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Dear Readers...

Another fab month in our community; we were basked in glorious sunshine for Glos Rd Central's Mayfest - the Green man and his merry followers well and truly welcomed in the summer season

The weather held for Golden Hill Community Garden's Spring Fair too; it was wonderful to see so many families embracing this local green venue. We all enjoyed the merriment; Henry took particular delight in the live music, both joining in with the drumming and dancing on the decking!

We are pleased to bring you news of theatre in St Andrew's Park this June. After the success of last year, the Friends of St Andrew's Park once again bring you the Pantaloons theatre company, with their production of The Importance of Being Earnest I can't think of a more beautiful

venue than our glorious, green park as a theatre.

Our park was also the venue for a recent celebration to mark the unveiling of a blue plague for musician and entrepreneur Henry Illes, whose matrimonial home was on Somerville Road; we hope you enjoy the account of the day.

Tatiana Stankovic Davis was posthumously honoured with a Lord Mayor's award for her incredible fundraising for the charity Fairy Bricks. We hear how proud her parents were to collect the well-deserved award in her honour

If you are looking for some top food, why not take advantage of your 10% reader discount at the fabulous new smokehouse and grill, Voodoo-Q, see page 11.

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John Henry Iles, Bristol-born entrepreneur honoured in style

City of Bristol Brass Band performed at the unveiling of a blue plaque to commemorate John Henry Iles. Lord Mayor Councillor Lesley Alexander did the honours at a ceremony in St Andrews Park.

John Henry Iles was born in Bristol and the band played at the ceremony outside his matrimonial

home. 91 Somerville Road, on Sunday

A colourful and diverse entrepreneur. lles was one-time owner of the British Bandsman newspaper, R Smith & Co music publishers and the founder of the National Brass Band Championships. He was also highly successful in the Amusement Park business and became owner of Belle Vue, Manchester and also the British Open Brass Band Championships

It was while in Manchester that he fell in love with the sound of a brass band, commenting: "It is not too much to say that I was positively astounded... I came away from that contest a completely converted enthusiast for their cause".

As a result, he organised a massed band concert of 10 bands, conducted by Sir Arthur Sullivan, at the Royal Albert Hall in 1900 for veterans of the Boer War. These massed band concerts were to become a much-loved post contest feature of the National Brass Band Championships, which he instigated at the Crystal Palace and then moved to the Royal Albert Hall.

lles had promoted a world tour by the famous old band, Besses o' th' Barn, from Manchester and while with them at Coney Island, New York he bought the UK rights to a dream train which he had built at Blackpool Pleasure Beach. He went on to purchase a small pleasure garden in Margate in which he invested significant sums of money to make Dreamland, which has just recently taken on a new lease of life after a successful council - community partnership. The amusement park

empire was extensive, including many in the UK and also Barcelona, Paris, Berlin, Cairo and St Petersburg.

John Henry had worked in his father's grocery business and also a timber mill locally before turning to publishing, including The Cyclist's companion and road guide for Bristol. He was a successful amateur singer and played three times for Gloucester CC alongside WG & EM Grace but was advised to

> choose between cricket and his other endeavours!

The local ceremony, which was facilitated by the Worshipful Company of Musicians (who award the lles Medal for services to brass bands), was attended by his grandson and great-granddaughter as well as members of Bristol Civic Society who designed the plaque and arranged the installation.

Band Chair. Steve Ellis, commented.

"This has come about through a chance conversation between one of our members and his former neighbour, who had been researching the inventor Gordon Iles and became interested in his father John Henry. The band are delighted to have been able to help see the project through and mark the occasion with a short concert for this important local character who did so much to promote and develop brass bands in the first half of the 20th centurv"

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JOHN HENRY ILES OBE



Bishopston Open Gardens 2018

June is a favourite time for seeing gardens at their best, so this year **Bishopston Garden** Group are opening their gardens for charity on Sunday 10 June, 2-5pm.

Whatever the weather, we enjoy showing visitors round, chatting about plants and indulging in some delicious home-made cake! As usual there will be a large selection of plants for sale in Logan Road and tea and cake at St Bonaventure's Presbytery. Monies from garden entries, plant sales and teas will help provide play items for the family room at the Prison, planting for the roof garden at our new Library, and CAFOD.

The gardens in our area are mature in most cases; some contain trees dating back to before the land was divided up and sold for housing in the 1860s. Many people have old apple trees, the variety of which their owners have been unable to identify in some cases. There are many with wells, underground water tanks, pumps and other features dating from Victorian times. Styles of planting vary. Some members have studied for RHS certificates and have used their knowledge to source some unusual plant species, others have experimented and learnt as they've gone along, so I am sure you will find something to inspire you for your own garden.

Whatever the level of knowledge of our members, we have all been beavering away to make the most of our gardens, so we hope you will come and enjoy a pleasant and sociable afternoon.

Lorna Rankin, Bishopston Garden Group





New Orchard Learning taster sessions at Midsummer Orchard Open Day

Horfield Organic Community Orchard welcomes all to enjoy a Midsummer Orchard Open Day on Saturday 16 June, 1-5pm

This annual event is part of Get Growing June 2018 Garden open days organised by Bristol Food Network. It also takes place during Bristol Food Connections festival week. New this year - free Orchard Learning taster sessions.

"Did you know that Bristol's pioneering community orchard celebrates its 20th birthday this year?" asks orchard member, Shannon Smith. "Come and take a look at our new Home Orchard Plot, now happily toddling along at 18 months old. We're sure it will inspire you to grow more fruit in small spaces."

The **Orchard Learning Programme** is another new project being developed to mark the orchard's 20th anniversary. This practical, orchard-based course started in February 2018. Participants are learning how to look after over 100 different fruiting trees, bushes and vines, and playing an active part in organising the orchard. The course was oversubscribed and seems very likely to be offered again in 2019.

"There's a huge appetite for learning about fruit growing," adds Shannon. "If pruning, pests, or



diseases mystify you, then pop along to an Orchard Learning taster session at our summer open day. See the HOCO website for more details."

Orchard members are on hand to answer fruit-growing questions. Homemade cakes, refreshments, produce and plants are for sale. There's a compost loo on site.

Horfield Organic Community Orchard (nearest postcode BS7 8JP). Walk down the lane beside 22 Kings Drive (between Bishop Road & Kellaway Avenue), turn left and it's the first gate on the right. OR Take the lane beside 134 Longmead Avenue until you come to the last gate on the left

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"The change we have seen in Jacob has been huge! He is so much more confident going into new situations and I am sure this is because of Little Foxes Forest School." Hannah. local mum.





FREE Local Bike Checks!



in Bristol are being urged to fall in love with their bikes again as part of a national drive by the cycling charity, Cycling UK.

People living

Cycling UK has pledged to get at least 25,000 people back into cycling nationwide by the end of the summer as part of its Big Bike Revival project.

Local charity Life Cycle UK is lending a hand by putting on events at The Life Cycle Hub (located in the carpark of Horfield Prison, Cambridge Road, Bristol, BS7 8PS). Anyone can turn up and receive a free bike check-up or purchase one of Life Cycle's professionally refurbished, second-hand bikes at an affordable price.

The service is open for adults and children so the whole family can get involved. The Hub will be open, 9:30am – 1:30pm on the following Saturdays: 2, 16 & 30 June; 14, 21 & 28 July.

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Clean Air Bishopston For a healthy future

Clean Air Bishopston project unveiled

As this issue of Bishopston Matters was going to press the 'Clean Air Bishopston' project team was poised for its launch, and the project website will be live by the time you read this.

Driven by the seriousness of air pollution, which has been termed a public health emergency, the project focuses on what we as local citizens can do individually and as a community to clean up our air, as well as campaigning for others like the City Council to act.

The team, set up by Bishopston Society, Sustainable Bishopston and others, is aiming to encourage walking, reduce local car use, and improve transport, as well as increase public awareness of the problem of air pollution and the practical steps we can use to clean up our air.

They're also planning Bishopston-based activities on National Clean Air Day, Thursday 21 June.

Details available on the new project website at http://bishopstonsociety.org.uk/cab

The Pantaloons Are Back!

Following the success of their riotous performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in St Andrews Park last year, the Pantaloons team this year present their own wacky family-friendly interpretation of the Oscar Wilde classic, *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

This energetic musical production infuses Wilde's witty words with snappy new songs and frantically funny physical theatre to give this perennially popular play a hilarious contemporary twist.



Promoted by the **Friends of St Andrews Park**, the Pantaloons will be performing on the grass slope between The Tea Garden Cafe and the bowling club. The two-hour performance takes place on **Sunday 24 June** and starts at **7.00pm with entry from 6.00pm**.



Organiser Paul Bullivant is delighted to welcome the Pantaloons back: "The Pantaloons have a busy summer schedule performing The Importance in over 50 locations – from Glasgow to Penzance – so we are really pleased that they could fit in a return visit to our wonderful park.

Thanks to the support of an enthusiastic audience of over 300 last year we made a small surplus which we used to help pay for essential improvements in the park. We do hope that as many friends and neighbours as possible will support this performance by the Pantaloons – it will certainly be another memorable evening of family-friendly fun and laughter."

As there will only be a few tickets 'on the door' it is best to book tickets in advance through the Pantaloons website at: pantaloons.co.uk



News from SENDaWelcome

SENDaWelcome is having a good year so far. We've already exhibited and enjoyed stunning art displays from local children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in the windows of Boston Tea Party as

part of Window Wanderland, had a mention in parliament from local MP Thangham Debbonaire in a debate on accessibility and inclusion, presented to over 50 learning disability nursing students at U.W.E and continued our great partnerships with local providers such as Kings Lawn Tennis Club, Baby Bites and Golden Hill Community Garden!

