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We hope you have been enjoying a good summer so far, it has certainly been a lovely warm one to date!

We are pleased to bring you details of local activities taking place to keep the family entertained over the school holidays, check out the Bradley Stoke Town Council's bug trail running through August, the 'beach' and fun day at the Willow Brook Centre and all the activities taking place at the Winterbourne Barn.

Looking ahead to September, Bristol & South Glos Stationary Engine Club, Vintage Rally & Tractor Event takes place on the 7th and Stoke Lodge Primary School are inviting everyone to their first Big Community Breakfast on the 9th, see page 9 for more information. In conjunction with SGS College, South Glos libraries are offering free computer courses this autumn - see page 46.

We have some talented young people in our midst who have qualified in their respective sports to represent GB in the coming months and would welcome support in the form of sponsorship - you can read more on pages 28 and 29. We also bring you updates from the local Parish Council, our local MP and the regional PCC, and news from the OSR Scouts and Little Stoke Primary School. Hambrook Social Club needs your help to survive - see page 35. We have news from the RBL on page 15 and also news of 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. Enjoy the read!

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News from Little Stoke Primary School

As we reach the end of another school year, (as I write this) we are getting ready to wish all of our Year 6 children the very best of luck, as they get ready to move

onto secondary school! They are currently working extremely hard on a new performance for their parents to enjoy, photos to follow!

We are also very excited to be welcoming our new EYFS children starting in September. Here is a snippet of all the fabulous things that have been happening so far this term at Little Stoke Primary School.



We would like to give a huge thank you to the volunteers from Rolls-Royce plc for working with our Y6 children for a whole day dedicated to STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). As well as the fun that was had, it was great to hear about the future job opportunities available to young people in our local area.

Our children thoroughly enjoyed our special Wallace & Gromit's Grand Appeal assembly! We heard all about the upcoming Unleashed 3 event and learned lots about the work of the charity. We have a big secret to unveil soon, so watch this space!



We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our new starters in September! Thank you to Men in Sheds Filton for designing and making our fabulous new outdoor kitchen for our EYFS area.



Our Year 3 class (above) had a fabulous day trip to MSHED! They took part in an Anglo Saxon workshop to learn about the incredible Saxons, their history and how this has influenced our daily life now. A fantastic day was had by all!



Year 5 (above) have had a very busy and exciting term. They had a fabulous trip to Bristol Harbourside, travelling by train and private boat! They completed a 'Bristol at War' workshop at MSHED to consolidate their school learning and a great day was had by all!

Trying to keep cool in the glorious weather, they moved their learning to outside. They had a lovely art lesson where they sketched trees from our beautiful grounds.



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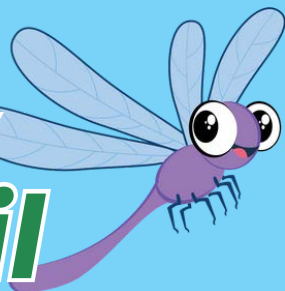
Two fun days are also planned, Our Superhero funday on 31st July, which will have just taken place by the time this edition comes through your door and our Teddy Bear Picnic on Saturday 30th August - see poster for more details.

Save the date, come along and join in the fun, all events are FREE!





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Friday 8th – Tuesday 26th August 2025

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Stoke Lodge Primary School will be hosting their first Big Community Breakfast event on September 9th 2025 at 9.30am

The Big Community Breakfast serves as a catalyst for rebuilding and strengthening community bonds that may have weakened over time.

By providing a welcoming and inclusive environment, our event will encourage professionals and community organisations from all backgrounds, to come together, share a meal, and engage in meaningful conversations.

We hope the informal setting of our breakfast gathering will create an atmosphere conducive to open dialogue, allowing participants to discuss local issues, share experiences, and explore potential solutions to common challenges.

Through these interactions, Stoke Lodge aims to foster a sense of collective responsibility and mutual support among community members. The aim is that attendees will exchange ideas and perspectives, that they can identify pressing needs within the community and find ways to address them collaboratively. This process will not only help in pinpointing areas that require attention, but also promote a shared sense of ownership in tackling these issues.

