony before participants set off on a peaceful 5 km walk along Clevedon's scenic seafront. Along the route, walkers will encounter reflective moments, live music and meaningful activities that provide space for remembrance and celebration.



Saturday 4 October 2025 @ Salt House Fields, Clevedon

"This is a very special evening for anyone remembering a loved one," said Hollie Thorogood, Events Fundraiser at CHSW. "Whether you're walking in memory of a child, parent, grandparent or friend, the setting and atmosphere offer a truly meaningful way to celebrate their life."

The event welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds, and encourages participants to raise sponsorship in memory of their loved ones. All funds raised will support the vital work of Charlton Farm, CHSW's local children's hospice in Wraxall, which provides care and support to children with life-limiting conditions and their families.

Last year's event raised over £19,000, and this year's walk promises to be just as moving and memorable, with a heartfelt speech from Jessica, a parent whose family has been supported by the hospice.

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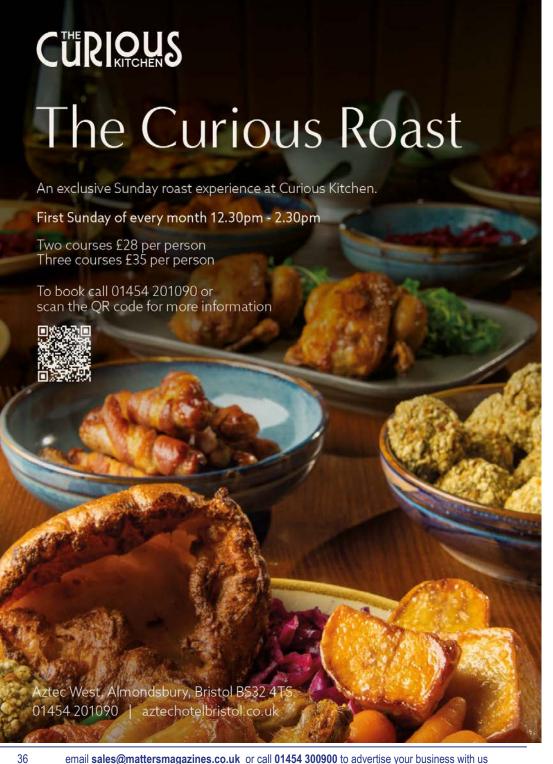
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In the member-subsidised bar, older members fondly recall county cricket tours. (And their associated adventures!) Three senior teams play at the club; on Friday evenings you'll find the Common filled with youngsters learning the rules of the game, surrounded by parent volunteers helping mentor, staffing the bar, or enjoying a drink in the sun. And yet, sadly, the coming winter could call time on this invaluable community asset.

"Covid really took a toll on our members," says Mitch Vardy, Club Treasurer, "Our bar used to be full of members seven days a week, with the function room calendar packed with bands, birthday parties, and even weddings. People don't realise we're still here, with the bar open on Fridays, Saturdays and match days. Then there's the cost of living, which has hit everyone hard, but our winter fuel bills are just killing

Hambrook Sports Club Committee recently held a forum to invite members to think of ways to save the club. "It won't take much community involvement

to keep us afloat this winter," says Dr Alastair Kilfoyl, Club Chairman, "We're working with a highly-qualified fitness instructor to offer pilates, a mother-and-baby, and a yoga wheel class to the local community during the week. What we need to get us through this winter is for more people to book the function room for events – it's perfect for kids parties, or classes. Just one extra booking a month could make all the difference. Although, we wouldn't say no to more social members coming to support the bar – so we can start getting proper craft ales in on draught!"

Search Hambrook Sports Club on Facebook to find out more about this special community.

