

Bradley Stoke Town Council

# Newsletter



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## New Year Greetings

The Mayor, Town Councillors and staff all join in wishing every resident of Bradley Stoke a happy and prosperous New Year!

As the twentieth anniversary year of the Town draws to a close the Council is able to list many new achievements. The largest and most successful Community Festival was held in June, followed by the largest and most successful Fireworks display in November, followed by the commissioning of the major new extension at Baileys Court Activity Centre. This will be formally opened by the Mayor in

March when he will unveil a plaque at the Centre kindly donated by Pearce's – the contractors who so ably did all the construction work and much besides. The Town Council now has a suite of three premises, each capable of accommodating all kinds of activities. Visit the Town Council website [www.bradleystoke.gov.uk](http://www.bradleystoke.gov.uk) for a virtual tour of all the buildings and terms and conditions of hire.

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The description of Beacon Parks Projects to the Lottery was that the Beacon Playground serves two purposes.

- to serve the play needs of the children who live nearby providing them with high quality and varied play environments
- to provide a practical demonstration to show what alternative approaches to playful landscape design can be achieved within certain limited budget and in keeping with criteria, principles and values set out in our play policy. Sites were chosen to represent a cross section of geographical, economic and social factors.

The site earmarked in Bradley Stoke is the Jubilee Green in Savages Wood Road and the project description for the application to the Lottery showed that this site would demonstrate what could be done for a £55,000 budget as the site is surrounded by large areas of housing development which provides open space but is little equipped or designed for play opportunities. The high child population in the area and the large open space made this the sensible choice for the largest of the Beacon Playgrounds. The target for this site is to provide access to a rich, varied and interesting dedicated play area for regular new use by up to 500 children.

The project will officially start from 1 April 2008 with the aim of completing by 30 March 2009, but preparation, planning and consultation work is likely to start ahead of this date.

## Forthcoming Events 2008

**International Women's Day** at Bradley Stoke Community School on Friday evening 7 March and Baileys Court Activity Centre on Saturday 8 March.

**The Easter Egg Hunt** will be held at Brook Way Activity Centre on the morning of Thursday 20 March.

The annual **Community Festival** will be held on the weekend of Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 6, 7, 8, June.

The annual **Fireworks Display** will be held on Sunday 2 November at the Jubilee Centre. Ignition at 6.00pm.

The monthly **Coffee Mornings** and **Local Produce Markets** are held at Brook Way Activity Centre on the second Friday morning of every month throughout the year.

The long awaited extension to **Baileys Court Activity Centre** has now been completed and is available for hire for meetings, conferences, parties, etc. Three major rooms have been added to the facility. Contact the Bookings Secretary on 01454 864646 for further information.

## A feast to remember...

As part of the year's festivities the Town Council combined with Bristol Aztec Rotary Club in arranging a dinner at the Hilton on 20 October to celebrate the town's 20th and the Rotary's 10th anniversaries.

Over 100 people attended and enjoyed a splendid meal and entertaining speeches by representatives of both organisations. It was hoped to have included Bradley Stoke Mud Pie on the dessert menu as it had featured at the Pioneers Dinner – in honour of a muddy thousand acre building site – soon after Bradley Stoke was started 20 years ago. But the recipe appears to have been lost. Many took the opportunity to have their photographs taken professionally at the event and to watch at least some of the Final of the World Rugby Cup on the large screen that had been imported for the occasion. Sadly England lost! A raffle and auction completed the evening with all proceeds going towards the various charities supported by Rotary and the Town Council.



## Please remember the fourth of November...

The annual fireworks display provided by the Town Council last November on Sunday 4th anticipated the fifth of November with the biggest and best display yet.

The top field at the Jubilee Centre was used as the launch pad for the first time and as much of the lower football field and Jubilee Green as was possible under health and safety regulations was used for the crowds who turned out on what was a very fine evening weather wise.

Various estimates put the crowd at more than 3000 so the extra viewing space was much appreciated. Admission was free, but the bucket collection in aid of the Mayor's charities – the Urological Prostate Cancer Appeal and Nicola Corry Support Fund – raised over £3000 – a record for this event.

Kimbolton Fireworks are to be congratulated on providing another memorable display and we are delighted that Severn Ambulance (who were in attendance) and the fire brigade had absolutely nothing to do!