By encouraging active participation and cooperation, Stoke Lodge's Big Community Breakfast lays the foundation for a more cohesive and resilient community, where resources and efforts are pooled to create positive change and improve the overall quality of life for all residents.

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PARISH COUNCIL

New Community Centre at Brooklands Park

Stoke Gifford Parish Council are excited to be taking over the management of the new community centre providing a real community hub within the growing estate of Brooklands Park.



Once the building is signed off, Crest Nicholson are due to hand over to South Gloucestershire Council in September 2025.

South Glos Council will then sign over to the Parish Council to manage and we are looking forward to finally running operations thereafter.

Included within the building will be a community café, a main hall for parties and family functions, and two meeting rooms fully operational to hold meetings/ corporate get-togethers and the like.

The buildings BREEAM certification demonstrates the commitment to sustainability and enhances the buildings long term value.

We hope to open the building towards the end of this calendar year and look forward to providing an energy efficient vibrant/ busy community building to the residents of Stoke Gifford.

If anyone is interested in hiring a room in the Brooklands Park Community Centre contact the parish council office on 01454 865202 or email bookings@stokegifford.org.uk to register your interest.

Community Litter Pickers

Do you have a few hours to help tackle litter in your local area / park space? Please join us to make a difference. Protective clothing and litter picking equipment all provided.

10th August - Trust Ground car park, North Road

31st August - Corner of Oxleigh Way/Clover Way, Brooklands Park

21st September - Little Stoke Park car park, Little Stoke Lane



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Sat 16th August 2025

Little Stoke Community centre @ 10.30-12.00

Sat 20th September 2025

Poplar Rooms, Trust Ground @ 13:00-15:00

Sat 18th October 2025

Little Stoke Community centre @ 10.30-12.00

An opportunity for local residents to meet your Parish Councillors, to discuss any concerns about your local area or ask any questions. Parking available on site.

Grounds Staff

Head Groundsman, Colin Kenyon has retired after over twenty years of service with the parish council. The parish council staff and park users gave Colin a good send off at the Little Stoke Sports & Social Club and we wish him a very happy retirement.



Taking over the reins is Martyn Rendell who was Deputy Head Groundsman to Colin this last three years. Martyn is an experienced and well qualified groundsman who has previously worked at Chipping Sodbury Golf Club, Coombe Dingle University Grounds, Bristol Rovers Football Club (training quarters) and has been with the parish council since 2022.

Maddox Ford has joined the team and we wish him all the best as he receives his training and guidance from Martyn and Andy towards the upkeep of all the lovely parks and recreational spaces we have in our parish.



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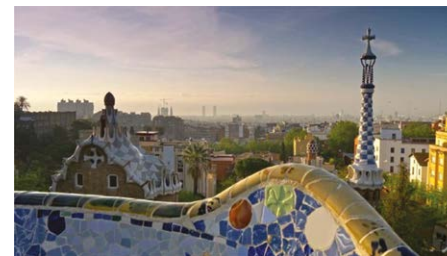
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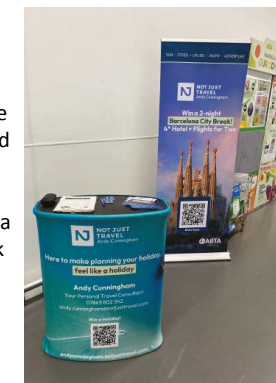
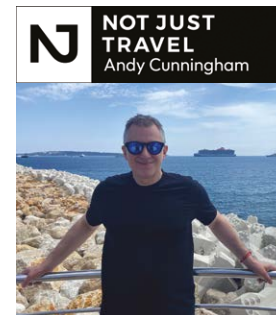
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The new Stoke Gifford, Patchway and District Branch of the Royal British Legion, RBL, is preparing for and organising the upcoming 2025/26 Poppy Appeal, which will be officially launched on 24th October, 2025.

