

Bradley Stoke Town Council

Newsletter



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY

Message From Ben Walker - Mayor



Councillor Ben Walker presenting prize to Peter Morton, winner of 10k Run at Bradley Stoke Community Festival

It's been an incredibly busy term so far for BSTC and we continue to ensure the council operates in the best interests for its residents.

There have been a few pieces of work which should be given special mention;

Working in partnership with The Willow Brook Centre and local residents, Bradley Stoke Town Council has driven forward the installation of a gate between Manor Farm and the Willow Brook Centre. It is hoped that this gate will help to reduce the anti-social behaviour that residents were experiencing in this area during evening hours.

The largest, most in-depth consultation regarding youth provision in Bradley Stoke is due to start in September, engaging with local groups and the community school. The consultation, which will be led by South Gloucestershire Council in partnership with Bradley Stoke Town Council, is designed to rethink our existing youth provision to ensure that all sections of the youth population here in the town are being catered for.

The town council Office Staff continue to make savings and forge efficiencies in every area of the council's operation, to further improve the services we offer to you, our residents.

The new councillor team have now settled in to council business, busy undertaking casework on behalf of their ward residents and attending meetings to get business done. You can find details of your ward councillors via our new-look website which further enhances our accessibility to you.

The Bradley Stoke Town Council Firework display is scheduled for the 6th November and this year we are lucky enough to have Royal Representation attending the event. The Vice Lord-Lieutenant, Robert Bernays will carry out the official countdown. This is the first time Bradley Stoke has had Royal Representation at the event. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Councillor Ben Walker. Mayor of Bradley Stoke.

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For more news on your community visit www.bradleystoke.gov.uk



Post Office Questionnaire

The town council are interested in finding out residents' views on post office provision in the town and have devised a short questionnaire to gauge public opinion. It would be appreciated, if you could take a few moments to answer the questions and then return the completed questionnaire to the town council.

Please enter your postcode in the space opposite so that the Town Council has a clear picture where the replies are coming from. Please note that these details will not be retained on any database and will not be used in the future for any purposes other than the post office questionnaire.

1. Have you used a post office in the past 12 months.

☐ Yes ☐ No Please tick the relevant box.

If yes, what for:

2. Are you aware that there is a post office in Bradley Stoke (Pear Tree Road)

☐ Yes ☐ No Please tick the relevant box.

3. Do you think that there is a need for a larger post office in Bradley Stoke that would offer more services (i.e. passport checking & vehicle excise licensing etc.)?

☐ Yes ☐ No Please tick the relevant box.

If yes, where should it be located:

4. Any other comments

Thank you for taking the time to complete this short questionnaire. Completed questionnaires should be returned by 31st October 2011 and can be left at the following locations: Town Council Office, 7 The Courtyard, Woodlands, Bradley Stoke, BS32 4NQ, Baileys Court Activity Centre, Baileys Court Road, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8BH. Brook Way Activity Centre, Brook Way, Bradley Stoke BS32 9DA. The Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8HL.

Alternatively, the questionnaire can be completed online at: www.bradleystoke.gov.uk

Bradley Stoke Youth F.C and Bradley Stoke Town Council working in partnership



Bouncing Babies

Come & join us on Tuesdays 1 -3 pm
Jubilee Centre, Bradley Stoke

Having a new baby is an exciting time, but it can also be exhausting and, in some cases, isolating – the old saying is certainly true; ‘Babies don’t come with a manual! Joining a group, however, with parents who have similar aged children, can be a lifeline.

Southern Brooks Community Partnership runs the Bouncing Babies group for parents/carers and their babies who are under 1. Each fun packed session provides opportunities for play, socialising and singing (so get practising those nursery rhymes!). Parents are free to play with their children using the many different good quality toys that we provide to help with the development of the ‘baby brain’ and the child – parent relationship. The sessions also provide a great opportunity to meet other parents in similar situations, share experiences and form new friendships. Experienced staff are on hand to support and answer questions as required and refreshments are provided. In the past we have included activities such as baby massage, heuristic play and had visits from relevant organisations. We usually get involved in the Big Toddle to help raise funds for Barnardo’s and we hold an annual Christmas party.

The venue and the staff provide a welcoming atmosphere that makes parents and their babies feel relaxed. We would love to hear from parents about activities that would be of interest, or suggestions of how we could further improve the group.

If you would like to find out more about the group, contact Tendai on 01454 867076.