Bristol Aztec Rotary Club supplied a range of hot food to warm the innards, and their charities also benefited from the event.

Photographs were taken by Graham Bloomfield and are reproduced on our website courtesy of the Bradley Stoke Examiner.

Please remember then that this year's fireworks are on Sunday 2 November at the Jubilee Centre in Savages Wood Road; ignition at 6.00pm



# The Senior Citizens' Forum

The Senior Citizens' Forum comprises over 3300 men and women over the age of 50 in South Gloucestershire who take an active interest in the way society treats its senior citizens.

The Forum is not a political body and is not affiliated to any political party but it takes an active interest in matters that concern senior citizens, such as the State Pension, crime prevention, health care and transport. A Newsletter is published four times each year and bi-monthly meetings are held in locations around South Gloucestershire, usually between 2 – 4pm. One of these meetings could be an opportunity to question the leaders of the three main

political parties on South Gloucestershire Council about matters of general concern. Very popular senior citizens information days are held in two or three different locations for members and run from 10am – 4pm. They involve at least two presentations from experts and include free lunch and refreshments. South Gloucestershire Council gives grant aid to the Forum as do many Parish and Town Councils, including Bradley Stoke.

Membership is free and if you would like to know more, contact the Forum c/o the Civic Centre, High Street, Kingswood, South Glos BS15 9TR.

## Bradley Stoke's Activity Centres

The Town Council maintains three excellent premises, each with a variety of rooms and sports facilities, for hire by individuals, community and business groups.

All are modern buildings that are clean and bright and can accommodate any size of groups up to a hundred or so in number. So if you are considering a small business meeting or conference, children's party or social evening, a game of tennis or a football match, it will be worth exploring the facilities the Town Council can offer on your doorstep. Virtual tours of each building can be viewed on the Town Council website [www.bradleystoke.gov.uk](http://www.bradleystoke.gov.uk) and details of how to book can be obtained from the Bookings Clerk on 01454 864646.

## The Nicola Corry Support Foundation

The Nicola Corry Support Foundation is one of the Mayor's chosen charities for the current year. Achieving registered charity status on June 2006, the foundation began as a support fund for Nicola to help in her fight against cancer.

Friends set up the fund initially in 2004 by organizing a promise auction raising £5000 to help Nicola fund complementary therapies and childcare costs for her son Alfie. Nicola sadly lost her battle in May 2005 but since then family and friends have continued with the fund to help others in a similar situation. Nicola's ordeal really highlighted the severe lack of resources for people with young families living with cancer and so the NCSF aims to:

- ▶ Assist families with childcare costs. This is particularly important if a parent needs to regularly visit hospital for a treatment;
- ▶ Donate grants to families to help them afford a treat together;
- ▶ Fund improvements to NHS cancer facilities for families with young children;
- ▶ Donate to research into rare cancers.

The Charity has just published its first newsletter and more information can be obtained from [www.ncsf.org.uk](http://www.ncsf.org.uk) or email: [info@ncsf.org.uk](mailto:info@ncsf.org.uk) or tel: 0845 257 3754.

## CustomerFirst - Giving consumers the choice:

Businesses in South Gloucestershire can sign up to a new scheme that recognises and encourages them to provide high levels of customer care.

South Gloucestershire Council's Trading Standards Service has launched CustomerFirst, which recognises businesses that are committed to providing excellent customer service and to trade in a fair, honest and legal way.

Other aims of the scheme include:

- ▶ giving consumers a reliable way of finding trustworthy businesses and allow them to make more informed choices
- ▶ offering a source of help and advice if things go wrong
- ▶ enabling local businesses to demonstrate that they have signed up to national standards

CustomerFirst has been nationally recognised by the Office of Fair Trading, and as a result has been able to join the Local Authority Assured

Trader Scheme Network, which provide national, consistent standards for schemes of this type.

The scheme is open to any business that deals with consumers. Those that apply to join will be assessed by Trading Standards officers, to ensure they conduct themselves in a legal, fair and honest way and provide good customer care. If an application is successful, then the business is expected to abide by CustomerFirst's code of practice.