Our project is working locally with groups, facilitators and families to support better access for our children with SEND to local space and provision, and to ensure that they have a





run in partnership with SENDaWelcome and Room 212. Keep an eve out for the mosaic Barbara will be creating for Room 212, based on the artwork by the children.

platform on which they are seen, heard and valued. Ensuring our children with SEND are part of their community is something everyone can play a part in. Please check our website for ways you can get involved or show support by following us on Twitter @SENDaWelcome and on Facebook @ SENDawelcomeBristol.

We are in particular need of help with fundraising at the moment as we have loads of exciting projects in the pipe-line but not enough time to find the cash to get them going! Please contact us if you can spare some time and have skills in fundraising.

Finally, put **Sunday 24 June** in your diary as we are running our **Summer Social** at St Michael's Church Hall, Pigsty Hill 2–4pm with the old favourites - the Sensory Truck, cake decorating with Baby Bites. Nelly the Therapy Dog. cake. play and more! We couldn't run the event without the support of Bristol Association for Neighbourhood Daycare Ltd (BAND), who are funding the sensory truck to be with us and providing brilliant toys for all to enjoy.

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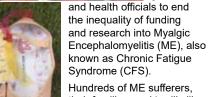
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Millions Missing, ME Matters!

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Hundreds of ME sufferers, their families, and 'well' allies gathered in Queen Square, central Bristol, as part of #MillionsMissing, a global day of protest spearheaded by

international health network ME Action.

People from Bristol and the surrounding areas contributed pairs of shoes labelled with a short message about their experience of living with ME. These shoes – unused due to the debilitating symptoms of ME - were laid out in Queen Square as a poignant representation of those "missing" from their everyday lives.

ME is a systematic neuro-immune disease characterised by an extreme form of fatigue and a severe worsening of symptoms after even minimal physical or mental exertion. It affects an estimated 250,000 men, women and children in the UK.

The event was organised by a team of volunteers, two of which (who are ME sufferers themselves) live in the Bishopston area and belong to the Bristol ME Support Group. The group runs regular meet-ups across the city (including the local area), sends out newsletters and operates public and private Facebook pages.

Many of the group's members made a huge effort to attend the event and show their support (despite knowing it would cost them in the later days/ weeks). This was the first time many people had met in 'real-life' (as opposed to online due to their condition making them house/bed-bound) and it proved an emotional, heart-warming and moving demonstration of support from across Bristol and surrounding areas.

Contact the Bristol ME support Group via their Facebook page, bristolmesupportgroup.wordpress.com or answerphone 07443 475 474 to find out



Tribute to Tatiana

Many of you will remember the fantastic fundraising that young, local resident Tatiana Stankovic Davis undertook, while being treated for leukaemia. Sadly, Tatiana lost her brave fight with cancer and tragically died in August 2017.



Her heroic fundraising efforts meant that to date she has raised nearly £20,000 for Fairy Bricks, a charity that meant a lot to the Lego-loving Tatiana.

While in hospital she was able to play with Lego sets donated to the play team by the wonderful Fairy Bricks charity; Lego is both stimulating and distracting - just what children need in hospital. Being a generous, thoughtful person. Tatiana started fundraising to enable more children in hospitals to receive Lego sets.

This May, Tatiana's parents Nada and Simon proudly received the Bristol Lord Mayor's medal posthumously on behalf of their amazing, kind daughter.

The Lord Mayor and councillor Fi Hance made it very clear that Tatiana had made a significant contribution to the city of Bristol.

The ceremony in the Lord Mayor's parlour was a fitting tribute, and some of Tatiana's school friends from Colston's Girls' School were able to attend this and feature on BBC Points West that evening.

Her father, Simon, said, "Tatiana's kindness and selflessness touched not just Bristolians, but also people across the UK and overseas. Her charitable fundraising for the FairyBricks charity www. fairybricks.org has raised almost £20k, which will benefit children in hospitals across the UK."

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New development Loft House, Bishopston is now 70% sold

New homes by Acorn Property Group at their Loft House development in Bishopston have been proving hugely popular with over 70% of homes now sold. The second and final phase of the scheme has been released for sale so buyers are being urged to contact selling agents Savills and Ocean quickly so not to miss out on a new home in this historic landmark building.



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Apple Cake as a birthday cake, and created a lovely vegan chocolate cake for customers."

While home delivery is at the heart of Bakery108, it has also branched into supplying businesses with delicious treats. "Our range of cakes and cookies is always changing, with new specials each month, so there is plenty to keep business customers coming back for more" says Carla.

The Bakery108 website is the bakery's 'shop window', full of enticing breads (think sourdough, proper ciabatta and amazing baguettes) as well as a wide range of cookies, cakes and pastries. Bakery108 delivers every Friday evening, all ready for the weekend and delivery is free with the £10 minimum order.

So why not check out **Bakery108.co.uk** and see what Helen and Carla are baking this week, or get in touch at Hello@Bakery108.co.uk

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Any budding journalist students out there?

This is my first contribution to *Bishopston Matters* in my role as chairperson and I am hoping it will be my last! Let me explain, I am very keen to broaden the membership of FOSAP and I am wondering if there is a young student perhaps thinking about a career in journalism who would like to be our reporter? It would mean looking out for stories and interviewing and then writing it up. Perhaps we could start our news letter again? I am sure all FOSAP members would give support and encouragement. We have a press liaison person who is also a film director and best selling author so, working with him would be a great chance to develop skills. Could look good on a CV! Please email me for a chat.

The future of the Tea Garden

At time of writing, Tea Garden owner Fay, believes she will be trading until the end of June, after that unfortunately she does not know. Any legal challenge is going to be prohibitively expensive so Fay (hopefully) will be tendering to keep her business in the park that is so well loved by our community. FoSAP will be offering maximum support.

Making a splash!

Hooray, the paddling pool will be open for the summer. It didn't get a lick of paint but there will be lots of exciting splashing.

Toilet Opening hours

According to Bristol City Council's website, summer opening hours will be 8.30am to an hour before sunset. These restricted times will still lead to some problems in the park. FoSAP is trying to liaise with the council to have an automatic closing system or perhaps even a small coin charge. Please let us know your views.

Love St Andrews Park? Please join us

FoSAP is bracing itself for a challenging time ahead. The massive cuts to parks budgets will have an impact. Some we might be able to mitigate, some





may require a robust response or it may be a case of compromises. What is certain is there will be changes. We need all the support we can get. Why not join us - its very easy. All you have to do is email membership secretary Jonny Gibson Jonny@ Gibson.com saying you would like to be a member, agree to our aims and objectives (constitution is on our web site) and agree we can store and use your email address to keep you in touch with FOSAPs activities and other members

Theatre in the Park

We look forward to a great night in the park on Sunday 24 June. The Importance of being Ernest will be staged by the Pantaloons Theatre Company. Full details on page 9 or visit thepantaloons.co.uk (under shows). Volunteer stewards needed to help. Email paul.f.bullivant@gmail.com. Tickets limited to 300 so you will need to book early as a sell-out is expected.

Future projects, your comment please

Just before the latest round of funding applications for the Co-op community fund closed we learnt that FoSAP was now eligible to apply. We had a quick discussion at the AGM and have gone for creating a sculptured art work that is also a climbing frame from the felled tree near the cafe. The current idea is for a gigantic snake. The tree is not in good shape but carving will help preserve it, although it will need to be oiled annually to stop further rot. We also have gone for out door gym equipment for adults and children. Comments please.

The play ground consultation is now over and FoSAP is summarising the results in preparation to making an application for funding for a play area makeover.

We would very much like to hear from any disabled person adult or child. How user friendly is the park? What should we be planning?

David Cemlyn, Chair of FoSAP chairfosap@gmail.com

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News from Friends of Horfield Common

NEW! Horfield Seedlings Gardening Group

Friends of Horfield Common is thrilled to confirm that we will be starting a gardening club for children and families at the Ardagh in partnership with the RHS' Community Outreach team. Horfield Seedlings sessions will take place on Thursdays from 7 June to 5 July 2018.

FoHC's volunteers spent a day in May, training with Sarah Ricketts, RHS Community Outreach Officer, South West in the new garden room at the Ardagh. It was a great day packed full of fun activities and discussions and planning for the new group. Thank you to all the volunteers who attended and who are supporting the delivery of this wonderful new

Horfield Seedlings is for children and families interested in gardening, being outdoors, and learning how to plant, grow and care for all sorts of flowers, herbs, vegetables and plants. The project will help to contribute to the regeneration of the Ardagh gardens as well as enhancements for the wider common.

Sessions will include lots of fun activities including:

- Sowing
- Growing
- **Planting**
- Crafts
- Storvtellina

The group is aimed at primary school-age children and their parents/carers. Adults must stay with their children during the sessions. Places are limited so booking is essential.

There is a small fee of £5 per child for the five week block, payable in advance to secure a place. And provide a small budget for resources and equipment. If you and your children would like to come along, please book via www. friendsofhorfieldcommon.com or pop in to the



Café on the Common on a Fri/Sat/Sun and fill in an application form. We'll confirm your place as soon as possible and can't wait to get started!

1st Bishopston Cubs volunteer work party on Horfield Common!

FoHC were delighted to host 1st Bishopston Cubs for a working party on Horfield Common on 14 May, which helped to maintain the fruit and nut hedgerow planted by local volunteers in 2015/16. They were a brilliant and energetic group who put their all into the activities and their contribution has made an enormous difference to the ongoing maintenance of the hedgerow which will continue to help it to thrive. Thank you very much to all of the cubs, their leaders and our volunteers for your time and energy to help keep Horfield Common a lovely place for people and for wildlife. We look forward to welcoming 1st Bishopston Cubs back to Horfield Common in the future.

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Wedding Hair - If you are in the process of planning your big day, why not tick one thing off your list and book in with Hair Mechanics to take care of your wedding hair.



The salon was sad to say farewell to stylist Chris this spring, the team recently enjoyed a big night out to make sure they saw him off in style!

