

Newsletter



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY

Message From Ben Walker - Mayor



After the recent round of local elections the new council comprises of a diverse and experienced group of local residents working for the best interests of Bradley Stoke. I was asked to continue in my role as Chair/Mayor to assist the new team moving forward and I was again humbled to be asked and look forward to an exciting year. I am surrounded by so many good councillors who have a wide ranging spectrum of interests and specialisations which will help drive the council forward, building on the excellent work from the last four years.

After a record breaking Mayors Charity total of over £10,000.00 last year, collected for St Peter's Hospice, this year I have chosen to support the Three Brooks Conversation Group and the Bradley Stoke Scouts.



The Three Brooks Conservation Group are responsible for the upkeep of our wonderful nature reserves right here in our own town. They comprise of a group of volunteers who work all year round to maintain the areas and also work in partnership with local schools to deliver projects as part of the schools curriculums. This group do a fantastic job and always struggle to obtain the required funding and grants to help carry out the work required to maintain the reserves. The group are always looking for new volunteers to help and if you like nature, have a few spare hours then join them for some real "David Bellamy" fun.



The Scouts need no introduction, and in Bradley Stoke, we are lucky enough to have one of the best troops from the district. They are so well subscribed; there is a waiting list to join. They carry out brilliant work with the youth that attend in a structured environment and the young people obtain so many skills, including life skills with which they can transfer into adult life. The Bradley Stoke Scouts are a thriving organisation who needs help in procuring new equipment, storage space and potentially, a home of their own.

For the council, its back to business, ensuring we continue to deliver value for money services that are second to none. As ever, you are urged to come along to council meetings, our surgeries at the Willow Brook Centre and contact the Town Council Office if you have anything that we may be able to help you with. I will hopefully see lots of you at community events coming up this year, and thank you for continuing to support the chosen charities.

Kind regards Ben Walker Mayor, Bradley Stoke.

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Party Time?

Bradley Stoke Town Council has a number of rooms available for party hire at The Jubilee Centre and the Baileys Court Activity Centre. Both Centres are the perfect party venue, with spacious areas that are ideal for accommodating entertainers, inside games or even a disco. The Multi-court at the Jubilee Centre allows for outdoor play - football, netball or tennis parties, with tea served inside in the room of your choice. Bouncy Castles are able to be accommodated outside the building (applicable to the Jubilee Centre only). We can even provide details of a local caterer for very reasonably priced children's party food.



The Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road

Oak Hall - £42.30 for 2 hours - up to 60 children

A large, bright room with a semi sprung floor. Large patio doors lead out to a patio and the Jubilee Green. Ideal for disco and games/activities parties. Foyer, kitchen and food servery are available at a small extra cost.

Cedar (Ash and Beech) - £22.90 for 2 hours - up to 12 children (ring for prices on Ash and Beech)

Cedar is suitable for small parties or craft work parties using tables to work on. Next door are two smaller rooms (Ash and Beech) that are suitable for food to be laid out in.

Woodlands Suite - £40.70 for 2 hours - up to 25 children

Absolutely ideal for smaller children's parties, as it has dedicated junior toilets and a large kitchen. Doors open to a secure soft surface play area.

Multi-court - £16.15 for 1 hour

Suitable for five or six-a-side football, netball or tennis parties or just hire for safe, secure outdoor play and general outdoor activity. Hire with any of the above for a fun party.



Baileys Court Activity Centre, Baileys Court Road

Apple Room - £30.00 for 2 hours - up to 25 children

The Apple Room is a lovely L shaped room, with space for tables and chairs to be set up separately leaving the main area for games and entertainment.

Cherry Room - £40.40 for 2 hours - up to 35 children

The Cherry Room is a very bright room, with an inclusive kitchen. It also has its own toilet, accessed from inside the room which has facilities for the disabled.

Apple/Cherry Combined - £85.30 for 2 hours - up to 70 children

Apple and Cherry can be opened up through the foyer to provide one large area for larger children's and family parties.