Bradley Stoke YFC (BSYFC) was founded in June 1998. Over the years the club has grown to a large size, covering a range of age groups, to allow children from Bradley Stoke the opportunity to train and play football. The club covers the age groups of U6 to U18, and has dedicated girl teams at U9, U10, U11 and U13. The total membership of the club currently stands at over 300 children, highlighting the success of the club and the dedication to allow children to play football in a safe and friendly environment.

In August 2010 the club achieved the highest status of being a FA Charter Standard Community Club. This level was achieved due to all the hard work of all the volunteers and coaches involved in the club. There are currently only seven other clubs in the South Gloucestershire County with this status. At the recent Gloucestershire

FA Awards Evening, the club won the FA Charter Standard Community Club of the Year 2011 and Martin Lee one of the club coaches was the winner of the FA Community Award – Outstanding Contribution to Community Football Award 2011.

The club annually operates the club-school link program where FA qualified coaches go into 14 local schools to provide football skills training for over 600 pupils. Also, the club, in partnership with the Bradley Stoke Town Council, organise the annual Bradley Stoke Football Festival, which takes place during the Community Festival, for Year 1 children and for Year 3 and 4 girls, where over 200 children participate in school teams. The club has been working with the Gloucestershire FA to develop girl’s football in the local area and has now formed links with the Bristol Academy WFC.

The club is always looking for new players (boys and girls), new volunteers, coaches and managers, and if anyone is interested in joining the club or would like further details please see the web site at www.bsyfc.co.uk or contact Martin Lee at mlee1@btopenworld.com

Victim Support: working in your local community

Being a victim of crime is an unpleasant and often distressing experience. But, did you know that there is a free and confidential service, provided across England and Wales, to help anyone who has been affected by crime? We are Victim Support, a national charity established over 35 years ago, dedicated to meeting victims’ needs and being the ‘voice for victims’ at both national Government and local level.

Our services, free and confidential and available six days a week, are designed to help victims overcome the impact of crime. The police will refer all victims, with their consent, to our victim care unit. Here trained workers make contact with victims and talk through any needs they might have. Many people will benefit from further one

to one contact and so we provide trained volunteers who will support victims and their families in their community. Victim Support also provides practical assistance, such as sourcing locksmiths or helping with insurance claims: anything which assists in overcoming the effects of the crime.

Being a witness. It can feel very daunting if a witness is called to court to give evidence. V.S. runs a Witness Service team in each criminal court, which provides early contact with witnesses, arranges pre trial visits to help familiarisation with the court and its procedures, and on the day support, with somewhere quiet and separate to wait. This helps many witnesses feel more assured about giving evidence and more confident about attending court.

If you have been a victim of crime, or if you would like to join us as a volunteer to help local victims and witnesses, then call our Victim care Unit on 0845 45 66 099: we are open 8.00am - 8.00pm Mon-Fri and 9.00am - 5.00pm on Saturdays.



Bradley Stoke Community Festival • Bradley Stoke

FRIDAY 10TH JUNE - JUBILEE GREEN, JUBILEE CENTRE

For the first time, the first day of the Festival, the Picnic in the Park, all elements of the event were organised by staff from Bradley Stoke Town Council, in conjunction with the event team, Re-energise, with Mothers and their babies and young children attending to take refreshments, tea and coffee and also view a range of stalls and entertainments.

Local trades and crafts provided the stalls which ranged from cakes and pastries to jewellery and novelties alongside Information stalls. There was also a bouncy castle.

The entertainment was provided by Professor Panic who had been on site from the Wednesday providing his Big Top entertainment of juggling, circus skills and magic for the younger children. On the Thursday Prof Panic entertained pupils from the local primary schools who had been pre booked within an agreed schedule. This was fully booked within 2 weeks of the schools receiving the letters. Friends of Jubilee Green provided a fun treasure trail for the children which had a take up of over 75 youngsters! Steve Price, the Balloon Man, also provided his individual fun entertainment producing modelled balloons and displays.

It was estimated that slightly fewer parents and toddlers attended this year, possibly due to a heavy mid-morning shower, but the weather picked up later and everyone who attended enjoyed the event.

SATURDAY 11TH JUNE - JUBILEE GREEN

The second day of the Festival enjoyed a really sunny day and started slightly later at 11.45 rather than the scheduled 11.30 with the lorry trailer turning up late at 10.00 due to mechanical problems with the first lorry unit.