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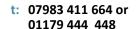
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Our story

Icon Beauty first opened its doors in 2009 and we are proud to be part of the beautifully bohemian Gloucester Road. In the last few years we have doubled in size and if you have not been in to see us recently, you may be surprised at the scale of the salon now residing behind our front door! Our vision has always been to create a



luxurious environment where you can relax and escape the stresses of everyday life. Our generous treatment rooms and elegant décor will leave you feeling re-energised, whether you pop in for a regular treatment or take time out for a complete mind, body and soul experience.

Fresh new look

Our commitment to offering clients the most advanced services available continues and this



year we have added many new treatments to our portfolio. You can find all of these and more in our brand-new brochure and website that we know you will just love...read our new blog, pick up valuable beauty tips and find out what's hot on Gloucester Road right now.

News



We are delighted to welcome back the lovely Tanya from maternity leave. We have really missed her, and it is great to have her in the salon. Tanya works Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30am – 4.00pm and is already in great demand. We also welcome Sarah **Palmer**, a highly experienced therapist, specialising in Pregnancy, Sport, Deep Tissue, Hot Stone and Bamboo massage. All of which are now available at Icon Beauty. Lastly congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Brooker! Jordan recently got married and looked radiant on what was a truly special and beautiful wedding day enjoyed by us all.



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Osna Therapy Centre

This year Osna Therapy Centre is proud to be celebrating 20 years of trading on Gloucester Road. To mark this happy occasion, they have given the Centre a fresh and exciting new look.

Owner Bridget Tyrrell (pictured right) told us, "We have enjoyed this incredible journey with all of our loyal clients. We are just as passionate about our work today as when we launched all those years ago".

The team at Osna are continually updating their skills and techniques, which enables the therapists to give the best possible experiences and outcomes for their clients.

Bridget went on to say, "We are all very excited for the future! Throughout 2018 we are planning on running regular workshops and talks. These sessions will be available to the public, to introduce them to our various therapies and give them a greater understanding of how they work and which therapy may be appropriate for them."

The team enjoyed a fantastic Mayfest, with people showing a huge interest in all the talks the Osna team delivered on the day. New Products! Osna recently launched their new range of soya

candles. These gorgeous products are soon to be followed by a wonderful new soap, as well as a mens range of beard oils and waxes. There are also exciting plans for Pure&Natural by Osna to produce a vegan Face & Body range. All of their products are made with love and created out of organic, natural ingredients and scented with essential oils.

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Nola Interiors

Since opening on Gloucester Road in November 2017, Nola Interiors has gone from strength to strength and was successful in becoming a Finalist in the Bristol Life Awards' Homes & Interiors category.

With an ethos in mind of selling environmentally friendly products and with a passion for paint and colour. I have become the local specialist for Little Greene and Earthborn who both produce natural and virtually VOC free paint. I feel that people are more aware of the effects of chemicals on the environment and the impact within their home surroundings.

Weaver Green, another environmentally aware company, produce beautiful throws, cushions, rugs and bags made from 100% recycled plastic bottles but with the look and feel of wool. This incredible range has appealed to many customers who want to be environmentally conscious.

Mini Moderns is a very cool, retro British company selling exciting. original wallpapers made from recycled paper with every design "telling a story". A colourful range of scented candles and diffusers complement the designs and patterns of the wallpapers.

We also stock a wide range of homeware products and gifts that complement the home decorating products including sheepskin rugs, pure wool throws in gorgeous colours such as orchid pink and turquoise, storage baskets, pillar candle holders, photo frames, pots and vases.

Nola Interiors may be bijou but it has a big heart and has been described as a treasure trove full of beautiful products for your home.

We will be displaying a selection of eco paint and textiles at the Go Eco Event on 23 June at Ronak Cafe, come along for advice and inspiration!

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Huge congratulations go to our Window Wanderland creator and local resident Lucy Reeves Khan, for her well-deserved win at the **Bristol Life Awards.**

Window Wanderland scooped the Creative award, which is just fantastic. Bishopston Matters hopes our whole community feels proud, as although the concept has spread, with over 20 events taking place nationwide, the original event launched in the streets and homes of Bishopston. in 2015.

Lucy not only showed huge creativity in coming up with the idea but she ignited artistic flair across our neighbourhood, sparking creativity in hundreds of local households for the 2018 event.

As well as being brilliantly creative and fun, Lucy also launched the event to help bring people

together, as she shares in her acceptance speech, "Window Wanderland came out of a very dark time in my life, and although the images are light and fluffy there is a serious side to it that helps tackle social isolation and brings people who feel invisible out into

WW is run entirely by volunteers so, if you would like to help keep this annual event going, they would love to hear from you; visit windowwanderland.com

The final words go to Lucy, "If you believe in communities coming together and giving access to Art for everyone then please support us to keep the love going around."



















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Help to End Duchenne in Ten

I was recently contacted by local family, Sara, Olly, Ben, Harry and Oscar Smedley. Sara asked if we would be happy to share their story, in order to help them raise funds for Duchenne UK. The charity is extremely close to their hearts since their youngest son, Oscar (who attends Bishop Road school), was diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Please read their moving story below and give generously to their cause.

20 October 2017 is a day that we will never forget. It is the day we were told that our youngest son, Oscar, has muscular dystrophy. It is the day the bottom fell out of our world.

It is really difficult to describe the grief, pain, and devastation we felt in those early weeks following diagnosis. In the course of one short phone call our hopes for our son's future were replaced with overwhelming grief and unbearable sadness; we were heartbroken.

For those of you who don't know much about the disease. Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy is a genetic disorder that causes muscle weakness and wasting. It is classed as a rare disease - there are around 2,500 patients in the UK and an estimated 300.000 sufferers worldwide. It is the most common fatal genetic disease diagnosed in childhood. The disease almost always affects boys. Whilst the prognosis is improving, there is still no cure. By the time Oscar is a teenager he will be confined to a wheelchair. By late teens most young people with Duchenne lose the ability to move their arms and experience problems with breathing and the heart. It is unusual for someone with Duchenne to live beyond their 30s.

A few months in and I guess we are learning to live with the diagnosis. The truth is, we have no choice. Our 3 amazing boys continue to be amazing. Ben



shows such determination and resilience in all aspects of his life: Harry's energy. enthusiasm and empathy makes us smile every day; and our Oscar, well,



he continues to be the fabulously laid back little chap he has always been - filled with happiness. love and kindness and a calm and laid-back nature that never ceases to astonish us.

I said above that we have no choice but to learn to live with this diagnosis, however, Emily Crossley, the co-CEO of Duchenne UK has taught us that what we do have a choice about is the way that we deal with it. As Maya Angelou said "I can be changed by what happens to me but I refuse to be reduced". Emily set up and runs the charity Duchenne UK (www.duchenneuk.org).

Duchenne UK has a clear mission: to fund and accelerate treatments and a cure to end Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy in a decade - to 'End Duchenne in Ten'. Duchenne UK is funding some really exciting research and is really making a difference - it has given us hope.

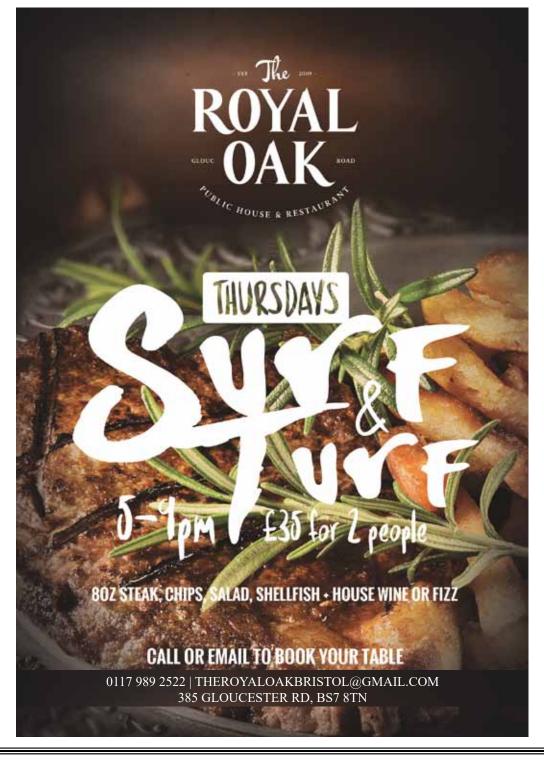
My husband Olly and I have made a choice - we refuse to be reduced. We will fight for our son in any way that we can. We will fight to give our son the best life possible and we will fight for his future. And we think the best way to start doing this is to support Duchenne UK in their fight to find treatments for Oscar and for all of the other boys like him. So that is why we have signed up to the Duchenne Dash.

The Dash is a 300km cycle from London to Paris which has to be done in 24 hours! There is no doubt that this ride is going to hurt. A lot. But we think we can quarantee that however painful the ride is. it cannot come close to the pain that we have felt over the past few months.

So, we are coming to you, with an unashamed plea to ask you to help us support Duchenne UK to achieve its mission and help find a cure, so that we can offer our son and everyone else living with Duchenne a more hopeful future. Please visit:

https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/ **OllvandSara**

Thank you, Sara Smedley



Bristol's Independent District News - brought to you by the GRBID

Bristol's Indie District (managed by GRBID) is keeping you all entertained this June and July with a focus on food, shopping and our local environment.



Charity Shop Tours with a Personal Stylist – June and July Dates Available

Love sustainable slow fashion? Bristol's Independent District is offering unique shopping experiences on and around Gloucester Road in Bristol. Whether vou'd like to delve into the world of vintage clothing but don't know where to start or are a seasoned vintage shopper these tours will be perfect for you.

Charity Shop Tours combine a luxury experience with pre-loved clothes. These local tours in Bristol are a fun and accessible way to work with professional personal stylist – Becky Barnes on the longest stretch of independent shops in the UK, with clothes and accessories galore. If you live in the city, or are just visiting. Becky knows where all the best vintage and

second-hand shops are, and can show you how to style vintage clothes and accessories in a more contemporary way. Expect to find everything from affordable vintage to high end designer wear. By the end of the tour you'll be able to navigate the independents like a regular and have some gorgeous booty to show your friends.