Orchard Room (only available between October and March) - £42.50 for 2 hours up to 50 children.

Ideal for discos and family parties, with access to kitchen facilities.

Have a look at the 360° virtual tour of both buildings and their rooms at www.bradleystoke.gov.uk - on the Activity Centres pages. For more information please ring 01454 864646 or email bookings@bradleystoke.gov.uk or write to: Bradley Stoke Town Council, 7 The Courtyard, Woodlands, Bradley Stoke South Glos BS32 4NQ. Prices correct as at April 2011, but may be revised at Council's discretion.



Groups Financially Assisted by Bradley Stoke Town Council



**Need help recruiting and retaining volunteers?
Does your community group or organisation need help finding new volunteers?**

At the Volunteer Centre we match people looking for volunteering opportunities to community groups and charities. Once we know what you're looking for, we'll promote your opportunity using a range of methods. We'll even help you develop brand new volunteering opportunities and support you by providing information and advice on a range of volunteering matters including how best to recruit, manage and retain your volunteers.

Find out more by contacting us at info@volunteercentre-pfs.org.uk or 01454 868986.

Could you spare a little time helping others in your community?

Volunteering can be so rewarding. If you have some time to give, you could be doing something worthwhile in your community whilst at the same time gaining skills, meeting new people and making a difference.

At the Volunteer Centre we match people looking for volunteering opportunities to community groups and charities. We can help you find something suitable from our extensive range of volunteering opportunities. You'll be surprised at the range of things available and you can expect to receive full support in whatever you choose to do.

We hold regular drop-in sessions in Bradley Stoke Library so if you'd like to find out how you can get involved contact us at info@volunteercentre-pfs.org.uk or 01454 868986.

South Gloucestershire Chinese Association



South Gloucestershire Chinese Association was established in 2001, to bring together people from the Chinese community who live, study or work in the South Gloucestershire area, to identify their needs and to try to meet these needs through the setting up of projects, working with existing agencies and service providers.

The Association is managed by a dedicated team of committee members together with the support of volunteers helping at various events. We seek to ensure that our members have opportunities to meet with each other, celebrate cultural events together, as well as encouraging our members to take part in local community life.

We provide facilities and supports in the interest of social welfare, for example to assist our members to access services and benefits to which they are entitled, to meet the needs of the disadvantaged, such as those who do not speak

English, the elderly, children etc. and to promote cultural exchange and harmonisation in the community.

We have made good links with agencies such as local councils, health authorities, the police and voluntary groups. We run Chinese Link meeting with local agencies at the Jubilee Centre every quarter and invite members to come to ask questions about health and housing problem. We also run regular exercise classes and language classes for our members and people who live in South Gloucestershire at the Jubilee Centre.

Four Towns & Vale Link Community Transport

**A Charity supporting the local residents of our area, who are transport disadvantaged.
We operate a fleet of vehicles, some of which are fully accessible.**



We provide Dial A Ride services for our members throughout the week. Booking Hours 10.00am – 2.00pm and you must give at least 48 hours notice, when making a travel request. Extended hours Monday to Friday 5pm – 10pm and Saturday/Sunday 10am – 5pm Remember FREE travel and Membership for ALL South Glos. Diamond Card holders. Group Hire:- Vehicles of various sizes are available to groups. You must be a Group member to use this service. We require Volunteer Drivers; Passenger Assistants and Admin Staff, all training will be provided FREE.

More information is available on any of the above by ringing: 01454 868529, during office hours.

Bradley Stoke Town Councillors Profiles



Tom Aditya

Hi, I'm Tom Aditya, a FSA authorised financial adviser and Director of an IFA firm. I studied Law and Economics at the University and took MBA from the USA. I live with my wife Liny and children at Champs Sur Marne. I currently Chair the South Gloucestershire Equalities Forum and serve on Southern Brooks Community Partnership as a Trustee. I am a social activist who supports all our community groups and clubs.