Many venues around the area will have collecting tins and Poppies, and a number of venues will have stalls with Poppy Appeal volunteers.

Branch Poppy Appeal Organiser Tony Peters and Chairman John Moloney said *"The RBL 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 such as Little Stoke Gifford Matters magazine 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 preparations for the new Poppy Appeal year starting in October are: -

"Poppy fortnight" will be the two weeks up to Remembrance Sunday, 9th November, 2025.

The local Royal British Legion urgently needs volunteers to help with the Poppy Appeal, including people to help with collecting at various venues in the area. If

you are interested in volunteering, or joining the RBL, or want further information please contact us at -

rblistokegifford@gmail.com or contact John Moloney on 07802 53 55 91

In Stoke Gifford the annual Remembrance service will be on Remembrance Sunday, 9th November 2025 at 10.30 am on the Green in Stoke Gifford.

The Patchway Remembrance Parade will be held on the morning of Sunday 16th November 2025. The parade will assemble by 10.15am at the car park beside the Doctor's surgery off the Coniston Road, the Parade will commence at 10.30am. The Remembrance service will be held at the Memorial in Norman Scott Park.



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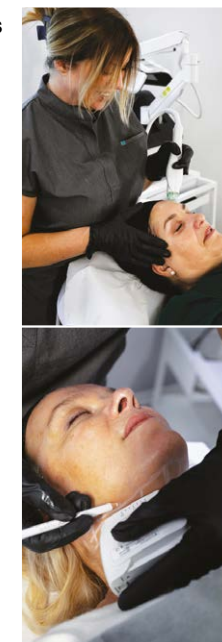
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Sound Meditation with Craig Rogerson from Soundworks

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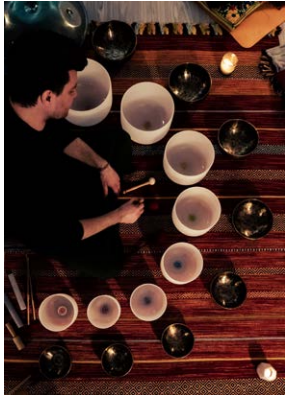
In a session, you'll experience anything from the grounding beats of worldly percussion, to the resonant frequencies of singing bowls, gongs, and a few other sonic treats. We use their audible qualities to tap into a phenomenon called brainwave entrainment - this allows us to access lower brainwave states. We also use their mechanical vibration that signals our parasympathetic system - our natural "rest and restore" mode. So it's not just what we hear, but also what we feel. These long, sustaining tones can carry us into a still, meditative state - a quiet place that many of us rarely get to visit.

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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 life-sustaining 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 beneficiaries. Together a Will and LPA provides vital protection to both you and your loved ones.

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Bradley Stoke Community School
Wednesday 5th November / 5:30pm - 7:30pm
www.bradleystokeschool.co.uk



Winterbourne Academy
Thursday 6th November / 5:30pm - 7:30pm
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Further information on booking talk times and attendance can be found on the Olympus Academy Trust website and also on individual school websites



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Subject staff will have stalls on the night for students to talk through the different courses on offer.
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SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS FOR COHORT 2026



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Bradley Stoke Community School
Tuesday 23rd September / 5:00pm - 7:00pm
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Lyde Green Community School
Monday 15th September / 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Wednesday 24th September / 6:00pm - 8:00pm
www.lydegreenschool.co.uk



Patchway Community School
Thursday 18th September / 5:30pm - 7:30pm
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Winterbourne Academy
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Bristol Civil Service Sports Club celebrating 100 years in the community

Tucked away behind the houses on Filton Avenue (entrance near the junction of Muller Road and Filton Avenue), is the Bristol Civil Service Sports Club (BCSSC). Founded in 1925 it was created to encourage ladies and men of the civil service to become more active and involved in sport. Eighty such clubs were created in the UK but sadly now only four remain and one of those is here in Bristol. CSSC is a not-for-profit sports and leisure organisation owned and run by its members.