CustomerFirst is open to all businesses in the district that trade with consumers. Any businesses wishing to find out more information about CustomerFirst and obtain an application pack should contact Trading Standards on 01454 634001 or email [tradingstandards@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:tradingstandards@southglos.gov.uk)

# A new town centre for Bradley Stoke

A new town centre for Bradley Stoke is at last becoming a reality after many years of waiting. Building work on the site, adjacent to the existing Tesco superstore, began on 10 December and will last for about 18 months.

Commenting on the progress, Felix Gummer, Tesco's Corporate Affairs Manager, said: "For the residents of Bradley Stoke the town centre has been a long time coming but at last we can say we have started building it! It has taken us several years of detailed negotiations to ensure we get the right development but what is planned will be a credit to the town.

*"We now have to find a new name for the centre and will be launching a competition to find that name in association with the Town Council."*

Contractors, Bowmer & Kirkland, have already started clearing the site of top soil following extensive archaeological and wildlife surveys required as part of the development's pre-start conditions.

Permanent site cabins were delivered on 10 December and located behind the Three

Brooks Public House. The existing site compound was then closed and given over to the archaeologists to complete their studies before the new road is built. The contractors are undertaking a full perimeter survey with a view to erecting all new fences before the main works start.

The town centre will feature a new Tesco Extra store with a further five large non-food retail units, about 15 smaller individual retail units, cafes, bars, bistros and offices all located around a town square. The centre will have car parking for about 1,200 cars and a new bus station with taxi rank.

The new Tesco store should be open before Christmas 2008 when the existing store will close and transfer its operations overnight. The remaining retail units will be ready at about the same time with the development fully open in 2009.



## Baileys Court Activity Centre

Baileys Court Activity Centre has now been greatly extended and all the rooms are available for hire. Two rooms have been added which may be used independently of each other or linked together to form one larger room. A third self-contained 'suite' has been created to accommodate the youth clubs that used to meet in The Green Hut, which has been demolished.

The original pavilion remains largely unaltered except for a coat of paint that was applied as part of a rehabilitation scheme for occupants of Leyhill Prison. CCTV has been upgraded and extended and the car park lighting has been considerably improved. New safety netting has been included alongside the car park to prevent all but the most spectacular of the cricketers' sixes from slamming into the car park and adjacent play area. New storage has been provided for cricket field and bowling green equipment as well as improved exits from the bowling green under health and safety regulations.

The frontage onto Baileys Court Road at last gives a worthy 'presence' to the building instead of the original dingy little entrance that was quite hidden away behind a rather unkempt shrubbery and a dilapidated green shed. The old entrance door – suitably painted – now forms a smart internal access between sections of the new building. It is difficult to imagine it as it used to be, such is the transformation.

All in all, the planning, preparation and realization of the project has taken several years. The Cavanna Partnership, who designed the building, and Pearce's, the contractors, have given us a splendid new facility on time and within budget and have been a joy to work with for all this time and especially over the seven months of the actual building. Council would also like to thank the hirers for their co-operation during this period and hope they are as pleased with the new building as Council is itself.

Details of the rooms and hire charges can be obtained from the Bookings Clerk on 01454 864646 or email [bookings@bradleystoke.gov.uk](mailto:bookings@bradleystoke.gov.uk) or via the website [www.bradleystoke.gov.uk](http://www.bradleystoke.gov.uk). A virtual tour of the new rooms is available to view on the website.

## Town Councillors are not paid!

A question raised at a Town Council meeting just before Christmas asked what remuneration and expenses were received by Town Councillors. The completely truthful answer is that they receive none at all. There is no salary or honorarium for being a Town Councillor and expenses (if claimed – and they usually are not) only apply if the councillor is making an official call beyond the parish boundaries. There are fifteen Town Councillors serving seven town wards and any payments made to them would increase the annual Precept accordingly.

Local Council elections in South Gloucestershire are held every four years for all seats although sometimes a by-election may be

called to fill a seat vacated by a Councillor for whatever reason. The next election when all local council seats will again become vacant will be in 2011.

However, any person who is elected to serve on South Gloucestershire Council is entitled to a range of payments and expenses depending on position(s) held. Anyone interested in further information should contact South Gloucestershire Council.

The election of Members of Parliament works to a quite different schedule, where the Prime Minister of the day calls a General Election at a time of his or her own choosing. By-elections may also occur when necessary to replace an MP.

# International Women's Day 2008

International Women's Day 2008 is a treat for women of all ages!