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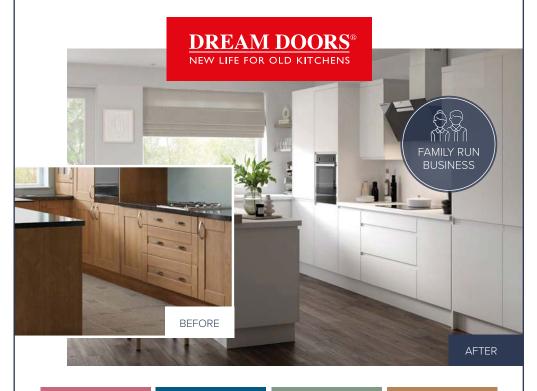


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Student Sarah Cox







Local Resident Publishes First Novel: The Furniture Being by Simon Ingsworth

We were pleased to hear from local Bradley Stoke resident John Edwards, who has published his first novel.

John (who writes under the pen name Simon Ingsworth) tells us he has a strong interest both in the spiritual world and in neurodiversity (the latter being something he experiences first hand, having been diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome in 2013). He started writing The Furniture Being in November 2023 to raise awareness and to support people who have similar diagnoses such as Autism, ADHD, Bi-polar amongst others, which affect their everyday lives. In this book John has also tried to represent the creativity and historical significance of Britain and British culture as well as a foreigner's perspective on Filipino culture and cultural values.

The Furniture Being is about Alexander who, grieving the loss of his mother, feels alone and isolated. His days consist of lying in bed, watching tv and entertaining himself through reading books and playing chess. He has lost the ability to socialise and is unable to find work. This all starts to change when he encounters a Victorian creation who takes a liking to him. This marvel takes Alexander on a journey of self-discovery: Employment: Romance: Travelling: personal independence - what could possibly go wrong?

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AMD Solicitors welcome Jennifer Chudleigh to family department

Any form of family dispute is an incredibly challenging time for all individuals - including those that are closely connected to them. Whether it is dissolution of a marriage or civil partnership. reaching a financial remedy or making arrangements for children of separated parents. Instructing the right person to be in your corner is not only about legal knowledge and expertise, but also about someone who has the life experience to empathise with your situation.



Jennifer has been practicing family law for many years, both in the South West and London, dealing with a broad range of demographics and communities. She joins the family team at AMD, headed by Jo Morris, specialising in Divorce/Civil Partnership

dissolution; Financial Remedy matters, cohabitation disputes; disputes concerning children and pre-nuptial agreements.

Jennifer understands that any form of family dispute is stressful and traumatic for those involved and therefore provides friendliness and unwavering empathy to her clients – all whilst delivering a practical approach to resolving disputes. She takes time to understand her clients, familiarise herself with their needs and advise on their best course of action. Jennifer believes that reaching a solution with the client is always better than telling the client what to do.

Working collaboratively and maintaining communication is important for anyone navigating family trauma, and having the right Solicitor who encourages this will produce the outcomes that works best for all involved.

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Local business achieves national recognition

Local window company, The Window Hub, has been singled out as one of the UK's top window installation companies, receiving personal recognition from the CEO of industry's professional body.

With a head office in Staple Hill in Bristol, The Window Hub is proud to display its professional accreditations, including its membership of FENSA, which guarantees homeowners that the windows and doors the company fits meet the latest standards and Building Regulations.

Managing director and owner Danny Robb recently received a personal note from the chairman of the Glass and Glazing Federation (GGF), which owns FENSA, alerting him that his company is now in the top 20 of all FENSA-registered window installation businesses in the UK.

"Given the market conditions we are facing, in a mature market. I am sure you and the team are really proud of your achievement," GGF CEO John Agnew said, "Whatever your secret is tell nobody as they will all want to cash in on it!"

Danny Robb launched the Window Hub during lockdown in 2020 because he wanted to create a business that was "built on quality rather than greed".

Today, The Window Hub has offices, showrooms and installation depots across the South West, selling the latest window and door designs, which offer the very best security and warmth.

"The last five years have been an absolute whirlwind," Danny said. "But the whole team here at The Window Hub are focused on providing homeowners the very best windows and doors, at a decent price, with the friendly service they deserve.

"I knew we have grown quickly, but to get this letter telling me that I am a top 20 business absolutely amazed me. The team here are delighted with the news."



Danny said Window Hub has very strict guidelines that its employees must follow to ensure the customers are always looked after. This is includes an ethical sales policy which, in addition to following legal obligations, includes a 'canvassing etiquette' which all salespeople must read, sign and stick to.