Still offering a variety of sports, the club is the home to the largest table tennis club in the southwest, several football teams of various ages, cricket, lacrosse and netball. It also hosts sports days for local primary schools who do not have facilities of their own. It's even home to a local scout troop and until recently an after-school club.

The clubhouse comprises a members' bar with darts, pool and both Sky and TNT Sports. A function room for up to 170 guests, skittle alleys, snooker room and facilities for meetings and conferences. The club has a good reputation for hosting Celebration of Life events and other family celebrations including wedding parties with good catering options.

Originally membership of the Civil Service Sports Council was only open to civil servants but that has changed, and membership is now open to anyone paid from the public purse. Locally we are now offering access to the club with a local social membership where, in return for an annual fee, you can use the club and most of the facilities, including a bar where the price of a pint starts at just £3.75!

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Here we are at the end of another exciting term, ready to embrace the sunshine and all the joy of summer! It has been a busy and fulfilling few months, and we are so proud of everything our preschoolers have achieved.

One of the highlights of this term was our heartfelt preschool graduation. Our children enjoyed wonderful afternoon celebrating with their peers, mums, and dads. It was a special moment to say goodbye to those moving on to their next big adventure, starting school in September!

We are so proud of each and every one of them and know they will continue to shine.



But the celebrations don't stop there! We are also looking forward to our annual summer BBQ, a much-loved tradition that brings our community together for fun, laughter, and great food.

As we prepare to say hello to new faces in the coming term, we are excited to begin fresh adventures with new children joining the Ambourne family.

Here's to new beginning, joyful discoveries, and another wonderful year ahead!

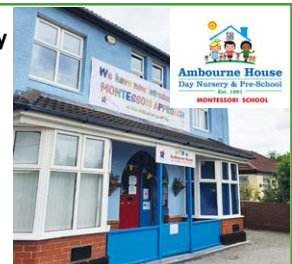
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Eleonora and Kostas live in Patchway and train at Epic Kickboxing club in Bradley Stoke. Both athletes are highly dedicated, disciplined, and rising stars in the sport of kickboxing, consistently performing at the top level in national and international competitions. Representing Great Britain on the European stage is not only a major sporting milestone but also a personal dream come true.

Why We Need Your Support:

Although selected to compete for Great Britain, athletes are required to self-fund their journey. We are currently seeking sponsors or partners to support this exciting opportunity and help them focus on their performance rather than the financial burden.

How You Can Help:

We are offering a range of sponsorship opportunities to suit your level of involvement. In return for your support, sponsors will receive: Brand exposure: Logos on team kit, training gear, and promotional materials; Promotion via Epic Martial Arts' and athletes' social media, newsletters, and press coverage; Community impact: Align your brand with youth empowerment, sportsmanship, and national representation; Engagement opportunities: Athletes available for local appearances, motivational talks, or social content collaborations.

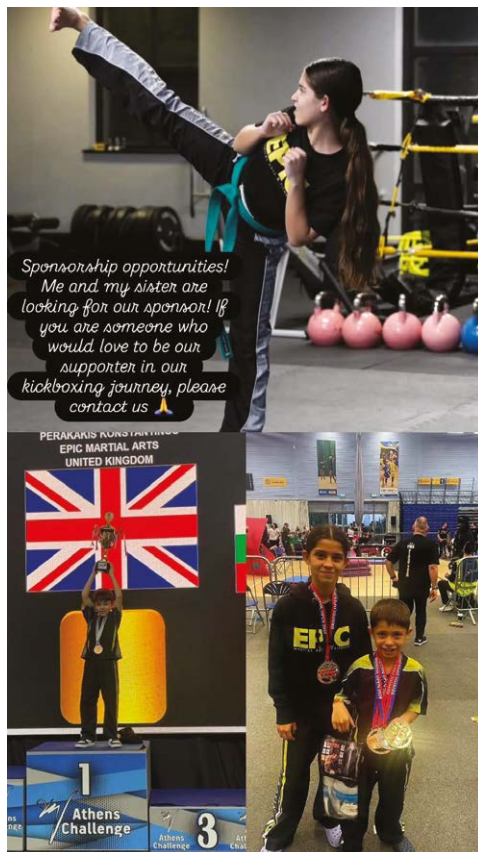
Any level of support makes a meaningful difference and brings these athletes closer to their goal of competing — and winning — for Great Britain.