"Women and Wellbeing" is the theme for what is becoming an annual celebration for women in Bradley Stoke. We have an extra treat planned this year with a fashion show to take place on Friday 7 March 2008 7 – 9 pm at

## STOP PRESS

Congratulations to Bradley Stoke Community School on being awarded Specialist Status in languages and performing arts. The new status, effective from September, will give the school an injection of cash to become centres of excellence. It will work in partnership with local primary schools, businesses and the community generally. The school will receive £100,000 in Government funding and £129 per pupil for four years.

## STOP PRESS

The Annual Meeting of Almondsbury Charity will take place in Easter Compton Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 30 April. This is an opportunity to find out how this local Charity progressed and performed financially during the year ending 30 September 2007. It will be followed with an illustrated talk on the work of St Peter's Hospice. The origins of this Charity date back to the twelfth century and eight hundred years on continues to perform within an area of benefit covering the Parish of Almondsbury as constituted on the 1st. January 1881. Today, this means that it covers Bradley Stoke-North, Easter Compton, Patchway, most of Pilning and Almondsbury. The evening will conclude with tea/coffee and biscuits.

Bradley Stoke Community School. Entry will be free but donations for Southern Brook Domestic Abuse Support Group would be welcome.

This will be the chance to:

- ▶ choose the styles that flatter your body shape
- ▶ find the colours that suit your skin-tone
- ▶ brighten up your existing wardrobe
- ▶ change your look with accessories
- ▶ pick items from the latest trends
- ▶ wear clothes with confidence
- ▶ SAVE MONEY!

On Saturday 8 March there will be an afternoon of free activities and information from 1 – 5pm at the newly updated Baileys Court Activity Centre. Bristol Playbus will be providing a free crèche suitable for children up to age 10 but you need to let us know quickly if you would like a place as you must book it before the day.

There will be lots to do including free pamper time, workshops on Healthy Eating, Indian Head Massage and Taking Control of your Life. There will be information from lots of organisations, particularly focusing on how women can survive in this busy world. Earlier in the day why not join in the guided walk around Baileys Court Activity Centre lead by the SGC Walking to Health Team, you will be back in time for a coffee and a cake before the main events begin.

Check out the websites [www.bradleystoke.gov.uk](http://www.bradleystoke.gov.uk) or [www.sbcommunitypartnership](http://www.sbcommunitypartnership) 01454 868570

## Bradley Stoke Neighbourhood policing team

Bradley Stoke Neighbourhood policing team has continued its high visibility patrols in our "hot spots" with our community support officers Jason Green and Pat Gardener on foot patrol reassuring the local community and dealing with local neighbourhood issues.

Every Friday and Saturday evening the station provides a high visibility reassurance patrol around the sector dealing with any reported anti-social problems.

We have recently developed "Scene it", an interactive crime scene for young people which we launched at the Engage Festival which was a great success. This initiative can be used for any youth groups in the area.

The team is working in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council, Southern Brooks Community Partnership and the Town Council in establishing the Bradley Stoke Safer and Stronger Community Group which determines our beat priorities.

One community priority we are currently dealing with is school parking. We have set up a "3 strikes scheme" working with schools, parents and local residents to tackle parking issues at our seven local schools.

We now hold a monthly "Street Briefing" which is an informal meeting in a local road giving residents the opportunity to chat with the team. We hold them in the evening and notify the residents of our chosen street

beforehand by way of a leaflet drop. Notices are always posted on street lamps. This is an opportunity for residents to meet us in their street, just outside their front doors. As a result we have had useful information about all kinds of matters from parking and other situations with vehicles to problems we knew nothing about which are now being dealt with. Recent briefings were held in Oak Tree Crescent and Merryweather Close and we have further events planned at Huckley Way and Crystal Way. If you would like to see a Street Briefing held where you live, please ring 0845 456 7000 asking for any member of the Bradley Stoke Neighbourhood Policing Team

Another way we are meeting local residents is through our monthly "Have your Say" day. We attend busy locations across Bradley Stoke with crime reduction literature to listen to residents' problems and to prioritise the "real problems" affecting our residents. We have already been to the large Tesco store twice and to the Leisure Centre. Many people have now been able to discuss ongoing problems and, if advice is needed on any topic, we can assist straight away. We have had a really great response so far, so please look out for us.