"It really isn't rocket science," Danny said. "But we make sure our employees close gates behind them, and don't walk on the lawn. And if they are asked not to return, they must inform their Team Leader immediately, so Head Office can make a record and send out a 'no knocking sticker' so all canvassers know never to return.

"Our sales team also have specialist training on being aware of vulnerable homeowners, so that everyone can make an informed decision. Sales begin and end with treating customers properly."

The Window Hub also has a tree-planting programme as part of a comprehensive sustainability programme, and the company is heavily involved in local charities including youth sports teams and hospices.

This meteoric rise in fortune, despite being launched during a pandemic and facing tough economic conditions, also resulted in The Window Hub being shortlisted for a trade industry award in 2024.

"I am chuffed to bits to be a top 20 installer," Danny said. "But it takes second place to my Trustpilot score, which sits at five stars." 90% of reviews for The Window Hub on Trustpilot are for five stars, with customers celebrating the company's professionalism, friendliness, tidiness, and attention to detail. (The company doesn't invite satisfied customers to leave a review, so all comments on that site are genuinely organic.)

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Rhyme Time Mondays 10:45-11:15

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Every Saturday Morning

Our great project guides help your child learn about coding, develop their problem-solving skills and build resilience. Your child must have a

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Junior Art Club! Tuesday 15th July 3.45-4.45pm Age 7-11 years

Like getting creative? Come join the Bradley Stoke Library Junior Art Club, where the only limit is your imagination! FREE Children's Drop-in Event



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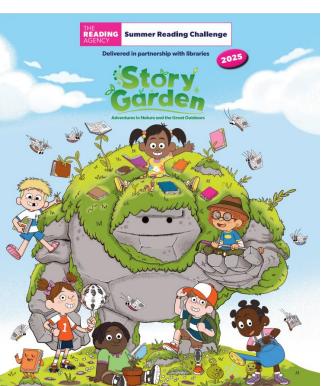
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Summer at Winterbourne Medieval Barn

Winterbourne Medieval Day 2025

What a fantastic day the community enjoyed on Sunday 8th June, when 650 people came through the gates to experience some recreated medieval festivities. The varied programme of activities included medieval combat displays from, The Warwick Warriors, and demonstrations of aspects of daily life in the 1300s from living history group, The Company of Chivalry. Wandering jesters and live medieval music added to the entertainment. People enjoyed having a go at archery and traditional games, it even stayed dry all day!

Talks — Winterbourne Medieval Barn is an extraordinary survivor from our medieval past. It was built in 1342 for Sir Thomas de Bradeston, who was Lord of the Manor of Winterbourne from 1328 until 1360. He was an important medieval figure, very close to the king, and fought at the battle of Crecy. As a result he became very wealthy, and St Michael's church contains amazing stone effigies of him and wall paintings which include his coat of arms. You can find out more about the man, the Barn, and his links with the church at an illustrated talk The Story of Our Barn on 10th July at 7pm, and enjoy a summer evening looking round both the barn and church with volunteer guides on hand to answer questions.

On Monday 4th August we have a completely different talk from celebrated historian Prof Ronald Hutton, talking about King Arthur's great counsellor and magician, Merlin, the most famous wizard in traditional European literature. Merlin is a tantalisingly complex character found in both native Welsh legend and medieval French romance, but is he a historic figure or not? Ron Hutton looks at the original sources of the legend and its later development up to the present.

Music & Dance — The popular Summer Barn Dance returns on Friday 18th July at 7.30pm (picnics from 6pm). What could be better than a proper barn dance in a real barn? And a spectacular Heritage barn at that! Fabulous local band, Sargent's Mess provide the rousing tunes and experienced caller, Rob tells you the steps as you go along. No experience is necessary. Suitable for all ages. Chaos and fun guaranteed! And if you can't get up and dance, just come along and listen to the traditional folk music. Bar open from 6pm.

Theatre — Summer Dramas start with The Pantaloons' comic dramatisation of Sense and Sensibility on Thursday 24th July marking the



250th anniversary of Jane Austen. The Pantaloons are known for their family-friendly, funny, physical shows with live music and audience interaction, so this should be great fun.

