

Bradley Stoke Town Council

Newsletter

In Partnership with the Community



A Message from the Mayor

Firstly, I would like to thank my fellow councillors for electing me as the new Mayor of Bradley Stoke for the year ahead. I am extremely honoured and excited to have the opportunity as Chair of the council and hope I can do our fantastic Town proud, especially in a year when there is so much to celebrate in our country. I will strive to ensure that Bradley Stoke remains a great place to live.

The Council members and I are looking forward to continuing to support the community in Bradley Stoke. When asked what my plans as Mayor are this year, I continue to say that it is not about my ideas or opinions; it is about the community and the people of Bradley Stoke. If any group or individual needs the Council's support or have any ideas, please contact the Council office or attend a meeting and the council as a whole will be more than happy to assist.

My chosen charities for the year are the Alzheimer's Society Bradley Stoke Sports and Social Group and the Have a Heart Campaign for Childline. Although times continue to be challenging for everyone, both these organisations do fantastic work within our community. Please try to support these charities at one of the Town Council events throughout the year, so they can continue to provide much needed services for the people of Bradley Stoke.

Charlotte Walker

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Bradley Stoke Town Councillor Keir Gravil will be running the
BRISTOL HALF MARATHON
on
30TH SEPTEMBER 2012

For the Alzheimer's Society, this year's Mayoral Charity, and would be grateful for any donation you can spare.

Online: www.justgiving.com/keirgravil

Text: KSAG86 EX (where X is the amount) to 70070 via Just Text Giving

Or send a cheque addressed to:

Bradley Stoke Town Council, Council Office, The Jubilee Centre,
Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke, South Glos, BS32 8HL - make
it clear what the cheque is for (i.e. Keir's Half Marathon)

Customer Service Charter

Who We Are?

Bradley Stoke Town Council

Mission Statement

Bradley Stoke Town Council will work to promote and develop the interest and diversity of this vibrant community

Aims

- To consider and respect the views of our service users and residents of Bradley Stoke
- To be efficient, effective and accessible
- To provide a quality service to the service users and the wider community as a whole
- To be flexible and forward thinking, where possible
- To communicate with service users and members of the public, whilst respecting confidentiality
- To respond to service users needs
- To have a robust complaints procedure



Mayor's Charity - Alzheimer's Society Sports and Social Club

This lively club is set up specifically for people with dementia and their carers. The activities we run, help members stay fit, have fun, and make new friendships in a safe and friendly environment.

The club meets at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre every Monday from 10am until 2pm (excluding public holidays). The cost is £10 per session (£40 for 4 weeks) payable monthly in advance. Places may be funded by individuals or through a Local Authority for those who have been assessed as needing help in the community. Please contact us for help or advice, the contact details are given

below. Any new applicants for club membership are assessed regarding their individual suitability, using established criteria.

A free taster session is available for anyone interested in attending, to find out if the club would be suitable for them. All existing and new members using the club can attend alone or be accompanied by a carer or support worker.

People who are in the early stages of dementia are likely to benefit most, as users and carers can enjoy a wide variety of activities. These activities include badminton, table tennis,

dominoes, magnetic darts, indoor curling, and occasionally bird box construction and walks in the local savages wood nature reserve. All requested activities will be considered by the Alzheimer's Society representative who is on site at all times.

If you have any queries regarding this, or for further information please call **0117 961 0693** and ask for Jonathan Stockwell. If you would prefer to make contact by email the address for this is as follows:

Jonathan Stockwell
@alzheimers.org.uk

Staff Changes

It has been a busy few months and unfortunately we have lost the services of two members of staff in quick succession. Leisure Assistant Richard Burdge has left to start a new business venture and Mobile Cleansing Operative Dave Dace has left to enjoy his retirement in Cornwall, they have both been an asset to the town council and key members of the team that provides such a good service to the local residents of Bradley Stoke. I thank them both for their commitment and professionalism given over the years.

I am very pleased to say that the new recruits have settled in extremely well and they both hope to continue the good work that their predecessors carried out before them.

New Leisure Assistant Paul Passaway has joined the team and will be based at Baileys Court Activity Centre.

Jason Holcombe is the new Mobile Cleansing Operative.

Jason is keen to promote his contact details to the members of the public, so that if residents have any concerns regarding litter then please contact him on the following:

Contactable during working hours:
Monday to Friday
09:30-12:30

Mobile Number:
0787 087 9212
E-mail: diesalj@yahoo.co.uk

John Rendell
Premises Manager

Mayor's Charity - Have a Heart ChildLine Appeal

Hey Bradley Stoke!

Its Paulina here from Heart Breakfast – just thought I would take the opportunity to say many thanks to The Mayor of Bradley Stoke for choosing Have a Heart as the official Mayors charity this year! Every year Have a Heart pledges to raise funds for a worthwhile cause and this year we have chosen ChildLine. This year they celebrate 25 years since we all first saw those TV ads with Esther Rantzen and now more than ever their work is crucial. Thousands of children from across Bristol call ChildLine every week when they feel they have nowhere else to turn. ChildLine are there to offer advice and support in confidence and they receive nearly 700,000 contacts from children every year. But they can only carry on doing this if money is raised to make sure that when a child is brave enough to “finally make the call” there is someone there to answer.



Have a Heart with the help of the people of Bradley Stoke want to fix that, so please support the Mayors Charity this year! Already it's been great to be a part of The Bradley Stoke Festival and we look forward to being involved in other community activity through the year. On another note thanks again for listening to Heart Breakfast – its our 10th year on air this year and we cant believe how much support we still get from the people of Bristol – Somerset and especially BRADLEY STOKE!