John Ashe

I have had the privilege to serve the people of Baileys Court Ward for the last seven years as a Town Councillor. I also represent Bradley Stoke South as one of two ward members for South Glos Council. Bradley Stoke is an excellent place to live and bring up a family and I will do my utmost to keep it that way.



Roger Avenin

I moved to Bradley Stoke more than 20 years ago (Dec 1990) and have watched the town gradually develop over the years. I have now retired but was an Accountant for the MOD at Abbey Wood. Many will have seen me walking my Golden Retriever around the town taking notice of any issues arising.



Keith Cranney

Keith has lived locally for over 30 years and has supported residents living throughout the area as their South Gloucestershire District and Parish Councillor for 8 years and represents the Stoke Brook ward on the Town Council and is well known to local residents. He has worked within Local Government for over 35 yrs and has maintained his role as a Conservative local Councillor on a wide range of committees within South Gloucestershire Council to represent and support local residents. Keith is currently the Chairman of Stoke Gifford Safer Stronger Communities committee and is a serving member of Avon Fire Authority, and is the Conservative spokesman on Licensing and Regulatory & General Purposes Committee, and Communities Select Committee and a member of Dc West Planning Committee. Keith strongly supports the need for improved facilities for local residents and is a keen supporter of the elderly and disabled residents and has supported the youth of the area and worked hard to improve and maintain local facilities.



Keir Gravit

I'm Keir and I work as a Naval Architect in the naval defence industry.

I was formerly a student at Newcastle University and an engineer in the Merchant Navy, and I enjoy rugby union, politics, hill walking, cycling and getting outdoors.



Tony Griffiths

Born 27th December 1950, from a comprehensive education, qualified as an Architectural Technician. Served with the Royal Observer Corps for eleven years, owned two Pubs and three Restaurants, worked in Sales and Marketing for a major mobile phone company. Currently managing the hospitality of Bristol's second largest national charity, next only to the national lottery.



Elaine Hardwick

As a child I lived in Australia and returned to the UK when I was 10. My education was at Abraham Darby School Telford, where I met my Husband, when I was 15. We married in 1979 and have 3 grown up Children and 5 Grand Children. We moved to Bristol in 1995 have lived on Bradley Stoke for 13 years. I have watched Bradley Stoke grow from strength to strength.



Kim Harris

Born 8th June 1969 in Patchway, Bristol into a family of Rolls-Royce Engineers, my Gran-father George Haley was a test pilot and service engineer on Concorde. I grew up in Stoke Lodge attended Patchway High School, then onto Rolls-Royce College attending the Secretarial Course. Spent 5 years as a Travel Rep in Spain and met my husband Santiago Pablo, founder and owner of Papas Pizzas, 10 years trading in Bradley Stoke. Have a Spanish degree and am fluent and translate in my spare time as well as working part-time for Barclays Bank in Patchway. I have two children 18 and 16 and as a local girl aspire to becoming a good councillor for my parish



Brian Hopkinson

I have lived in this area since 1948. Raised a family of five and developed a business employing local people. My constant aim is to help facilitate enabling of community and facilities to Bradley Stoke by bringing to bear connections available to me as both a District and Town Cllr. Special areas of interest include Youth Work, Planning Issues, and Local Environment.



Rob Jones

30 year old, Lakeside ward Councillor Robert Jones works in Bristol as a Chartered Tax Adviser and has lived in Bradley Stoke since 2003. Originally from Herefordshire, he has an Economics and Politics degree from the University of Exeter and is married with one child. A Town Councillor since 2006 he served as Town Mayor in 2008/09. He also represents Bradley Stoke South on South Gloucestershire Council.



Barry Mitchell

I have lived in Bradley Stoke for 15 years. I work as a taxi driver. I am married with 2 children who attend local schools in the town. I am keen to be involved with improving environmental issues, such as litter, and facilities for young people.