Bespoke Shopping Tours - All tours can be tailor made to your exact requirements, so if you'd like to prebook as a group go ahead! It might be that you would like an overview of the best shops, or are looking for specific items. Whatever your needs, a tour can be custom made specifically for your group - email becky@ beckvbarnesstvle.com

The World Food Passport Trail 11-17 June - Bristol's

Independent District invites you to participate in a World Food Passport Trail to celebrate Bristol Food Connections. Book your ticket, and your passport will be valid for the whole week of the 11 - 17 June, you'll travel around a world of food experiences in the Cheltenham Road, Zetland Road and Gloucester Road area.



At each stop you'll be given a different complimentary taster, and then you'll get your passport stamped - keep your passport as a souvenir of the time you tried something delicious from some of our best local, independent and award winning food places (bonus our passports have been designed by famous artist Susan

Taylor). Ticket information on our events page @Bristolsindiedistrict.

Gloucester Road Indie Food Tour, 16 June - A special tour of Gloucester Road - Bristol's Independent District, home to many of our favourite food joints! We are

keeping the route a surprise, but safe to say it will be jam-packed full of tasty treats and local trivia!

Tickets available from www.thebristolfoodtour.com and include at least 8 generous tasters and a guided walking tour of the area. Only 8 spaces available, so you'll have to be quick!

Go Eco June 23 This is a free public event where everyone is invited to Café Ronak 4:30 – 19:00, for an opportunity to meet people with some ideas to inspire you. Whether you are considering trying an electric bike or growing a vertical garden or considering alternatives to single use plastic, join us for a friendly and informal event of talks, music, displays and since it's a café of course food and drink will be available to purchase.

Bristol Hopper Beer Tour July - Date is to be confirmed but you'll get to explore our lovely pubs and bars on this all-inclusive beer filled early evening



BID in 2019. All information is on www.bristolsindependentdistrict.co.uk GRBID - Call Out - If you are a GRBID member and would like to get involved with the GRBID, we have openings on the Board of Directors. It involves donating a bit of your time, about one evening per month when we meet up. It's an opportunity to work as a team delivering elected projects to the area. Email the bid - grbidoffice@gmail.com if you would like to find out more.

Other News - GRBID has begun the process to put forward a proposal for a new

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News from the green room

Natural Hair Salon

KEVIN.MURPHY concept salon – This association with Kevin Murphy means a fantastic education for all the stylists at the Greenroom. 2017 saw the team visit KEVIN.MURPHY in London 26 times, to take part in courses to learn all the latest techniques, to pass on to their clients.

RETOUCH.ME is here! Colour Maintenance Made Easy! RETOUCH. ME is the newest member of the KEVIN.MURPHY & COLOR.ME family. These all new colour 'touch up' sprays seamlessly blend greys, cover regrowth or add temporary colour to your hair.



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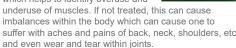


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This information will help clinicians and researchers improve healthcare at home in the future - by spotting early warning signs of medical issues such as strokes and predicting falls.

It could also help manage other conditions including obesity, depression, diabetes and asthma.

100 homes in Bristol can trial the technology.

Would you like to be one of them?

If so, the SPHERE team at University of Bristol would love to hear from you.



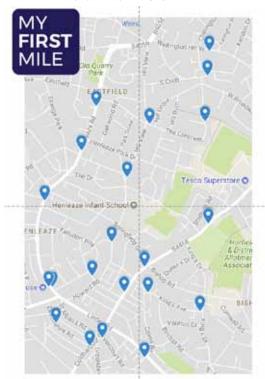
First collaborates in new service to connect people living in Henleaze and Westbury Park to the rapid bus network

MYFIRSTMILE, a new shared transport service. launched on Tuesday, 15th May connecting people living in Henleaze and Westbury Park to the rapid bus network on the Gloucester Road. There are 25 'stops' across the area meaning passengers can reach a 'stop' within a 3-minute walk. It will cut journey times by bus from the area to destinations like Abbey Wood, Parkway and UWE by up to 45

A local resident who has been trialling MYFIRSTMILE ahead of its public launch says "Delivered straight to the bus, I've never felt more in control of my time in the morning rush hour."

The service is a collaboration between First West of England and Esoterix Systems, a Bristol-based technology start-up, to deliver an integrated, convenient, affordable service.

James Freeman, Managing Director of First West of England, says "This is a great way of helping commuters who live too far from a bus stop to use the bus. By bringing a service closer to their homes, their daily commute is easier. Plus, there's no need to hunt for or pay for a parking space at work".





The new service runs Monday to Friday from 6am to 10:30am and from 3pm to 7:45pm (last drop off at 8pm). But it operates differently in the morning and the afternoon.

In the morning, the vehicles (which are MYFIRSTMILE branded Hackney cabs) run fixed routes. Passengers don't need to book. They 'catch' the service, much as they would a bus, albeit that they need to pre-pay. The routes are all timed to arrive at the Nevil Road bus stop to connect to services travelling north, to the 'North Fringe' area, and south, into the city centre.

In the afternoon, MYFIRSTMILE vehicles are waiting in the Co-op car park (335 Gloucester Road). The vehicle will leave within a few minutes and take the boarded passengers back to their nearest stop using the most efficient route for that journey.

Having signed up and pre-paid for their travel via the app, passengers have unlimited access to the MYFIRSTMILE and the First Bristol Inner Zone networks. Daily travel costs just £6 all-inclusive but can be as low as £4.45 per day with a monthly pass. Week and month passes also give passengers weekend access to the First Bristol Inner Zone network for free (MYFIRSTMILE currently doesn't run on weekends).

"We're doing more than connecting transport services," says Liz Davidson of Esoterix Systems, the company behind the service. "By using the Co-op as a 'hub', passengers can easily pop in for some groceries on the way home. And because they are dropped at or very close to home, they don't have to carry their shopping far."

If successful, MYFIRSTMILE may be rolled out to other areas of the city and the country as an effective way to improve public transport options and reverse declining bus numbers.

You can download the MYFIRSTMILE app from the App Store and Google Play. It includes a full journey planner showing how MYFIRSTMILE services connect to the First Bus network and secure online payment. Register on the app to receive one day's free travel. 39



Ardagh Community Trust: Celebrated Community Business Weekend 2018 at the Café on the Common

ACT took part in the nationwide celebration of Community Business on Saturday 5 May with a celebration event at the Café on the Common. Hundreds of visitors came along to chat to trustees, staff and volunteers about the café, community projects running at the Ardagh, opportunities for local residents to get involved in volunteering, fundraising and a range of projects which aim to improve outcomes for the community in the local area, and become members. It was a wonderful afternoon which gave us a chance to talk to local residents about plans for the future of the Ardagh site (including regeneration of the pavilion building to provide new, fully accessible public toilets and community space) and ACT's plans as a community anchor organisation. If you would like to know more, join ACT as a member, or get involved in any of the wide range of projects ACT is working on - please see the website at www.theardagh.com and get in touch!

Beginners sewing classes at the Ardagh

From June, fabulous tutor Ali Bingham will be running short skills-building courses at the Ardagh, starting with Sewing for Beginners running for 7 weeks, from 6 June - 18 July. These will be small group classes with plenty of time for individual attention. Participants will learn about fabrics, basic cutting, stitching, and how to use a sewing machine. They will also create a range of practical and decorative items while learning new skills and meeting new people. For more information, and to sign up - please see www.theardagh.com



Requests for a range of practical skills-building workshops to be run from the Ardagh, have been coming in from participants in the regular Repair Cafes that take place on Saturday mornings. The next Café is on 4 June, then we'll be taking a break for a couple of months and will be back on 1 September. Alongside this, the Repair Café volunteer team are going on tour! We've been invited to run a pop-up session at Henbury Library for the launch of 'Here We Grow!' a Bristol Ageing Better funded project, undertaken by multimedia artist Lily Green, which explores ageing in Bristol. Several of our volunteers have been contributors to the project and are looking forward to the launch. For more information, or to book a place at the

launch itself, see http:// bristolageingbetter.org.uk/ news/coming-soon-the-'here-we-grow'-launchevents/

We're all looking forward to it, and will report back in the next BM!

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Thanks to all the people that came to our spring fair and batted rats, baked cakes and bought plants, pond-dipped, played music and pizza munched! It was our biggest and best fair yet - with over 850 people through the gate - and we raised over £2700!

News from the Goldenhill Community

And if you missed out on a chance to visit our lovely garden and you'd like to come and buy some plants then we'll also be open as part of the city-wide Get Growing Trail, 2 June, 11am - 2pm. Why not pop into say hi! There'll be pond-dipping and free crafts for kids as well garden tours chats and tea and cake. Feel free to bring a picnic and enjoy the lovely garden!

Also, we've got spaces coming up in our Golden Buds toddler group, Tuesday 11:30am – 1pm picnic session. These are really lovely sessions and great for 18 months until school age; there's digging, singing, crafting, exploring, pond-dipping, learning, chatting, watering, harvesting and munching! We take booking by the term and it works out at £5 a session and £2.50 for extra siblings; under 12 months are free. Get in touch for a free taster session!

Finally, we 're happy to announce Catriona Irvine, a Play Therapist in Bishopston, is opening a private practice to help build stronger, more resilient kids who she hopes will go on to rule the world! With over 7 years' experience at schools across Bristol, Catriona - known to everyone as Cat - decided it was time to

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Sustaining Gloucester Road -A Great British High Street

The new style 'Question Time' chaired by Nick Plant of Bishopston Society at the County Cricket Ground in April introduced five panellists: Councillor Eleanor Combley; Anne-Louise Perez of Gloucester Road Business Improvement District (GRBID): Sarah Thorp of Glos Road Central; Peter Brown of GRE&T; and Chris Wallace of the Gloucester Road Story who, from their different perspectives, were available to discuss and take audience questions on the future success of Gloucester Road. They all shared a common desire to see this much loved high street prosper.