If you wish to discuss any of these issues or wish for the team to attend any of your groups, streets or meetings please feel free to contact us on 0845 456 7000.



# Bradley Stoke Youth Development Team

From the Bradley Stoke Youth Development Team we learn that The Festival of Light was a beautiful occasion. Savages Wood was lit up to celebrate Diwali. The event included art work made by young people on the theme of Global Warming and there were Indian dancers and drummers from South Gloucestershire Asian Project. Helen, a local artist, encouraged people to make lanterns to celebrate the event which were made into a dazzling circle of light in the wood.

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Young people from the Jubilee Youth Club were involved in planning the event and with great gusto discussed where the lights went, designed the Dragons Den and climbed in the stream to heave rubbish out of it. They even got involved in coppicing hazel to provide frames for the art work. The highlight for them was using the 'walkie talkies', with which they really enjoyed talking to the lighting engineers and marshals during the event about things that needed to be done.

They learnt about team working, conservation and Diwali. A Hindu priest came to the youth club to discuss Diwali and a little bit about Hindi philosophy. The young people also tried a variety of Indian foods and sweets. In February there will

be an opportunity to consider the Muslim religion as the youth work team aims to encourage young people to learn about their own cultures as well as other people's.

The Festival of Light was part of the Engage Festival, managed by South Gloucestershire Council's Wild Roots projects and funded by the Heritage Lottery Spaces. Images of the event are available in the form of postcards and are available from Wild Roots 01454 863592

The new youth facility at Baileys Court Activity Centre will enable young people to engage in music projects, art work and discuss a variety of life issues such as bullying, relationships etc. Some of the young people were involved in raising money for the new equipment for the youth club and really enjoyed choosing the furniture etc. Bradley Stoke Town Council worked hard on developing this facility and are actively supporting the development of youth services for the young people of Bradley Stoke

Plans for the new facility include developing a music studio and a safe place for young people to discuss life issues with Rosemarie – a qualified nurse – such as new relationships.

## What's on for young people in Bradley Stoke?

### MONDAYS 7-9.30PM

Youth Club for young people aged 13-17 years at the Jubilee Activity Centre and Baileys Court Activity Centre, 50p entrance

### TUESDAYS 7-9.30PM

Project night at Baileys Court Activity Centre, music, baby sitting courses and confidential advice about sexual health from Rosemarie, 50p entrance

Football – free football coaching 5-6.30pm at Brook Way Activity Centre for young people aged 8-19

### WEDNESDAYS 7-9.30PM

Youth Club for young people aged 13-17 at Baileys Court Activity Centre, 50p entrance

7-9pm team sports at Bradley Stoke Community School for young people 11-16

### THURSDAYS 6.30-9PM

Youth Club for young people aged 11-17 at the Jubilee Activity Centre, entrance 50p

The youth club programme varies each week but activities include arts, sports, and information about life issues.

The detached youth workers work with young people wherever they are in the town with the aim of involving them in local activities, sports and much more – including trips.

Please contact Ruth on 01454 868570 or 07814075339 for more information.

## The Living Landmarks Project

The Living Landmarks Project has been working since August 2007. This exciting project which is funded for the year from August 2007 aims to bring together local children and young people and older residents as well as families and carers to explore what existed in the past through story telling, arts workshops and audio recordings. With the historic and anecdotal information we gather, we will work together with children and young people and older residents to exchange, design and create a total of 30 permanent visual and text plaques which will mark important places in the community.

Since the start in August, the project has achieved great success. The plaque proposals are well under way and we now wait in anticipation from the Highways department for approval. Once agreed, we will continue to work with schools and community groups to help and advise us about the creation of the plaques.

Schools are really committed to supporting the Landmarks work, and we now starting work in schools across Bradley Stoke and Patchway. Artists Colin Higginson, who is a visual artist currently artist in residence at Bristol Archives and Martin Maudsley, a story teller who has captivated children and young people with myths and fables, and Carrie Creamer will be working with school children in years 2,3 and 4. We look forward to sharing with you some of the stories, and images that we will collect on this journey of discovery.

Just before Christmas, the project worked with the Arnolfini Gallery, Bristol. Eight residents from Patchway and Bradley Stoke came together to explore personal histories, keepsakes and storytelling in partnership with South West artist Tom Marshman. The discussions, advice and stories shared will help shape the next piece of work for Tom. Feedback has been great so far, and the Arnolfini are really keen to continue to work with such a creative and hard working group.