We'd love to schedule a short call or meeting to discuss how we can partner with your business and share more about these inspiring young athletes.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to invest in their journey and help make a dream become reality" - Aleksandrina Marinova

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Local BMX Star on Track for Oz

Local BMX star, Eliza French (15), will be travelling to Brisbane, Australia next year as a member of the GB BMX team at the World Championships.

Eliza, from Bradley Stoke, has been racing since 2020 as a member of the Bristol Jets BMX club based at Patchway and in 2024 was signed by the BRE Racing Team, a national BMX team.

She progressed through the South-West Regional series and in 2024 took part in the National Series for the first time, finishing 13th. As a result, she qualified to represent GB at the World Championships in Copenhagen in late July/early August 2025 where she was just about to head off to as we went to print on this edition!



In 2025 Eliza has raced in three major race series and has made great progress, which is testament to all the hard work she puts in in training and development. Eliza participated in the 'Deep South' Winter series between October and March. This was her first time in this series, and she finished in 1st place in the Girls 15-16 age group.

Eliza then took part in the South region summer series having won the South West region three years in a row. The South region races typically have twice the number of entrants, visit a number of National-level tracks and also put her against girls who she will race in the National Series. She finished in 3rd place in the South series, against stiff competition.

In the 2025 British Cycling National Series, Eliza has made fantastic progress. At the start of the season her objective for the year was to make an 'A' final at some point, having never achieved this in 2024. Well, she made the 'A' final at the very first attempt in round 1 and kept going, making the 'A' on two further occasions across the 10 rounds! 2025 also saw her take her first moto (heat) win, a feat she then repeated two more times! She finished the National series in 7th place overall, up from 13th last year and consequently has qualified to represent GB again, this time in the 2026 BMX World Championships in Brisbane!

Eliza has also been invited to join the British Cycling BMX Talent Development Pathway Regional School of Racing.



Although the holidays are approaching, there will be no rest for Eliza as after her first World Championship in Copenhagen this month, she will still have the British Championships, South West Championships and South Championships to go. Next year's aim is to try her luck in the UCI European series!

Eliza currently trains on track three times a week with qualified coaches, goes to a local gym several times a week before school and has race meetings around the country most weekends.

Eliza is a Year 10 student at Abbeywood Community School where she is studying for her GCSEs. Amongst other subjects, she is taking a BTEC in Sport and hopes to make a career in a sports-related profession. She is also a budding musician and a talented young drummer.

Good luck over the summer Eliza - we look forward to hearing how you get on!

If any local firm or individual would consider sponsoring Eliza to assist her journey to Australia in 2026, we would be delighted to hear from you! Please contact Laurence French at laurencefrench92@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07973 271827.



Old School Rooms Scouts have had a Busy Summer Term!

Scouts from the Old School Rooms troop in Stoke Gifford have had a busy term this summer from water activities to problem solving to guest speakers talking disability awareness, healthy living and an expedition to Kilimanjaro.



The troop members have taken part in local and national competitions, visited the recycling centre at Yate and completed a beach clean at Kewstoke.

They're planning to enter the Green - Blue Peter badge during the summer break all as part of the new Earth Tribe Award. They'll be designing and building a Bug Hotel at the local primary school.

The main theme of the term has been water, with a safety visit to the RNLI in Portishead. Dragon boating with the Bristol Empire Dragons and raft building, paddle boarding and assault course all at the West Country Water Park.

Phelpsie the troops lead volunteer (scout leader) commented told us "Now we all need the summer off to recharge our batteries in readiness for the Autumn term, which is packed with all the things the scouts need for their top awards!"