Sarah Pomfret

As I am on both Town and District Councils, I am able to help and represent residents fully, especially on planning and community care issues due to the committees I am on. Living locally for many years, I am pleased Bradley Stoke finally has the facilities it deserves and needs, and will continue pressing for more for the town.



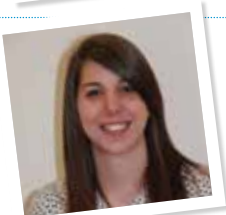
Ed Rose

I have resided in BS since 2007. Bring business and cultural experience of working and living abroad - Europe and Americas. A qualified inventor, web author and application design developer. Specialist activities to enhance the quality of living and relaxing within the BS area for all ages of residents. Developing playground and youth activity opportunities and specialist councillor on managing & coping with complexities of letting and debt management.



Ben Walker

Hi, I'm Ben Walker, a District and Town Councillor for Bradley Stoke North. I operate a construction company from Aztec West which serves Bradley Stoke and South Gloucestershire. I also own a property in Baileys Court and my immediate family all live within the Town. I am married and have three children. I am a strong supporter of the community and all its groups and sports clubs.



Charlotte Walker

I have lived in Bradley Stoke for 11 years and have therefore grown up here. I'm proud to live in Bradley Stoke because of its fantastic community feel. I have many ideas, which I think could help develop our town, but ultimately I am here to listen to the residents.

Lakeside Residents Association

We are a group of local residents approximately 30 people, formed in April 2009 whose aim is to create a structured group of residents to deal with issues directly affecting their immediate locality. Build upon local issues, expand our member base and strengthen relationships within Bradley Stoke and integrate with local residents.

Initially the area covered was the Lakeside Ward but we would welcome new members outside this area. So please feel free to come and join us and have your say.

We have the support of Bradley Stoke Town Council, Safer Stronger Community Group, Beat Manager Avon and Somerset Constabulary and our Mayor Councillor Ben Walker.

We have also been instrumental in getting dropped kerbs for disabled access, seating at Willow Brook Centre, litter observation around Bradley Stoke, motorcycles riding on path and walkways, Police enforcement issues and planning enforcement notices.

Our meetings usually take place once every two months at the Baileys Court Activity Centre and last for approximately two hours with a break for a cup of tea and a biscuit.

If you can spend two hours in an evening once every two months, then please come and join us, and we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Derrick Powell
Chairman Lakeside Residents Association.



Your local Safer Stronger Community Group needs you!

South Gloucestershire's 20 Safer Stronger Community Groups are all about working together to improve your local community. The groups also enable you to have your say about the services that your community needs and receives.

These groups have been set up as part of the South Gloucestershire Council's Community Engagement initiative and the Neighbourhood Policing Model. Their members include people who live and work in the area and representatives from South Gloucestershire Council, the local Police, Avon Fire & Rescue, Primary Care Trust, the Town & Parish Council and other local organisations. The aim is to:

- work together to ensure that local communities are safe and pleasant places to live, work and play
- give local people a greater voice and influence over local decisions and the priorities of the service providers
- support actions and initiatives that meet local needs

The next two meetings for the Bradley Stoke Safer Stronger Community Group are:

Tuesday 12th July 2011 at 7pm Jubilee Centre,
Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8HL

Tuesday 1st November 2011 at 7pm Baileys Court Activity
Centre, Baileys Court Road, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8BH

For meetings in other areas please visit, <http://groups.southglos.gov.uk> to find out the dates. Here, you will be able to become a member of your local e-group, view agendas and minutes from meetings and gain access to more information about the issues and projects in your area. Alternatively, you can contact your Safer Stronger Communities Officer on 01454 868760.



Another successful combined McDonalds and Bradley Stoke Town Council Community Action Day, Friday 13 May.