On 6 June we are planning a celebration of all the hard work, research and input each school has contributed to create this project. We would also like to showcase some of this work to families and carers in Bradley Stoke and Patchway. Naturally the project is really eager to participate in the festival planned for the following day; so watch this space.

We continue to invite members of the community who wish to share and document their stories about the local area, what happened, what the towns used to look like, important buildings and prominent people in the area.

Carrie is planning to host several workshops in the half terms and evenings to showcase some of the work to date as well information sharing and support for the project. So, please get in touch if you wish to support us with stories, photos or other fascinating materials. Southern Brooks Community Partnership & Heritage Lottery Fund.

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## Community Radio Station

Bradley Stoke Community Radio Station will soon be a reality. Following on from the very successful BBC Radio Bradley Stoke in September 2007, Southern Brooks Community Partnership (SBCP) has been helping some residents to set up a radio station in the town which will broadcast around the time of the Bradley Stoke Festival in June this year.

The station will operate under the umbrella of SBCP and will be mainly run by local residents. The aim is to build community spirit, empower the individual and showcase the wide and varied talents in the town by involving all section of the community and all age groups in all aspect of the project.

There will be opportunities to learn how to produce and broadcast programmes. If residents have a burning interest in a topic they will be able, with help, to make a programme. Additionally, we'll have chat shows where we'll be interviewing people who have contributed to the growth of the town.

Enormous opportunities are there for the primary and also secondary schools in and around Bradley Stoke to involve their students, for churches to get involved and publicise their many contributions to the town, and for voluntary groups to be more visible. Small businesses can get involved by sponsoring the project in exchange for publicity. Residents of Bradley Stoke will hear what events are happening in the town, and what businesses are operating here.

If you are interested in being part of this exciting project then please contact SBCP and ask to speak with Winsome, the community development worker.

Email: Winsomebmuir@sbcommunitypartnership.co.uk  
Tel: 01454 86 85 70 [www.sbcommunitypartnership.org.uk](http://www.sbcommunitypartnership.org.uk)



## Southern Brooks Community Partnership

Julie Snelling, Director.

Southern Brooks Community Partnership has enjoyed an exciting few months in Bradley Stoke, with Winsome helping to set up the community radio station, and our family support team working with increasing numbers of families in the town. If your family is going through a difficult time and you'd like some non-judgemental help and support give Corrina a ring on 01454 867076. Bradley Stoke Safer and Stronger Group is a partnership between the Police, Town Council, Safer South Gloucestershire, Southern Brooks Community Partnership, Neighbourhood Watch Groups and other organisations in the town.

We've combined our Toy Library with Bouncing Babies at the Jubilee Centre on Tuesdays from 1 – 3pm, and more and more people are coming each week. We have a new student, Michelle Davies, working alongside the family support team. Our Domestic Abuse Support Group also has a new worker, Margaret, and any woman living with domestic abuse can contact her on 078 1203 2219. Be assured of a sensitive and confidential service

The Coffee Morning and Local Food Market, a partnership between the Town Council and Southern Brooks, is going from strength to strength, with really positive feedback both from people attending the coffee morning and the stall holders.

Just before Christmas we ran a consultation with residents around Rosemary Close play area and a report was presented to Bradley Stoke Town Council. We look forward to seeing the development of this area.

We're working closely with Patchway, Filton and the Stokes Volunteer Centre and the other volunteer centres across South Gloucestershire. We have a new training programme for volunteers and those organisations working with them. Yate Volunteer Centre

successfully led on a bid to Awards for All to fund the programme. You can see the full programme on our website, and it includes things like

- ▶ Making the Most of Volunteering
- ▶ Communication and Relationship Building and
- ▶ Cultural Awareness

On Wednesday 4 June there is going to be a celebration of volunteering at Filton Folk Centre. If you'd like more information please ring Nicola on 0117 940 2056

We also have our own training programme which includes Youth Work Training, Partnership Working and Dealing with Challenging Behaviour. All workshops are free to attend – check out our website or give us a ring for more information. We work closely with other organisations that provide funding for training and if you, as an individual, or as part of a community group, would like a course put on let us know and we'll see if it's possible.