So how does Gloucester Road survive the next 10 vears? Anne-Louise Perez was quick to share her

view that consumer culture had changed and that the customer now sought experience over product. She hoped local traders would consider this trend and explore ways to incorporate experience-led activities in their business. Sarah Thorp confirmed too that local events such as the recent May Fest trebled her takings and those around her benefitted too.

Equally important, Anne-Louise advocated for local traders to embrace ecommerce to complement their bricks and mortar. Traders with both were seeing an increase in

revenue - Sarah Thorp was quick to back this up, highlighting that since she had started her ecommerce last year, she had seen increases in both revenue and footfall to her shop, Room 212.

Image thanks to Anne-Louise Perez

The recent increase in business rates was highlighted as potentially limiting for traders. And whilst 50% of traders on Gloucester Road are exempt, a review of the current system was longed for. How do trader bodies such as BID and GRE&T help to counter this? They develop and deliver projects to encourage increased footfall and spending. For GRBID a production of a local map was a vital start and Peter Brown was keen to share that his GRE&T newsletter was an effective communication tool for traders - offering a platform for news, and strategies to support traders.

Pollution, traffic and buses were considered. Do the bus lanes help or hinder trade? How do we persuade the local community to leave their cars behind when shopping locally for example or school pickups? Should we



Nick Plant, Bishopston Society chair (left) welcomes panelists (left to night) Peter Browne, Sarah Thorp, Eleanor Combley, Anne-Louise Perez and Chris Wallace

introduce a 'Stop Idling Campaign' targeting parked vehicles that leave engines running?

> How can the aspect of Gloucester Road be enhanced? With persistent issues of litter, graffiti, trader and student waste, it was welcoming to learn from audience member Liz Kew – a volunteer at Street Scene - their dedication to removing graffiti tags on a daily basis, and monitoring fly tipping.

Could traders consider more eco-friendly food packaging, takeaway containers? The audience and panel view was a resounding yes. Are tiffins a possible solution? Or do we simply need more bins?

Tackling plastic bag use, GRBID was pleased to announce that new eco jute shopping bags were in production - soon to be available from local traders for shoppers.

Highlighted by Chris Wallace, with his immense local knowledge on the history of trade on Gloucester Road since the early 1900s, it is clear that the success of Gloucester Road was in part due to its diversity and that it met the needs of a residential community. However, whilst welcoming the ever-increasing coffee shops and restaurants, a balance needed to be maintained. How could we best communicate the importance of that necessary balance before empty shops are occupied?

With this subject so close to people's hearts, it's highly likely that this is not the end of the debate.

But for now, shop local – ditch the car and get social at local events! Your trading community needs you, and you need them - nurture it and it can grow.

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So how can we reduce those figures and make visiting the vet a more pleasant experience for all?

When booking your appointment maybe ask for a first appointment in a session, so that there is less likelihood of the vet keeping you waiting and the waiting room is relatively quiet.

For cats, the problem often starts with the journey to the surgery as most cats prefer not to travel at all. Many cats see the cat box coming out of the loft and know it can mean only one thing! Introduce the box into the house at least a week in advance if possible, for a cat that has to make regular visits consider leaving the cat box out at all times for familiarity.

Getting the cat into the carrier is often a cause of great stress too, all top opening boxes are much easier to drop your cat into rather than front opening doors. Make the box comfortable with a blanket or towel that your cat is familiar with, it will help your cat to get a grip and prevent slipping. Put newspaper under the blanket in case of any leaks!

Use a calming spray in the box, pheromone sprays usually work better than calming odours, as cats can become used to odours and hence the calming effect is lost. Cover the cat box around 3 sides, most cats do not like to see out but do leave one side clear so he can have a peek if he wants to. Carry the cat box in your arms rather than swinging by the handle to help your cat feel more secure.

Travel your pet on an empty stomach if possible, it will help to reduce travel sickness, and if any blood tests are required they can be taken at the same time so preventing the need for a second visit.

On a cold day maybe warm your car before the journey and on a hot day ensure you have plenty of ventilation to keep cool.

Classical music has been shown to be the most calming for our pets and in particular solo piano music! Maybe tune the car radio to a more relaxing station, it may also help you too!

Dogs can be helped in their fear of visiting the vet by having Happy Visits where they can be led into the consulting room and offered food treats and then taken home again with nothing more done to them. These visits can be very beneficial to our more

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out on our garden, it's now a pleasure to be in.

At secret garden we think a lot about planting schemes for town gardens. One of the main themes, which is perfect to embark on at this time of year, is vegetables. Many people are keen to get into growing their own but cannot get an allotment. Why not turn your shrub and flower border into a decorative vegetable one, which not only looks good but provides for you as well?

The idea of growing a beautiful vegetable garden is not new; the French vegetable gardens or potagers

traditionally combine vegetables, flowers, herbs and other edible plants laid out within decorative edging.

The edging can be a great feature of the design. Brick, wood and stone are all possibilities but even better would be a living edge, like Parsley, Lavender, Marigolds or miniature fruit trees. Larger espalier trees will create a backdrop that changes and develops with time. Planting holes on paths with herbs such

as Thyme and Camomile can even transform the pathways into productive space.

Decorative vegetables come in many forms and varieties; there are stems and leaves like Swiss chard, lettuces, Globe artichoke or even the ferns of Asparagus. Edible flowers like Nasturtiums and Marigold (pest control) will add a fantastic splash of colour. All the fruits, flowers and leaves of vegetables from courgettes and squash - even potatoes, to beans and peas, tomatoes and

aubergines - the list is long. Creating a working plan that combines all these elements is the central part of the whole design.

Other features such as wigwams for beans and peas add height and texture to the border. Cloches come in interesting shapes and sizes and protect plants when small and delicate. Both of these add to the spectacle of the design not least because of their practical use. That is the point of this type of garden; the beauty grows from the functionality.

> We love to sit in the garden with friends and family eating and socialising. Having a decorative vegetable border could enhance this by adding real meaning to your garden. There would be something to put the compost on, opportunities to propagate seeds and cuttings, a chance for the kids to learn valuable skills while connecting to the earth and, most importantly, there is

nothing like eating your own produce.

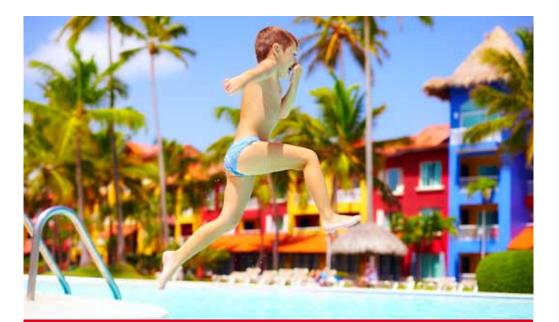
We really believe that the ideal garden is one that is both useful and beautiful. Growing vegetables fulfils these criteria perfectly. If we can help you get started – we can provide planting plans or even a full garden design - we would love to get involved. Who knows maybe this year you will be eating your own sprouts at Christmas, looking out onto a garden that gives you the best of both worlds.

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Weight loss or weight gain is a simple formula - the number of calories you consume in a day needs to be lower than your BMR + thermic effect of food - N.E.A.T/exercise. Our bodies are made to burn calories as energy; however, if more calories are consumed than are needed for energy, over time it will lead to weight gain.

Simple changes can increase the number of calories you burn as you go about your day. Parking on the far side of the car park can burn an extra 100-400 calories per day, which can translate to a massive 2,800 extra calories burned in one week! Coupled with your gym programme, these extra calories could be the difference between achieving your goal weight and reversing the negative impact a sedentary lifestyle has on your body.

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Acorns & Oaks

It was lovely to attend a local Acorns & Oaks session at Horfield Lodge Nursing Home. Myself, Henry and Freddie had a wonderful time engaging with the residents, children, parents and staff.

We were invited by local parent and group leader, Claire Sapsford (pictured right), who told me all about this wonderful organisation. Acorns & Oaks reconnects generations by running weekly

playgroups in carehomes across Bristol, led by a volunteer. The regularity and structure means the children feel comfortable in the home and the residents get to know the children and the routine.

I was interested to know how Claire became involved and was it something she would recommend to others?

"I saw a notice on a BS7 Facebook page for volunteers and thought I would give it a go; it does not take much work and is massively rewarding. It has been lovely to build relationships and for the residents to watch my 15-month-old daughter go from toddling to confidently walking. I would definitely recommend becoming a leader to others."

Some of the residents of Horfield Lodge are living with dementia, sitting and observing the play sessions lifts their spirits immensely. It was both wonderful and touching to see the light come over some of the residents' faces when baby Freddie gave them a beaming smile, their joy was instantly reflected back at him.

Could you help bring more joy?

There is currently a waiting list (that I will be joining) for the sessions at Horfield Lodge but, the Acorns & Oaks organisation is keen for more groups to





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News from Fairfield High

FHS receives 400 new trees from 16 different species

Fairfield High School's Nature Club was delighted to officially be presented with over 400 trees, as part of the Wild Harvest Tree Pack, courtesy of The Woodland Trust.

As part of FHS's commitment to the natural environment, it has consistently endeavoured to improve the school grounds for wildlife, knowing also the positive impact a greener environment has on the wellbeing of its students and local community. The saplings from 16 species including Silver Birch, Hazel. Goat Willow and Dog Rose will be planted to enhance the biodiversity of our existing hedgerows around the school's sports pitches.

This very welcome donation will add to native trees previously donated to the school and planted by its Nature Club, and adds to the fruit trees planted by each of the Year 7 tutor groups annually in September.