The comedy continues on **Thursday 14 August** with the Shakespearian favourite **As You Like It** with all its cross-dressing chaos and confusion. As in the Bard's day, The Festival Players perform with an all-male company of skilled professional actors and a minimal touring set, to bring out the fun of this rom-com.

And on Sunday 17 August we have a relaxed afternoon production of Cinderella – expect magic, madness and plenty of silliness from IKP's unmistakable brand of "delightfully daft" family-friendly theatre. There will be designated spaces for guests who may find sitting still for a whole show challenging, and space to move for those who may need a sensory break.

Craft — In the summer holidays there is a Mosaics morning for adults and children (age 5–16) to take part in together on Monday 18 August. Bookings are also open for adult Fused Glass workshops on 16 September to make a Wave in a Frame. Full details are on the website.

Nature at the Barn

August brings two very different Nature Walks. On Thursday 7 August local Bushcraft expert, Steve England does a Walk on the Wild Side at 10.30am, aimed at adults and children together. This two hour guided walk around the nature reserve looks at habitats, plants and trees, with fascinating facts and practical uses of them for food, medicine, bushcraft, and fire! On Thursday 21 August there is a Bat Walk at 8pm, followed by a drink and nibbles in the Barn. This bat walk is just for adults or teens.

Free parking at the Barn for all events. The Medieval Barn is fully accessible for wheelchairs.



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 - 11:00 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. E: littlestokescoutgroup@outlook.com
W: 1stlittlestokescouts.co.uk

Arts Appreciation Group - Join us as the Greenfield Centre, Park Avenue, Winterbourne on the third Thursday of the month at 2pm from October to June.

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 07725 890120

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, just a get together to have some fun. We meet every Tuesday 2-3pm The Old School Rooms, Stoke Gifford. £3 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 & District Ladies Club - meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7.30pm at Little Stoke Baptist Church, Kingsway. T: Julie 0117 931 5007

Severnside Ramblers - walks most Sundays and alternate Fridays. Check out our website for details https://severnsideramblers.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. 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 htp://www.britishlegion.org

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

Winterbourne Wind Band- Thursdays 7.30-9.30pm at Holy Trinity church Bradley Stoke. 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 bradleystokewi@ gmail.com; FB: Bradley Stoke WI; https://bradleystokewi.org

Women's Institute (WI) - Stoke Gifford WI meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7.30.pm at Trust Hall, North Road, Stoke Gifford BS34 8PF contact Sue Grimsted 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 Bradley Stoke 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 mlee1@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, bristolextreme@gmail.com

North Bristol Rugby Club, Rugby teams from 4+ www. pitchero.com/clubs/northbristoljuniorsrfc/ .

North Bristol Running Group friendly group, 3 evenings per week, Tues, Weds, Thurs, in the Bradley Stoke area. Tuesday evening is aimed at Beginners whilst all levels are welcome on any of the evenings. Alan 0789 0182387. Find us on FB.

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

Parkrun is a weekly 5km event where you can walk or run that takes place in the Three Brooks nature reserve every Saturday at 9.00. You just need to register with parkrun to take part

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

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Amberley Road Baptist / Cafe Church, Patchway, 01454 610808

Bradley Stoke Evangelical Church Baileys Court Road 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

Equippers Church 1160 Park Avenue, Aztec West Business Park, BS32 4TL. Tel 01454 837990. https://equippers.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. The Place community coffee & lunch Thursday mornings 10am-2pm. All Welcome.

St.Michaels Church, The Green, Stoke Gifford 0117 9692486 welcome@stmichaelsbristol.org. Coffee shop open Monday - Friday 8.30am-4pm. Saturdays 10am-1pm

Stoke Gifford Baptist Church 1, Rock Lane, 01454 610808

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

Bowsland Green Primary School, Ellicks Close BStoke, 01454 866766, bowslandgreen.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.stmichaelssg.co.uk

Wheatfield Primary School, Wheatfield Drive BStoke, 01454 868610

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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

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

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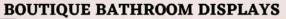
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