We have a Directory of Groups that exist locally and nationally to support families. It was put together several years ago and we are currently updating it. When it's finished it will be available on our website, and through libraries, schools and health visitors. If you know of a service locally that you think should be included, please ring the office or email [kateobrien@sbcommunitypartnership.org.uk](mailto:kateobrien@sbcommunitypartnership.org.uk). We're also trying to put together an email list for ALL of the community groups and associations that meet in the town. The purpose of the list is to be able to provide information and advice about funding, things going on in the town and initiatives that we think groups would be interested in. If you are involved with a group, please email [jackielewis@sbcommunitypartnership.org.uk](mailto:jackielewis@sbcommunitypartnership.org.uk). The information will only be used by our organisation.

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## St Peter's Hospice

St Peter's Hospice is about to open its latest shop at Unit 3, Bailey's Court, Bradley Stoke, and is appealing to the public for volunteers to help work in the shop and donate any unwanted goods.

The new shop is the 48th in an ever expanding chain and was opened on Saturday 16 February. It will be open from 9.00am to 5.00pm for anyone who has anything to donate. Easy access to the front of the shop means anyone wishing to drop off donations can quite literally pull up and open their boot!!! Anyone unable to get to the shop can contact the Collection hotline on 0800 5850015 and your goods will be collected free of charge.

Safron Chapman, Operational Manager for the new shop said "St. Peter's Hospice is the first charity shop to open in Bradley Stoke so we are hoping that the local community will really get behind us and make it a big success. We really need local people to help run the shop alongside our managers and also donate any unwanted items to ensure we have good range of goods available. We can accept a variety of things including clothing, shoes and accessories as well as bric a brac, books, CD's and DVD's."

St. Peter's hospice is the only adult hospice in Bristol and in 2008 will be celebrating 30 years of providing specialised care free of charge to local people with life limiting illnesses and St. Peter's Hospice Shops raise in excess of £1.2 million a year which goes directly towards patient care.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to work at the shop should contact Safron on 07793 606 197.

## Southern Brooks Community Partnership

Southern Brooks Community Partnership has enjoyed an exciting few months in Bradley Stoke, with Winsome helping to set up the community radio station, and our family support team working with increasing numbers of families in the town. If your family is going through a difficult time and you'd like some non-judgemental help and support give Corrina a ring on 01454 867076. Bradley Stoke Safer and Stronger Group is a partnership between the Police, Town Council, Safer South Gloucestershire, Southern Brooks Community Partnership, Neighbourhood Watch Groups and other organisations in the town.

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Brooks Community Partnership, Neighbourhood Watch Groups and other organisations in the town. In November we held a meeting at Bradley Stoke Community School with residents, to find out what their issues and concerns are. Many of the problems were addressed quickly. By the time you read this, a second meeting will have taken place at St Mary's Primary School. A meeting is planned for 10 June at Meadowbrook Primary School from 6.30pm – this is your chance as residents to find out what the Police are doing locally, and to share any problems and concerns about living in the town.

For more information please ring the office.

As always, we're here to help any resident who wants to start something new in the town and

### Academic Year

2007/8

**Term 1:** 3 Sept – 19 Oct  
**Term 2:** 31 Oct – 19 Dec  
**Term 3:** 3 Jan – 15 Feb (08)  
**Term 4:** 25 Feb – 4 April  
**Term 5:** 21 April – 23 May  
**Term 6:** 2 June – 25 July

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**Term 2:** 5 Nov – 19 Dec  
**Term 3:** 5 Jan – 13 Feb  
**Term 4:** 23 Feb – 3 April  
**Term 5:** 20 April – 22 May  
**Term 6:** 1 June – 24 July

### ChildLine

ChildLine is the free 24-hour helpline for children and young people in the UK. Children and young people can call the helpline on **0800 1111** about any problem, at any time day or night.

### Blood Doning

The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre

**Session Times 2008**

13.30-15.30 & 17.0-19.15  
4 Jan, 25 Jan, 29 Feb, 14 March,  
18 April, 23 May, 13 June, 15 Aug,  
3 Oct, 14 Nov, 5 Dec.