Scott Mears. Science Teacher at FHS comments: "We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Woodland Trust for this initiative which can only have a positive impact on our local environment. Our Nature Club are a fantastic group of dedicated students who are excited to be planting this variety of saplings, with the prospect of watching them grow over the coming years."

FHS takes a creative & powerful stance to **Mental Health Awareness Week**

With Mental Health Awareness Week raising awareness of critical issues, Year 7 students at Fairfield High School (FHS), have been doing their bit to raise awareness of this growing problem nationwide via the power of stitching, in order to empower students and encourage open dialogue around the subject.

In order to prepare, they looked at current statistics and people's perceptions surrounding mental health. As a result, simple messages saving 'How are you?' and 'Mental illness is NOT a decision' are being created to help students feel better about themselves, less isolated and that they have the support and strength they need.

This isn't the first time this group of students have adopted this approach with great success - back in October they launched an inspirational project involving stitched 'positive words' to brighten everyone's day, which popped up on display around school.



Harriet Page, Textiles teacher comments: "Once again we are really proud of the content and quality of this piece of work: especially so considering some students had never threaded



a needle before joining Fairfield. Communicating vital messages via stitching is incredibly powerful and creative, and we hope that when the project is complete it will help lift the taboo often associated around mental health."



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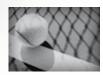
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Final Climate and Energy Talk

Our programme of free Climate and Energy Talks by researcher/writer Nikki Jones has been popular, and you might still catch the last talks in the series:

Thursday 31 May - The Way Forward

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Celebrating National Writers Day



Wednesday 27 June is National Writers Day, and activities to inspire you to get writing your story will be taking place across Bristol libraries

Ralph Hoyte, live-art poet, immersive literature creator.

writer of Gothic ballads and author of Something Needs To Be Done About The Humans will be performing at Bishopston Library in the evening.

Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30, and tickets are just £3.00 from bishopstonlibrary.org.uk or at the library. There will be a cash bar with wine and soft drinks. This promises to be a lively, engaging evening with Bishopston's very own performance poet.

Look up! To celebrate the arrival of summer, we've used profits from recent Friends of Bishopston Library events to provide some outdoor furniture for the first-floor terrace looking over Gloucester Road. Look up next time you're passing if you didn't realise there was an outdoor terrace.

Regular groups at Bishopston Library

Shared Reading group Weds 11.30am - 1pm Reading group 2pm, third Mon of month

Reading discussion group 3pm Creative writing group, Weds, 11am - 1pm

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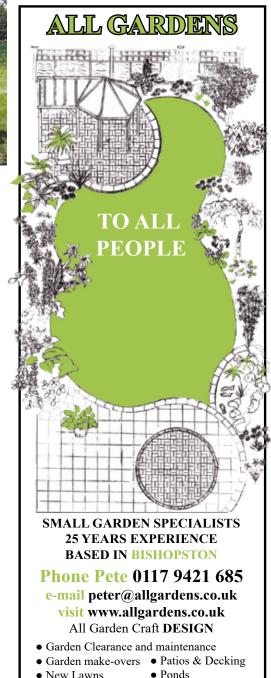


After playing together for almost 10 years, first as Bishop Road School and then as Bishopston United, the team played their final match on Sunday 13 May at Eastville Park. Last year, Bishopston United won promotion from the AYL under 15s league into division 3 of the under 16s league this year. While most of the team stayed together, a number of key players left due to GCSEs and to pursue other sports. The core of the team is made up of players from both Redland Green and Cotham

Head coach Nigel Pollett said, "This season has been very challenging for a number of reasons. The squad decreased in numbers and a few players picked up injuries which meant that we were struggling to field a team each week. The weather did not help with almost all of the matches in January, February and March being either postponed due to either a water-logged pitch or snow. We finally had to play catch-up at the end of the season with fixtures re-arranged for Sundays and Thursday evenings in April and May. This added even more pressure given that the boys were busy studying for their GCSE's."

Sunday's game was a tense affair played at home, Eastville Park, against Longwell Green. Bishopston got off to the perfect start scoring 4 goals, 2 from Sonny, 1 from Rohan and 1 from Danny, in the first 20 minutes. However, Longwell Green fought back and scored 2 goals before half time to make the half-time score 4-2. Early in the second half, Longwell Green scored again, but in a tense finish Bishopston held on to win the game 4-3. It was only the third win of the season for United but a fantastic way to finish. As there is no under 17s league next year, the players will now go their own ways.

Pictured above, from left to right – Lark, Kai, Ant, Toby, Rohan, Josh, Sonny, Tad, Luca, Danny and Will. Other team members Jack and Frankie were injured and Amaan and Joffel not available.



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Running for Rémi

I ran the 2018 London marathon to remember our son, Rémi (13), who died suddenly in December 2016 from heart failure. Both myself, Catrin (Rémi's mum) and his two sisters, Sian (now 16) and Cerys (now 11) were with him when he died. I also ran to raise money for The Rainbow Centre, a local

Bristol charity, that supports bereaved children and their families.

Rémi was an active, fun-loving boy who lived all his life in Bishopston. We had moved to Bristol from London as a family of three in 2003, and later that year Rémi arrived, an active riot of noise and energy. A people person from the start, Rémi loved company, family, films, gaming, reading and so much more. He attended Bishop Road Primary School and Redland Green Secondary school, and played for Bishopston United football team. Over the years we spent a lot of time on Gloucester Road as a family - coffees and Orangina in the old Spice Route café, frequent visits to Totally Toys, the Green Room in later years for haircuts, regulars at Cheltenham Road library and the Amnesty book shop (Rém was a voracious reader) and the occasional lime and soda at The Flyer.

Rémi's death was completely unexpected and the unimaginable trauma continues to profoundly affect us. Our house is guieter now. There is no shouting and whooping from the shared Minecraft games played with friends in various bedrooms across

Richard Davis with his 201 London marathon med

Bishopston, and we get through less Weetabix and honey. There is a Rémi-shaped hole. never to be filled. As we journey through the changed landscape of our family life we have received love and support by the bucket load from family. friends and the local community. We are grateful to them all.

Death and



bereavement are not something I had a lot of experience of until Rémi died. I don't think they get talked

about much. Now I find myself wanting to talk about them all the time, wanting to say Rémi's name to anyone who'll listen. To tell his story, and with it my

Rémi watched me run the London marathon several times, it was important for me to take part in the event this year, to run to remember him, wearing a vest with his name and picture on it, and with him in my heart and my soul. I am also raising money for The Rainbow Centre, just off Wells Road. It is somewhere which supports bereaved children and their families. They have provided us, particularly the girls, with uncomplicated care, kindness and specialist support. They are a small local charity which we are very grateful to be able to access. They provide a range of services, particularly for children, who need support, love, care and understanding to move forward in life, alongside grief.

Can you help?

The link to myJustGiving web page is below. If you'd like to sponsor me please do.

www.iustgiving.com/Richard-Davis21



To find out more about The Rainbow Centre visit their website at: www. rainbowcentre.org.uk or Tel: 0117 9853 343

As Captain James T. Kirk said.

in one of the many film franchises Rémi enjoyed,

"How we deal with death is at least as important as how we deal with life."

Love always Rémi.

Richard Davis



Bishopston, Cotham & Redland Community Partnership

BCR Community Partnership has been asked by local councillors to continue to hold public forum

meetings during the coming year in Bishopston, Cotham and Redland. These meetings provide an opportunity for local people to find out about and comment on issues such as the street scene, parks. traffic, council services and neighbourhood policing.

The next forum will be on Monday 11 June 7-9pm at Colston's Primary School, Cotham Grove. It is expected that the consultation on the 20mph speed limit will be a hot topic by then, so come and have vour say on that and other local issues.

In addition, Mayor Marvin Rees is visiting each area of the city for a 'community conversation'. He is due to visit our area on Friday 15 June 1.30-3pm. For full details of this and other events in BCR, visit the Community Partnership website at www.bcrcp.org.uk.

BCR Community Partnership is a voluntary organisation that includes representatives from 20 local community groups as well as individuals who care about our neighbourhood and the services and community involvement on which it depends.





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But once people retire, it is not so easy to keep challenging the brain. When there are no more work-related problems to solve, no more research to be done, no more reports to write, how should we keep both our bodies and our brains fit and active?

Well, one way is to join the U3A. The University of the Third Age. This is an international organisation, whose motto is "Live Laugh and Learn". In Bristol there are nearly 2000 members, with 150 individual groups which give members the opportunity to learn. As you can guess from the motto, the learning element is very relaxed and indeed there are plenty of opportunities to socialise. But the emphasis is on learning. You would be amazed how many different topics you could study in a friendly and supportive environment. There are no tests, no exams, no qualifications, simply discovering information for the sheer joy of learning it.

There are Latin, French, Italian and Spanish groups already in existence, and we are hoping to start groups in Arabic, Mandarin, German and Greek. So, if anybody has any knowledge of these latter four languages, the Bristol U3A would love to hear from you.



So, if you feel your brain needs a challenge and you have given up fulltime work, do have a look at the U3A website and discover for yourself the many topics you could learn about. Membership is £20 per year, and there are no other fees. www.bristolu3a.org.uk









Why not try Lawn Bowls?

The new outdoor season is now underway; the first games resulted in Ardagh managing to win one and obtain a draw in the second. The green is coming back to life with the hard work of the green keepers and will continue to thrive with the onset of good weather.

We invite you to try something new this summer and join us for a game yourself; you will receive tuition from our friendly coaches. Come along on Friday evenings 6-8pm, just turn up with flat-bottom shoes as all other equipment is provided. For further information please contact Chris: 0117 9790571 or Martin: 0117 9426580.

Ardagh Bowlers Garden Group

With summer upon us, the Ardagh Bowlers Garden Group are looking at how we can make the best use of our outside space. We hope to continue with our award-winning designs by starting to revamp the raised beds. We enjoy the assistance of our helpful toddlers in updating the beds at the front of the patio. Our large flower statues made a great impression last year at the entrance to the Ardagh and we hope to maintain our art theme.