55 stalls attended ranging from local community projects and charity groups to craft and novelty stalls, tombola's, coconut shies and fun games to jewellery, local hotel displays. The stalls were co-ordinated by Southern Brooks Community Partnership. A range of RV's and motor homes were on display provided by Family Travel Centre which provided a very different backdrop to the Festival. The Grange Hotel did very well in selling over £125 worth of balloons for the balloon race and provided the main prize of a weekend for two at the hotel. Mayor, Ben Walker, launched the balloons along with local children towards the end of the day. 14 catering and ice cream units attended with the traditional burger and hot dogs but also several Indian food outlets, a Mexican and Oriental catering operations. Of the 15 entertainments the new attractions included a bungee trampoline and the Bristol Zoo "Zoo to You" operation which took place in side The Jubilee Centre. This proved very popular with the children, giving them the chance to handle giant insects, snails and cockroaches from Madagascar.

Other attractions included Lennie the Road Train, which transported people around the Festival site along with local operations providing inflatables, quad bikes, carousel, tea cup rides, dome and slides as well as vintage side stalls being provided by the local churches and scouts. The main entertainment were the 5 bands that played in front of what was estimated at a crowd of 1,500 – 2,000 people at one time people the bands were headed up by the Counterfeit Bee Gees tribute band, who were particularly enjoyed along with local bands; Doing Time, Tundra, Trouble on the Green and the local winner of the Battle of the Bands, Cassette.

Dance performances were provided by Annette's Dance Academy, a solo performance by a representative from South Glos Asian Project, Bowland Green Gym Club, Arabian Nights Belly Dancers and the South Glos Chinese Association providing traditional dance performances. On the Jubilee Green side there were demonstrations from the Dragon Tang Soo Do and the Taekwondo Martial Arts clubs.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**Bradley Stoke
Community Festival
1st - 3rd June 2012**



Community Festival • Bradley Stoke Community

SATURDAY 11TH JUNE - JUBILEE GREEN

Other entertainment for the youth was provided by the Southern Brooks Community Partnership who provided the teenagers with the opportunity to make music and provided a range of entertainments and rides! A football tournament took place with over 200 children from Year 3 / 4 taking part with prizes donated by Re-energize and the town council.

It was estimated that again over 6,000 adults and children attended the Festival throughout the day and enjoyed the range of music and especially the dance groups. Donations towards the mayor's Charity topped £2,880 from the suppliers and entertainments attending.

13TH JUNE - JUBILEE CENTRE & BAILEYS COURT

Unfortunately the Sunday was badly affected by the weather with continuous rain throughout the day. This did not deter the runners in the 10k run which again started at 09.30 from Jubilee Green organised by local charity group, Sole Sisters. It is believed over 500 runners took part and although the Marshall's were soaked the runners enjoyed the event.

The Cricket Tournament and bowls demonstration were cancelled with the morning church service being taken at the local Christ the King Church. The Skate Park competition was postponed due to the weather but has since taken place with over 150 people attending during the course of the Skate Park competition.



INCREASE IN CRIMINAL DAMAGE!



During the last financial year, Bradley Stoke Town Council spent over £7,000 to repair property vandalised in our town and this does not include the time taken to sort out the criminal damage or the many smaller scale incidents which can be fixed in-house. This ranges from broken glass to petrol-assisted fires.

So far this year, criminal damage costs are already in the region of £6,750. During the summer holidays, four of the seven play areas around our town had items out of use whilst waiting for replacement parts, not a good advert for our town and, most importantly, meant that our children do not have full use of the play items available.

Regular checks are made at our play areas, activity centres and bus stops. All criminal damage is reported to the Police and the South Gloucestershire Council Anti-social Behaviour Team. If anyone sees an act of criminal damage, please can you help us to help the Police catch the perpetrators by ringing 0845 456700 (or, from 19th September 2011, the new non-emergency number of 101) to report the incident and let the Town Council know on 01454 868080, especially if repairs are needed to make the area safe.



Come along and find out about the new family friendly cycling club in your area. We can show you the wonderful scenery, the country lanes and the country pubs that are on our doorstep, with short rides for beginners and longer rides for the slightly fitter. But whatever your level of fitness and whatever ride you come on, you're sure of a warm welcome.

"Everyone was so friendly and straight away we all felt that Stokes Cycling Club was the one for us."