## Useful Telephone Numbers

South Gloucestershire Council  
Services Main Switchboard  
Number:

**01454 868009**

Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre  
**01454 868050**

Bradley Stoke Library  
**01454 868006**

Dog Warden  
**01454 868000**

Education - General Enquiries  
**01454 868008**

Travellers  
**01454 863876**

Trading Standards  
**01454 868001**

The nearest SORT IT!\* Centre  
(Civic Amenity Site) to Bradley  
Stoke is at Station Road, Little Stoke

### Opening Hours

**Monday to Friday**

Gates Open 8.00am  
Gates Closed 4.15pm

**Saturday & Bank Holidays**

Gates Open 8.00am  
Gates Closed 4.00pm

**Sunday**

Gates Open 9.00am  
Gates Closed 1.00pm

### Directions

From the Aztec West roundabout travel south towards Bristol on the A38. When approaching the flyover filter left, and then turn left at the traffic lights into Gipsy Patch Lane. Shortly you pass under a narrow railway bridge - turn left immediately afterwards into Station Road. The SORT IT!\* site is half a mile ahead, on your right

South Glos Council's Streetcare and SORT IT! Helpdesk can be reached on 01454 868000. You will then be given a choice of numbers for the Council's services for Highways, Open Spaces, Street Lighting, Waste Services and Fly Tipping or email in on streetcare@southglos.gov.uk

### Others

Filton Airfield Complaints Lines  
**0117 969 3831 & 0117 936 4595**  
(For any problems arising from the airfield)

Filton Police – Community Beat  
Office Direct Line  
**0117 945 4835**

Police Community Support Officer  
(Jason Green)  
**0779 5390262**

Pet search (Lost/Found Pets)  
**0117 949 2774**

Sofa Project  
(Furniture Recycling Charity)  
**0117 9543567**

## Forthcoming Events in Bradley Stoke

**8 March 2008**  
**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

**20 March 2008**  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**

**6,7,8 June 2008**  
**COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**

**2 November 2008**  
**FIREWORKS**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CORRINA ON 01454 867076  
OR BRADLEY STOKE TOWN COUNCIL ON 01454 868080

## Further Information

### Members Of Parliament

Dr. Doug Naysmith MP (Lab) covers the southern part of Bradley Stoke and may be contacted at Unit 7, Greenway Business Centre, Doncaster Road, Southmead, Bristol BS10 5PY or tel: 0117 950 2385, Fax: 0117 950 5302.

Mr. Steve Webb MP (Lib Dem) covers the northern part of Bradley Stoke and may be contacted at Poole Court, Poole Court Drive, Yate, Bristol BS37 5PP, or tel: 01454 322100.

### Bradley Stoke Town Council

Bradley Stoke Town Council came into being on 1 April 1992. There are some 14,019 on the current Register of Electors and 15 elected Councillors in seven Wards. Four Town Councillors are also Members of South Gloucestershire Council. Councillor Jon Williams is one

of our representatives for the South Gloucestershire Council Ward of Bradley Stoke North, but does not sit on the Town Council.

### Councillors

John Ashe, Roger Avenin, Julian Barge (Chair) Morgan Baynham, Caroline Charlton, Ronnie Conway-Haskins, Keith Cranney, Mark Forsyth, Sandra Hobson, Brian Hopkinson, Robert Jones (Vice Chair) Sarah Pomfret, David Skeet, Dr. Elizabeth Todd, Benjamin Walker

### Meetings

As well as Full Council, there are Standing Committees for Planning, Environment & Amenities and Finance & Leisure. All Council and Standing Committee meetings are open to the public and the press. At any of these meetings electors

of the Parish may ask questions during public question time. Times of meetings are posted on Council's notice boards.

### Grant Aid

Bradley Stoke Town Council has allocated a sum of money each year for grant aid to be awarded for small projects that benefit the local community (maximum grant is £400.00). All applications are considered on their merits. Application forms may be obtained from the BSTC Office.

### Councillor Surgeries

Councillor Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of each month between 10.00am & 12 noon at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre for community residents to speak to their Councillors on any matter concerning the town.



The Town Council welcomes your comments and opinions.

Please make your views known via the Clerk. Correspondence for Council and Councillors may be sent to:

**David Chandler, Town Clerk, Bradley Stoke Town Council, 7 The Courtyard, Woodlands, Bradley Stoke, South Glos, BS32 4NQ**  
Telephone: (01454) 868080 Fax: (01454) 868084 E-mail: town.clerk@bradleystoke.gov.uk