Lunch Club

The group was thrilled to be chosen by FareShare (the UK's largest charity fighting hunger and food waste), to participate with local supermarkets in addressing their food waste. We collect fresh in-date and good-to-eat surplus food, which would otherwise go to waste, twice a week. We then provide a homemade meal on a Wednesday to members of our community. Local volunteers and members of the bowls club cook and serve the food to a variety of guests. Quite often people will see the signs, smell the food and pop in. It is wonderful to welcome many members of the local community and we have a few regulars.

Our doors open 12-1.30pm each Wednesday at the Ardagh, for those who appreciate a tasty cooked meal, dessert and hot drink for just £3.50, all to be enjoyed with good company.

Ardagh Toddlers

It is fantastic to see our Monday morning toddler group thrive. We are open for fun 10–11.30pm, and you even get a drink and biscuit with your £2 entry fee. In response to local demand, this drop-in toddler group is run by bowlers and local volunteers.

Available for hire

The Bowling Club is available to hire for all celebrations. We offer a discount for regular members of the Toddler Group, and the option to hire some of the toys to occupy the younger children.







Local History Matters John Frost, Chartist

BHA local history research – text copyright Denis Wright, gravestone image copyright Andy Buchan.

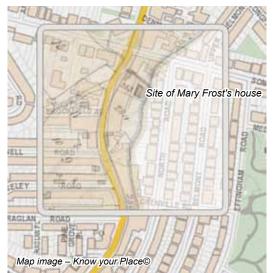
A modern headstone on the west side of Horfield churchyard commemorates the nineteenth-century burials of John Frost (Chartist, JP, and one-time mayor of Newport), Mary his wife, and Henry Hunt Frost, their son.

The Newport uprising of November 1839 was an early show of force by Chartists in their campaign to win the vote. Fourteen people were killed and fifty injured. The leaders of the insurrection - John Frost, Zephaniah Williams and William Jones - were sentenced to death, commuted to transportation for life. The ship left Falmouth for Van Diemen's Land on the 'last day of February' 1840 and anchored in the River Derwent 'before Hobart Town' on 'the last day of June' after a voyage of 16.000 miles in 'exactly four calendar months'. Frost wrote a letter to his wife, dated July 21 1840, which probably arrived in England by the end of December. The contents (covered by The Times) were read 'amid loud

cheering' to an audience of over a thousand Chartists at the Bristol Hall of Science (alias Public Rooms, Broadmead) on 11 January 1841. The reader was Henry Hunt Frost, 'a lad of about 17 years of age'.

Frost's letter was intended to assure his wife, Mary, that all was well. He was living in a penal colony, not 'for what is called punishment', but 'to fill certain offices'. Williams was made 'a superintendent at the coal mines', Jones was 'at the juvenile establishment', and Frost was a clerk to the Governor. They were living in 'a very healthy place (with) a fine open bay before us'. Most prisoners on arrival were 'stripped quite naked, all their clothes taken from them and burnt ... they are then put in the prison dress, generally vellow. sometimes black and yellow'. However, Frost, Williams, and Jones kept their clothes.

Frost also wrote to Mary because he wished 'the exact state of things to be known'. It will be said that we are in the chain-gangs and that we are treated as the vilest of the vile [but] I wish that truth should prevail'. He was aware, for example, 'that all letters sent from and received by every prisoner are read by the commandant', adding mischievously that the Colonial Secretary was welcome to read them too so long as he sent them on to their addresses. The Times commented on the perversity of British Government policy by printing a message from the Sydney Monitor on the same page as Frost's letter, welcoming him and 'other unemployed, discontented, starving Chartists of Great Britain', adding that it would



certainly be more humane to forward them here as immigrants, through the aid of a Parliamentary grant, than to drive them to this country through the instrumentality of State prosecutors

According to the tithe survey and the census of 1841, Mary Frost (then aged 60) was living in Horfield in a brook-side cottage behind the Waggon and Horses, immediately south of the present Bolton Road. She was presumably still a Horfield parishioner in 1842 when her son (then 'of Ashley St Paul') was buried on 29 March (aged 18). John Frost was pardoned in 1854 but it was three years before he could afford to buy a return passage to England, Mary Frost was buried at Horfield in 1857 and John in the same churchyard on 3 August 1877 (aged 94). The original headstone is in Caerleon: its replacement in Horfield was unveiled (20 March 1986) by Neil Kinnock MP, leader of the Labour Party.

News from our Bishopston & Redland Councillors

Bishopston ward news

Lidl - The application to build a Lidl on the site of the Muller Road bus depot was considered by a committee of councillors on 16 May (after Bishopston Matters went to press). We will update residents next month as to the decision that was taken

Students Moving In & Out - As we're entering the time of year when students in our area are moving in and out, we thought it would be pertinent to highlight a few things. The annual Bristol Big Give is happening again, with British Heart Foundation donation points placed across the area. The banks are being emptied regularly, but if you spot any that have fly tipping next to them you can report it at bristol.gov.uk/flytipping. You can also use that link for any other fly tipping that you might spot.

The University of Bristol has a number of good resources on their website, including flyers you can print out to put through letterboxes to sav hello to. or advise, new neighbours. For any students who are reading, there also resources you can use too. bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/community/complaints.

If you find an issue can't be resolved by speaking to the students, then we'd advise you to get in touch with the universities at community@uwe.ac.uk for UWE or community-living@bristol.ac.uk for the University of Bristol. As always, we'd be happy to help too.

Wetherspoons - Wetherspoons has put in another planning application to convert 349 Gloucester Road into one of their pubs. While it would be great to have this derelict eyesore back in use, we are concerned about the impact that the pub would have on noise, anti-social behaviour, odour, parking, and the economic wellbeing of existing nearby businesses. Both of us have objected to the proposal on these grounds. Furthermore, the application has been called in to ensure that it is decided on by a committee of councillors, should the initial recommendation from officers to be to approve it. We will update you on progress as the decision-making process continues.

Please do get in touch

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Redland ward news

Redland Mayfair success! Congratulations to the organisers and volunteers for another successful Redland Green May Fair - it was a wonderful day and the weather smiled on us. This is testament to the army of volunteers who plan this event for months to bring the community together and support charity. Fi and Martin are working hard to discourage the council from prohibitive event fees that would threaten this local celebration and other community events.



Parking debated - In response to concerns by residents of Bishopston and St Andrews about persistent parking problems, a hundred local residents attended a meeting on Saturday 12 May, supported by councillors from both sides of Gloucester Rd and hosted by local MP Thangam Debbonaire. There were strong views for and against a parking permit scheme, with a majority in favour in a straw poll, but the group divided into smaller groups and many ideas and issues to be taken into account were then discussed in a respectful manner. These will all now be collated and written into a report. No rapid resolution of parking problems could be promised, as this is not currently a priority for the Mayor nor something attracting resources from the council. Even adding double yellow lines was accepted as an expensive and slow response.

The options and limitations of a residents' parking scheme were debated, as well as the many issues for residents, tradespeople, carers, local businesses, and those who might be outside any future scheme. It was agreed there are a great many perspectives that need to be taken into account, from those who walk, cycle, have mobility issues, own multiple cars, and deliver to the area, and that not all ideas are compatible.

Please do continue to get in touch with us if you have local concerns or ideas for how to manage parking and traffic in our congested neighbourhood. We'll continue to press for support from the council to tackle these pressures.

Toilets on the Downs - We've been contacted by numerous residents concerned at the closure of toilets on the Downs. The Downs are now managed more directly by the dedicated committee, comprising an equal number of Merchant Venturers and councillors, and are raising more of their own budget as council funding gets reduced. The committee is taking responsibility for the public toilets and future of the changing rooms by the water tower café. We are assured they shall be keeping these facilities and have plans to refurbish the Sea Walls toilets with a visitor /education space

Trader news - A wide-ranging discussion at the recent Bishopston Society public meeting showed the great interest in our local traders and raised many ideas about how to support them adapt to the future. We're glad to see that that the theme of sustainability and issues like travel and deliveries are being explored.

Planning applications - From time to time people contact us about local development proposals. While as councillors we can't stop proposals, we are happy to offer advice to residents about the complex process and the issues that are valid in the way decisions are made. We're also grateful when people copy us in to share comments or objections they have made so that we know what feelings there are about a proposal.

Data Protection - From late-May new regulations are tightening up how we can manage data about residents even if we have responded to any contact from you about a local issue. If you receive our occasional e-newsletter, or would like to, please do get in touch if you want to continue to receive it, as we can no longer add anyone's email details to the distribution list without your express permission. Please email either of us to opt in we'd like to share local news with you occasionally.

Please do get in touch

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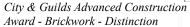
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Events at the Old Library

Muller Road, Eastville, BS5 6XP

Community Gardening Club 9 June 10am-2pm

On the first Saturday of every month, the Old Library invites everyone to join for a garden and outdoor community session to help transform the garden space, grow flowers and tend to beds, pick fruits and plant trees, mow lawns, rake leaves, create seating and sensory spaces, design walk throughs, work on new ideas for the community and learn lots of new skills together!

CLASSIC PUNK COVERS FROM THE MUTOIDS documentary PUNK: ATTITUDE and a cheeky punk quiz! 23 June 7.30-10.30pm

Free Entry but donations kindly requested to help fundraise for the Old Library! Plus we will be licenced for the evening - beer cider wine & more!

Our first ever Table Top sale 25 June, 11am - 2pm!

Come and join us and find some lovely stuff, from handmade goods to preloved items, grab yourself a homemade cake and coffee in our community cafe, and relax in a book, in our book nook or out in the garden!