We go riding most weekends, so find a ride the right distance to suit you and join in the fun. The rides have stops for tea, coffee, cake and all day breakfasts!

If you'd like to explore the glorious countryside around the Stokes with a bunch of friends, check out our website:

www.stokescyclingclub.org.uk

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

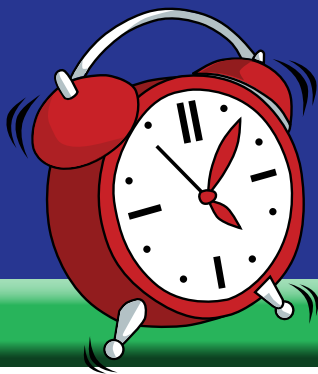
The next two meetings for the Bradley Stoke Safer Stronger Community Group are:

Tues 1st November 2011 7pm
Baileys Court,
Baileys Court Road,
Bradley Stoke, BS32 8BL.

Mon 13th February 2011 7pm
Jubilee Centre,
Savages Wood Road,
Bradley Stoke, BS32 8HL.

If you would like to attend a SSCG meeting and require a interpreter to be present, please contact Sarah Milne 01454 864634 or sarah.milne@southglos.gov.uk to make arrangements.

Safer Stronger Community Group minutes and publications can also be supplied in other community languages.



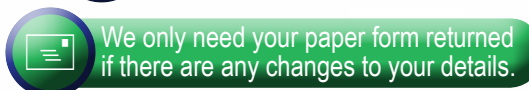
Save Time Save Money

Register of Electors 2011

Have you received your voter registration form?

There are three quick and easy ways to advise South Gloucestershire Council of **NO CHANGES** in your household.

Don't delay use the automated service today and save your council money
Use your two part security code (on the registration form) and contact us by:



Lost your form
or need help
please contact:
01454 863030

Remember - if you're not on the register you can't vote.
Getting personal credit may be difficult too.



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Firework Display 2011

By Kimbolton Fireworks

Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre
Sunday 6 November 2011

GATES OPEN AT 4.30PM

HOT FOOD SERVED FROM 4.45PM

FIREWORK DISPLAY STARTS AT 6.00PM

NO ALCOHOL allowed on site and **NO SPARKLERS AT ALL**
Please only buy goods from the Traders approved to be on the site

**INSTEAD OF AN ENTRY FEE THERE WILL BE AN ENTRY POINT COLLECTION
IN AID OF THE MAYORS CHARITY— THE BRADLEY STOKES SCOUTS
AND THREE BROOKS NATURE CONSERVATION GROUP.**

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY



PLEASE PARK IN WILLOW BROOK CAR PARK AND WALK TO FIREWORKS

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 16 November 2011

Finance Committee

Wednesday 12 October 2011
Wednesday 21 December 2011

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 17 October 2011
Monday 19 December 2011

Planning & Environment Committee

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 2011/12

Term 1:

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

Term 3:

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

Term 5:

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

Term 2:

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

Term 4:

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

Term 6:

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

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 Donation Sessions

The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - Session Dates 2011

All Fridays - 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

Sort It! Centre

The Stoke Gifford/Little Stoke Sort It! Centre is provided for the sole use of South Gloucestershire residents. You cannot dispose of commercial waste at any Sort It! Centre.

Opening hours from 1st August 2011

Summer Opening 1st April to 30th September Monday to Sunday (Closed on Wednesdays)
Gates Open 8.00am
Gates Closed 6.30pm

Winter Opening 1st October to 31st March Monday to Sunday (Closed on Wednesdays)
Gates Open 9.00am
Gates Closed 4.30pm

NB: The site is closed on Wednesdays, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Directions. Address: Station Road, Little Stoke, BS34 6HP. 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 site is half a mile ahead, on your right.

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

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 16,700+ on the current Electoral Register 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.

Grant Aid

Bradley Stoke Town Council has allocated a sum of money each year for grant aid to be awarded for small projects that benefit the local community (maximum grant is £500.00). All applications are considered on their merits. Application forms may be obtained from the BSTC Office. Grant Aid is only available to organisations and not individuals.

Councillor Surgeries

Councillor Surgeries are generally held on the first Saturday of each month, between 10.00am and 12 noon at the Willow Brook Centre for Bradley Stoke Residents to speak to their Councillors on any matter concerning the Town. "Forthcoming councillor surgery dates can be found on the town council website."



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



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