OSR Scout Troop Celebrate their latest Gold Chief Scouts Award recipients

On the evening of Wednesday 23rd July following an evening on the water assault course at the West Country Water Park in Trench Lane, Alex, Omar, Paige, Isabelle and Jenson received their Gold Chief Scouts Awards from Clive Sandrey, Avon Scouts Lead Volunteer (County Commissioner in old money). The five scouts will receive their certificates and badges in front of the troop and family members, a short presentation and then their celebratory cake!



The Gold Chief Scouts Award is the highest accolade in the scout section and is the culmination of four and a half years of scouting with at least 8 nights away and 6 activity badges but between them the recipients have 108 activity badges plus all 9 challenge awards and 75 nights away!

The Troop Lead Volunteer Phelpsie congratulated all five scouts, commenting that they are an inspiration to the younger members of the troop. "We wish them all success in their futures whether that be in scouting or other things."

The troops leaders (volunteers) provide a varied and fun program, the scouts really enjoy their time in the troop and appreciate all the activities and opportunities they get to tryout.

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Claire Hazelgrove MP and PCC Clare Moody with USDAW on their National Retail Workers Day

Update from Claire Hazelgrove MP

Supporting local children to thrive

I hope you're enjoying the Summer and finding time to recharge. This month, I and my small team have been working on 923 new cases for residents. Thank you to everyone who's come along to my recent events - 'Coffee with Claire' in Patchway, new 'Pub Politics' in Emersons Green, and my advice surgery in Hambrook - or spoken with me and my team on your doorstep in Winterbourne, Filton, Emersons Green and Patchway.

If you need support or want to let me know about something locally, please get in touch:

claire.hazelgrove.mp@parliament.uk

News from Westminster

I'm proud to support Labour's plan to build on the legacy of Sure Start by launching up to 1,000 Best Start Family Hubs by April. The last government cut this support in South Glos, and I'm glad Labour is prioritising children and families here as a result.

Thank you to everyone - around 1000 residents - who contacted me about the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. I fully respect the range of views and know this will be one of the most important votes I cast. After attending every debate, and having my own amendments accepted, I voted for the Bill. For me, with good safeguards in the Bill, this came down to providing choice. This Bill will now move to the House of Lords.

I welcome Labour's 10-Year Health Plan to shift care from hospitals to communities, analogue to digital, and sickness to prevention. We have to act now to make sure our NHS is here for future

generations. After hearing from a constituent cut off from her mum during the pandemic, I also spoke in Parliament about the importance of safe contact in care settings.

It's clear from local conversations that the welfare system isn't working for anyone. I've met with the relevant Minister to share local concerns. 1 in 8 young people nationally are not in employment, education or training and we cannot see a lost generation. Many people want to work but lack support - that's why Labour is introducing a 'Right to Try' and tailored back to work support. For those unable to ever work we'll always provide support and end mandatory reassessments.

Having met with the Policing Minister previously, I'm pleased our government will deliver 70 new police officers for Avon and Somerset, working with Police and Crime Commissioner Clare Moody, as part of a £200 million investment in neighbourhood policing.

Community view

I recently welcomed Blackhorse Primary students to Parliament and would love to see more local schools here in the autumn too.

Locally this month I've visited veteran-led defence SME business RC Fornax, Airbus' Family and Friends Day, joined the Mayor of Patchway to open the pollinator project at Pretoria Road Allotments, and met pioneering companies at Bristol and Bath Science Park.

It's been a pleasure to support many excellent community festivals and school fairs - from Filton to Lyde Green. Thank you to everyone involved in putting on such great events.

Claire

An update from Clare Moody -

Police & Crime Commissioner

Summer campaign to strengthen neighbourhood policing across South Gloucestershire

You've told me you want safer streets and more visible policing and I'm doing it. I've listened to your concerns about anti-social behaviour (ASB), retail crime, and criminality in town and city centres, and I am working with the Chief Constable to put more officers where they are needed, tackling crime in high streets and areas you care about, because you should feel safe in your high street.