After the last enjoyable and successful Community Action day held on 29th September where we cut back and cleared the seated area at the top of Brook Way near to the Doctors Surgery (rain stopping our painting plans) we wanted to carry on the good work and not waste our paint. We decided to paint the colourful and very well used Baileys Court Play Area and cut back the trees and shrubs.

Special thanks to Mark Pickering, Area Supervisor of McDonalds Bristol and local resident, all the McDonalds Staff, Tim Tyler of T.1M Ltd, and the Bradley Stoke Staff and Councillors who got stuck in and risked the superstition of Friday the 13!

SPORT FACILITIES

3STC ACTIVITY CENTRES

TENNIS



JUBILEE CENTRE
3 TENNIS COURTS

NETBALL



JUBILEE CENTRE
3 NETBALL COURTS

BOWLS



BAILEYS COURT
6 RINK
BOWLS GREEN

FOOTBALL



JUBILEE CENTRE
ONE MULTICOURT
SIX A SIDE PITCH

Play in the day and keep your eye on the ball

For Tennis, Bowls, Netball
and Six a Side Football at
competitive prices,

Be an early bird and play
between 9.00am and 4.00pm
during the day, or even in your
lunch break when the courts
are not so heavily booked.

We also have very active Cricket
and Bowls Clubs playing at
Baileys Court who are always
keen on recruiting new members.

Be Active for Life

If you are interested then please ring Pat Louca on 01454 864646 or email your request on bookings@bradleystoke.gov.uk. Alternatively, check out the prices on our website www.bradleystoke.gov.uk and arrive on the day and play (subject to availability).

Forthcoming Town Council Meetings

All meetings take place at 7.30pm at The Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8HL

Full Council

Wednesday 13 July 2011
Wednesday 21 September 2011
Wednesday 16 November 2011

Finance Committee

Wednesday 17 August 2011
Wednesday 12 October 2011
Wednesday 21 December 2011

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 15 August 2011
Monday 17 October 2011
Monday 19 December 2011

Planning & Environment Committee

Wednesday 27 July 2011
Wednesday 24 August 2011
Wednesday 28 September 2011
Wednesday 26 October 2011
Wednesday 23 November 2011
Wednesday 21 December 2011

Farmers & Artisan Market

Fourth Friday of every month - The Willow Brook Centre, 9.00am until 2.00pm.

Publication of Monthly Expenditure

In light of the Government's recommendation for local government transparency, Bradley Stoke Town Council now publishes their monthly expenditure on the Bradley Stoke Town Council website.

The town council is keen to be as transparent as possible in how it is spending the residents of Bradley Stoke's money and feel that the publication of all expenditure is an important step towards getting day-to-day council business out in the open.

The information published shows the name of the council's supplier, the amount they were paid and a brief description of the service or goods provided.

To find details of the monthly expenditure, click on "The Town Council" section on the left-hand side of the Bradley Stoke Town Council homepage, then scroll down to "Monthly Expenditures".

School Term Dates

Academic Year 2010/11

Term 6: Monday 6th June 2011 - Friday 22nd July 2011 (35 teaching days)

Academic Year 2011/12

Term 1: Thursday 1 September 2011 - Friday 21 October 2011 (37 teaching days)

Term 2: Monday 31 October 2011 - Friday 16 December 2011 (35 teaching days)

Term 3: Tuesday 3 January 2012 - Friday 10 February 2012 (29 teaching days)

Term 4: Monday 20 February 2012 - Friday 30 March 2012 (30 teaching days)

Term 5: Monday 16 April 2012 - Friday 1 June 2012 (34 teaching days)

Term 6: Monday 11 June 2012 - Thursday 19 July 2012 (29 teaching days)

Further Information

Members Of Parliament

Mr Jack Lopresti is the MP for Bradley Stoke. He can be contacted at 27 The Courtyard, Woodlands, Bradley Stoke, South Glos. BS32 4NH or by emailing: jack.lopresti.mp@parliament.uk or calling 01454 617783. Website: www.jacklopresti.com

Bradley Stoke Town Council

BSTC started life on 1 April 1992. There are currently 14,600+ on the current register of Electors and 15 elected Councillors in seven wards. Five Town Councillors are also members of South Glos Council.