CIRCLE DANCE EVENINGS 26 June, 7.30pm-9.30pm

The last Tuesday of every month. Led by Susannah Temple, a warm, informal community dance evening for all abilities, helping to raise funds for The Old Library. donations of £5 gratefully received - thank you! Come along and have a go. No need to have a partner. OK to be a beginner. Enjoy music from many countries and join in as much or as little as you want. For more information, get in touch with Susannah: 0117 979 1519.

www.theoldlibrary.org.uk/events

Horfield Families Group

We are a group of women (and sometimes men) who meet every second Wednesday of the month from 7.45pm in the Horfield Parish Church Hall, Wellington Hill, Horfield. Our meetings include speakers who inform and encourage us to join in different activities. We also enjoy a variety of outside visits. We raise money for a different charity each year. All this gives us a sense of support and companionship.

New members are very welcome. If you are interested please visit our website

www.horfieldfamiliesgroup.co.uk You can get in touch with us via the





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Kerry Dutton is raising much needed funds for a great local charity called PROPS, based in Fishponds. The charity provides support for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities. working tirelessly to help them achieve their full potential in the community. It is run by a lovely bunch of staff, as well as being supported by a number of committed volunteers who give up an awful lot of their spare time. You can find more information at www.propsbristol.org

You can support one of Kerry's fundraising events and have a fabulous time in the process! Why not book yourself in for a charity dinner at Voodoo - Q, a great new restaurant on Gloucester Road. The owners are really supportive and have agreed to host the event on the evening of Thursday 7 June. All proceeds from the event will go directly to PROPS

As well as great food, there will be a raffle or auction at the event, and some local businesses have already been hugely generous in donating gifts to raise money. Some of the local benefactors include; Room 212, artist Jenny Urquahrt,

Zzzone, Ocean and Reason.

If anyone wishes to donate a prize, or is interested in buying a ticket to attend, please contact Kerry on 0795 8577493.



Events at Bishopston Methodist Church

245 Gloucester Road, BS7 8NY

New Friends Group

Meeting on Wednesdays at 2.30pm. 13 June - Talk to be arranged. 27 June - Scones and cream tea.

Light lunches

Will be served on 28 June from 12-1.30pm. Varied menu and good company if you want it.



Community News/Events...

The Bristol Ladies Choir – is giving a charity concert of light choral music on Friday 15 June at Tyndale Baptist Church, Whiteladies Road, at 7.30pm. Proceeds will go to the charity Brace. Tickets are £6, obtainable by calling 0117 9246587 or on the door.

Grains of Truth – FREE exhibition of sculpture, woodcarving and installations, by Smith and Moore, Santiago Bell (a Chilean political activist) Arun Weys and friends. At Victoria Methodist Church, 1A Whiteladies Road, Clifton, BS81NU. Monday 4 – Friday 29 June 2018, (Mon–Fri 12noon–2pm; Sat 10am–2pm. For further information contact Jane Stacey on vicmethevents@gmail.com / www.vicmethodist-bristol.org.uk.

North Bristol Community Project, 160 Gloucester Road, BS7 8NT. For more information on any of the below Tel: 07742 377 799 or 0117 9246 228.

Personal Development: Free. Tuesdays mornings 9.30–12.30am. Explore a variety of ways in which to change, grow and achieve your potential. Make plans and set personal goals. Explore future careers, educations and volunteering options.

Arts for Well-being Drop In: Thursday mornings 10–12am. A contribution towards cost is welcome. Relax and unwind, as you enjoy exploring your creativity. Learn new skills, make new friends, gain confidence as you learn to collage, paint, draw, print and create an art journal about your life or interests. No previous experience necessary, all abilities welcome, refreshment provided.

Sewing: Monday mornings 9.30–12.30am. Free for those on means-tested benefits. Learn to use a sewing machine and hand stitch. Repair, recycle, embellish and customise your clothing. Explore the possibility of self-employment.

How low can you go? The Minor Setbacks, a



12 person a
Cappella group
based in Bristol
with members
who live in
Bishopston, are
currently looking
for a LOW BASS.

The group sing pop and rock songs and perform without a conductor or sheet music (but they learn from scores). There is some movement in the performances (so you have to be happy to sing and move). If you're interested they would love to hear from you! Please email: theminorsetbacksacappella@gmail.com!

Redland Green Choir will combine with the Burnham and Highbridge Choral Society and the Long Ashton Orchestra to perform Beethoven's 9th symphony and choral works by Brahms at Clifton Cathedral at 7.45pm on 14 July. Tickets are £12 (£10 concessions) from www.redlandgreenchoir.org.uk or at the door.

BS7 Road Safety Group – If you are a parent/carer of children attending Brunel Field, and are concerned about the lack of school signage and road safety provisions surrounding the school, then please join our Facebook group. Please share your thoughts/concerns about road safety issues so we can work to improve safety for all those using the area. There is information on the page about how to report incidents. Any questions please contact either Roxanne Moore mooreroxanne@hotmail.com or Daniella Radice daniellaradice@hotmail.com.

Lockleaze & Horfield Strollers – This local group walks fortnightly on a Tuesday morning with numbers of around 15. If you would like more information on this or any of the Bristol Walking for Health groups or to complete the short health questionnaire, please contact – healthwalks@bristol.gov.uk or Saliha Ahmed, Engagement Worker, call: 0117 914 1129 (Tuesday–Friday). www.walkingforhealth.org.uk.

Tuesday 5 June South Bristol Parks meet at Bristol bus station 9.55, Bay 18 (bus 376 @ 10.05). A chance to enjoy Redcatch Park, Perretts Park and Victoria Park with coffee in Bedminster.

Tuesday 19 June Eastville Park to Oldbury Court meet at Horfield Leisure Centre 10.00 (bus 17 @ 10.00). A lovely walk along the River Frome and valley before the climb up to Oldbury Court Estate.

A Request from Numansdorp – Horfield Parish Church have received an enquiry from an elderly gentleman living in Numansdorp in Holland. It refers to a member of the RAF, a Sergeant Edwin C.A. Barnes, aged 20 years, whose aeroplane was shot down in July 1943. He was buried in the local cemetery and ever since, the local people, and this Dutch gentleman, have ensured that his grave is tended; and also each Christmas Eve a lighted candle is placed at his gravestone. It is known his parents, Charles and Violet Barnes, were living in Horfield in 1943, but since that time links have faded.

Does anyone know of any family descendants of Mr and Mrs Barnes as the Dutch gentleman wished to make contact before it may be too late. Any information please contact A.G. Hopton, email – aghopton49@gmail.co.uk.

Vote for your favourite Tree! Bristol's trees form the green framework to our lives. They bring beauty and character to the city's green spaces and to its streets. They also deliver many other important benefits that improve the quality of our lives, making us happier and healthier and giving us a sense of place and of our history. Trees encourage plant and animal diversity and help mitigate climate change by absorbing pollution, capturing carbon and reducing rainwater runoff. To celebrate this, Bristol Tree Forum is hosting its first Bristol Tree of the Year Competition aimed at increasing public awareness of our arboreal heritage and the many benefits that trees bring us. To find out more, visit their website at https://bristoltreeforum.org and search for #BristolsFavouriteTree on twitter.

Westbury Park Orchestra is a friendly non-auditioned, orchestra under the baton of Ben England with a repertoire of classical and modern pieces with an emphasis on having fun. You will ideally be of a good standard (string and brass players particularly welcome). They meet at Westbury-on-Trym Methodist Church, Westbury Hill on Monday evenings between 8.00 and 9.30pm (term-time only). Free taster session for newcomers. www.westburyparkorchestra.com.

Bristol Community Gamelan play the music of Java, and is looking for new members. Playing gamelan is a communal activity that only needs a sense of rhythm, numeracy up to 6 and the ability to sit on the floor. They meet every Monday evening at Cotham School from 6.30–8.30pm, to play traditional and modern pieces. If interested email: keithripley27@gmail.com or call: 0117 9444241.



Westbury Park Art Fair takes place on Saturday 30 June 2018, 10.30am–5pm at the Methodist Church Hall, North View, Westbury Park, BS6 7QB.

The Westbury Park

Fair returns again as part of the Westbury Park Festival 2018. There will be 18 artists showing and selling their Arts and Crafts. Also, there will be live music throughout the day, including the Gaswork Singers and Ian Lord, a talented folk guitarist. Tea and homemade cakes will be served and the proceeds will be given to local charities. So please do go along for an enjoyable day out.

Volunteering Matters

Living in Horfield, I have always been surrounded by people who are willing and active in helping others who are disadvantaged. This has inspired me to want to take any opportunity to help others and prompted me to volunteer this year in Italy.



On 3 July I will be joining *Projects Abroad* for three weeks helping refugees from Africa re-adjust to their new lives in Italy. After crossing thousands of kilometres for a chance at a better life in Italy, their struggle will often not end because the government agencies and infrastructures put in place to help them has become overloaded. I will be working in a 'second response' team going to where many migrants and refugees have been relocated and housed, where I will be helping in a day-care centre, looking after young children, or running workshops.

I am currently fundraising as I have to raise £1500 for flights, food and accommodation. While I have many fundraising plans, I am still seeking sponsorship and would be very grateful for any help that anyone can give, whether that is sponsorship or simply raised awareness of the situation!

To help please go to my JustGiving page which is www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/grace-adams



Reasons To Be Cheerful Midweek

LifeTrack is an exciting new way to brighten up the middle of the week. Each second Wednesday of the month, a special guest in conversation

with TV and Radio's Maggie Ayre and Ali Vowles will choose their favourite piece of music and talk about why it inspires them. There'll be discussion, DJs, live performance, music and the chance to bring along and talk about your own life track in a friendly setting.

LifeTrack is run by local resident Maggie Ayre and Polly Barnes, who simply want to create events they'd like to go to themselves.

The evenings will be a mix of special guest discussion, live performance, music and dancing. The first event kicks off at the Balloon Bar at Bristol Student Union on **Wednesday 13 June at 7pm** till 11 with guest Mike Bullen, author and writer of ITV's Cold Feet talking about his LifeTrack and how it's shaped his life and career.

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