I have launched "Your Streets, My Priority" this month - a coordinated programme of action to enhance neighbourhood policing and create safer, more vibrant town centres and high streets across the region. There are several centres targeted across the Avon and Somerset area. The focus is on making our town and city centres safer, more vibrant spaces where residents, businesses, and visitors feel secure and welcomed.

Supported by the Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee, which has added more officers to your local teams, and the additional dedicated patrols in targeted areas, the plans will be delivering more proactive, visible and engaging policing in your cities and towns.

From increased foot patrols, to street surgeries and crime prevention advice for businesses. The local plans include ways for the police to work closer with businesses to share information, respond to incidents and target prolific offenders as well as proactive use of powers to address ASB. We will see additional partnership work with licensing colleagues to address issues relating to licensed premises as well as diversionary activities for young people, like the outreach and engagement programmes provided by the South Gloucestershire Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP). My team will also be working with partners to raise awareness of opportunities for young people.

Throughout the summer, I will be visiting different areas throughout South Gloucestershire to meet residents, businesses, community groups, and the local neighbourhood police team to see how things are progressing. I will be monitoring progress to make sure the campaign delivers results for you.

To keep up to date with what's happening as part of the "Your Streets, My Priority", visit my website and social media pages.

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

Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) is inviting the local community to come together for a heartwarming evening of remembrance as the Moonlight Memory Walk returns to Salthouse Fields, Clevedon, on Saturday 4 October.

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.

"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.

To take part or find out more, visit www.chsw.org.uk/moonlight or call 01726 871 800.

This year's Moonlight Memory Walk is generously sponsored by Irwin Mitchell.



Can Hambrook Sports Club be saved this winter?

Is there a more quintessentially British summertime sound than the gentle 'thwock' of leather on willow? A cricket ball soundly meeting a bat immediately conjures thoughts of sun-soaked afternoons, crisp white flannels and –naturally– a refreshing tipple to top it off. Hambrook cricket club is one of Bristol's oldest; founded in 1846, the game has been played on Whiteshill Common since 1878.

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 us."

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.

The club website is being relaunched with more details at www.hambrooksportsclub.co.uk.

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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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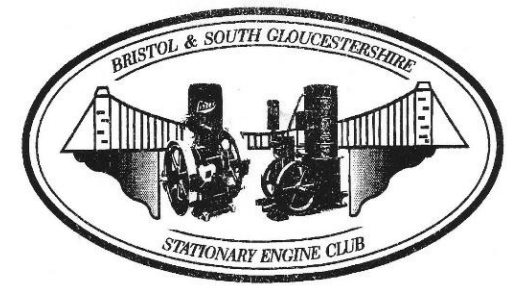
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Our members are from all areas of Bristol, Berkeley in the Severn Vale, the banks of the River Severn eastwards to the edge of Bath. Meetings are held at the Coalpit Heath Village Hall (Miners Club) on the first Thursday of the month starting around 7:45pm.

Guest speakers are arranged for most meetings whose subjects cover a variety of topics, not just stationary engines, a Winter Crank-up which occurs over the Christmas/New Year holiday period and an annual club day trip to a place of interest. With members individually exhibiting engines at events throughout the year.

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The Renters (Reform) Bill is currently in the final stages of its passage through the House of Lords. It is expected to become law upon receiving Royal Assent, with implementation anticipated in the coming months or by early 2026.

However, as the bill has not yet become law, we address below the position as the law currently stands.

Most frequent questions from Landlords:

My tenant isn't paying rent - can I evict them?

There are two options for landlords, serving a section 8 notice or a section 21 notice. It is typically not worth serving a section 8 notice unless the tenant is in arrears by at least two months, as the Court does not have to order possession and has a discretion.

If the tenant is two months in arrears, while you only need to give the tenant 14 days notice before issuing legal proceedings, the tenant may seek to defend the claim or even bring a counterclaim in response to seek to set off the arrears.