Councillors

Benjamin Walker (Chair/Mayor), Tom Aditya, John Ashe (Chair Planning &

Environment Cttee), Roger Avenin (Chair of Finance Committee), Keith Cranney, Keir Gravit (Chair of Leisure, Youth and Amenities Committee), Tony Griffiths, Elaine Hardwick, Kim Harris, Brian Hopkinson, Robert Jones, Barry Mitchell, Sarah Pomfret, Ed Rose, Charlotte Walker (Vice-chair).

Meetings

As well as Full Council, there are three Standing Committees for Planning & Environment, Finance, Leisure, Youth and Amenities. All Council and Standing Committee meetings are open to the public and the press. At any of the meetings there is time for electors to ask questions during public question time. Times and dates of meetings are published on the Town Council Noticeboards and on the Web Site.

ChildLine

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

Blood Doning

The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - Session Dates 2011

All Fridays - 1 July, 29 July, 26 August, 23 September, 21 October, 18 November, 23 December

The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - Session Dates 2012

All Fridays - 13 January, 17 February, 16 March, 27 April, 18 May, 22 June, 13 July, 10 August, 21 September, 2 November, 23 November, 21 December.

Community News

See Bradley Stoke Matters for an online Events Diary and Community News. Read the online Bradley Stoke Journal to keep ahead of local issues and residents chat.

Racism

If you would like to talk to someone for advice: ring 01454 865733 or 868570 or 868530. The dedicated police hate crime office for South Glos area is on 0117 945 4195. Hate Crime Officers are trained, they can help!

Coffee Morning & Stalls

Second Thursday of every month
The Jubilee Centre,
Savages Wood
Road - 9.30am
until 12.30pm.



Useful Telephone Numbers



South Gloucestershire Council Services
Main Switchboard Number:
01454 868009

South Glos Council Tax Enquiries
01454 868003

Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre
0300 333 0300

Bradley Stoke Library
01454 868006

Dog Warden
01454 868000

Education - General Enquiries
01454 868008

Travellers
01454 863876

Trading Standards
01454 868001

Willow Brook Centre
01454 205040

Bradley Stoke Surgery
01454 616262

NHS Direct
0845 4647

Bradley Stoke Dental Surgery
0117 911 4441

STREETCARE
01454 868000

Bradley Stoke Matters
Community Magazine
01454 201515

Southern Brooks Domestic
Abuse Self-Help Support Group
0781 203 2219

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

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday

Gates Open	8.00am
Gates Closed	4.15pm

Saturday & Bank Holidays

Gates Open	8.00am
Gates Closed	4.00pm

Sunday

Gates Open	9.00am
Gates Closed	1.00pm

Directions

From the Aztec West roundabout travel south towards Bristol on the A38. When approaching the flyover filter left, and then turn left at the traffic lights into Gipsy Patch Lane. Shortly you pass under a narrow railway bridge - turn left immediately afterwards into Station Road. The SORT IT! site is half a mile ahead, on your right. South Glos Council's Streetcare and SORT IT! Helpdesk can be reached on 01454 868000. You will then be given a choice of numbers for the Council's services for Highways, Open Spaces, Street Lighting, Waste Services and Fly Tipping or email in on streetcare@southglos.gov.uk

Others

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

BSTC Beat Team

PC Steve Palmer	07919 628 620
PC Claire Fletcher	07825 175 304
PCSO Jason Green	07795 390 262
PCSO Kirsty Flicker	07825 388 925
PCSO Paul Baxter	07825 256 303
General Enquiries	0845 456 7000

Email:

SSNFilton@avonandsomerset.police.uk

If a crime is in progress please ring 999



The Town Council welcomes your comments and opinions. Please make your views known via the Clerk. Correspondence for Council and Councillors may be sent to:

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