However, the service of a section 8 notice does allow for the recovery of rent arrears, which cannot be recovered by service of a section 21 notice.

Can I evict my tenant by serving a s.21 notice?

You cannot serve a section 21 notice earlier than 4 months into the tenancy, and they are only valid for 6 months. In order to serve a section 21 notice, the landlord must, prior to service of that notice:

1. Have provided the tenant with the How to Rent guide, EPC Certificate and Gas Safety Certificate, ideally at the start of the tenancy;

2. Protected any deposit paid by the tenant by placing the deposit in an authorised tenancy deposit scheme within 30 days of the start of the tenancy.

Most frequent questions from Tenants:

My landlord hasn't protected my deposit - what can I do?

Where the landlord has either protected the deposit late or not at all, the tenant can bring a claim for compensation. The Court must order the landlord to pay between 1 and 3 times the deposit.

The property is in disrepair - does my landlord have to carry out and pay for the repairs?

The tenancy agreement will usually contain clauses as to the repairs the landlord needs to carry out. However, where this is not the case, section 11 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 requires the landlord to carry out certain repairs.

The above should not be taken as legal advice. If you are a tenant or landlord and need assistance, please contact Martin Hall Head of Civil Litigation on 0117 973 3989 who will be able to advise you more fully, email info@amdsolicitors.com or call into one of our four Bristol offices.

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August-September at Winterbourne Medieval Barn



Family Activities in the Summer Holidays

On **Thursday 7 August** local Bushcraft expert, Steve England will host 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 **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.

There is a **Mosaics morning** for adults and children (age 5–16) to enjoy together on **Monday 18 August**.

Drama and Music – As well as Cinderella, mentioned above, there is a more adult comedy drama 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 romcom.

On **Thursday 18 September** there is a live performance of South American inspired music on guitar, flute and voice by local, international prize

winning duo, **Correa-Andrew**. Entitled *Music from a Land of a Thousand Rhythms*, this promises to be a special evening in the atmospheric medieval barn.

Talks – Monthly talks continue on **Monday 4th August** with celebrated historian **Prof Ronald Hutton** talking about King Arthur's great counsellor and magician, **Merlin**, the most famous wizard in traditional European literature. This excellent talk will also be available as a live-stream.

Winterbourne's lord of the manor Sir Thomas de Bradeston had the Barn built in 1342. On **Thursday 25 September** we have two talks from local historians and archaeologists – firstly about **Sir Thomas** himself, and then about **the lost chantry chapel** he founded at Breadstone (ie. Bradeston) near Berkeley and the work currently going on to re-discover it.

For something completely different, **October's talk** on **Tuesday 7th** is **Filton in Space**. The British Aircraft Company at Filton entered the 'space race' in 1956, providing part of the first British rocket to reach space in November 1957, just a few weeks after Sputnik 1. The space business continued in Filton until 1999 in the hands of British Aerospace and Matra Marconi Space.

Heritage Open Day – For the 21st year the Medieval Barn will be part of the **National Heritage Festival**, which this year particularly celebrates Architecture. The site will be open for free on **Sunday 14 September, from 1pm**. Come and look at the superb medieval carpentry of the barn roof, made without a single metal nail, and learn something about its history.

Craft Workshops – There are just a few spaces left for the adult **Mosaics afternoon** on **18 August** or **Fused Glass** on **16 September** at 10am. A three-day **Mosaics course** is coming in **October** to make a bistro table.

Event booking – All events at the Barn should be booked online at Ticketsource or the Barn's website. Contact the office (open part-time) to arrange a time to visit if you need to book in person. The Medieval Barn is fully accessible for wheelchairs. Free parking at the Barn for all events. More information on the Barn website and Facebook. We hope to see you soon!

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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

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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 7.30pm 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 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

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Bradley Stoke Youth Rugby at St Marys Old Boys Rugby Club for Minis, Juniors and Seniors - Trench Lane, Almondsbury website: www.smobrugby.com, 01454 250489 email: clubhouse@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.

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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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

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

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

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