Bradley Stoke Community Festival 01 - 03 June 2012



Sunday 03 June

Unfortunately the Sunday was again badly affected by the weather with continuous overnight rain meant the cricket ground was too wet for the cricket tournament and the morning service. Again the 500 runners in the 10k run, organised by the Sole Sisters running group were undeterred by the rain.

Bradley Stoke Bowls Club did have a roll up in the afternoon at Baileys Court and were supported by the Cricket Club with coffee and tea refreshments.



Friday 03 June

As usual, the Festival kicked off with the traditional Parent & Toddlers Picnic in the Park with entertainment provided by Professor Panic and his Big Top entertainment of juggling, circus skills and magic. Steve Price, the Balloon Man, also provided his individual fun entertainment producing modelled balloons, bubbles and displays. Two bouncy castles were also hired in along with face painting for the youngsters. The Friends of Jubilee Green again provided a fun treasure trail for the children within the play area.

Local trades and crafts provided the stalls which ranged from locally designed jewellery and novelties to stationery and cakes and snacks, alongside information stalls.

One of the main events for the Friday morning was the unveiling of the Queen Elizabeth II, Field in Trust, plaque by new Mayor, Councillor Charlotte Walker, along with Councillor Robert Jones and the Friends of Jubilee Green who provided the jubilee bunting designed by local children.

Saturday 02 June

The second day of the Festival started at 11.30 with the Festival site suitably decked in Union Jacks, bunting and flags celebrating the Queens Diamond Jubilee. The main entertainment was provided by 6 local bands including Little Intentions and Holiday Rumours from Bradley Stoke Community School. Excellent performances were enjoyed from party bands Freeze and Uncle Buck as well as "world music" from Baraka.

Dance performances were provided by SG Chinese Association who started the segments along with Annette's Dance Academy, a fun, audience interactive, Kerala dance from the SG Asian Association, youngsters from Yasmins Dance School, plus a superb performance by the world beating King Edmund School Acro-gymnasts and a theatrical routine from the Pauline Quirk Theatrical Group.

Bowlsland Green Gym Club kicked off the displays in the demonstration area on the Jubilee Green side along with

the South West Winterguard Academy followed by the excellent K9 dog display which was enjoyed by everyone, as well as an acoustic performance by The Students from Bradley Stoke Community School. Tennis Coaches from Almondsbury and the LTA gave coaching lessons on the 3 all weather courts which was well attended throughout the afternoon.

55 stalls again attended ranging from local community projects and charity groups to craft, jewellery and novelty stalls, tombolas, coconut shies and fun games. The Willow Brook Centre provided an information stall, fundraising face painting and henna tattoos. A range of different children's rides and entertainments were on offer, none more popular than the Climbing wall with the Bradley Stoke Scouts providing staffing, and Prof Panic's Circus providing the focal point. The Grange Hotel provided the balloon race with the Mayor, Charlotte Walker, launching the balloons late in the afternoon.

14 catering and ice cream units attended with the traditional burger and hot dogs, fish & chips, along with specialist coffee & tea providers and a

number of Indian food outlets. Of the 20+ entertainments the new attractions included the Bradley Stoke Library with the story-telling proving popular with the younger children. Bristol Zoo's, "Zoo to You", operation again provided a variety of giant insects, snails and cockroaches.

Other attractions included Lennie the Road Train, which transported people around the Festival site along with local operations providing inflatables, junior quad bikes, carousel, team cup rides, dome and slides as well as vintage side stalls being provided by the local churches, local Lion groups and Scouts.

The football tournament on the upper field pitches was again a resounding success organised by Martin Lee (Bradley Stoke Youth Football Club) with over 100 children from Year 3 / 4 taking part with prizes donated by the Council.

It was estimated that over 5,000 adults and children attended the Festival throughout the day who enjoyed the range of music and especially the demonstrations and dance groups.

Report by Re-Energize





Bradley Stoke Women's Institute was formed in the winter of 2004 and is part of the National Federation of Women's Institute. We have a monthly meeting, usually with a speaker, and in between the meetings we have a weekly walking group, a further opportunity to meet and chat over coffee and a monthly lunch group for members on their own. We also take part in the Bradley Stoke Festival each year. Recently we were delighted to hear that we had been awarded a grant by Bradley Stoke Town Council. This money will enable 20 of our members to visit the W.I. College in Abingdon. Denman College is the N.F.W.I's centre for learning and practical experience in cookery, art, craft, wellbeing and life style. It offers a wealth of opportunities to learn

at day schools or on short courses, anything from Chinese brush painting to Digital photography or quilting. We hope that once our members have toured the college some will feel inspired to take part in a course and later talk to the members about their experiences. We meet at the Jubilee Centre in Savages Wood Road on the 2nd Wednesday of each month except August when we have a summer outing. Our meeting starts at 2 pm and visitors are always welcome. Additional information can be found at the library or on the Town Council notice boards.

International Women's Day event - March 2012

BRADLEY STOKE YOUTH F.C FOOTBALL FESTIVAL SATURDAY JUNE 2nd

The annual BSYFC Football Festival was again played in glorious sunshine at the Jubilee Centre, Bradley Stoke. The event this year was linked with the Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and was very well supported by all the local schools and the local community.

The 2012 Football Festival was made up with five teams of Year 3 and 4 girls playing in the morning and then in the afternoon there were ten teams of Year 1 children taking part. Throughout the day there were coaching sessions running for different age groups with FA qualified coaches and the total number of children involved in playing football on the day being over 250.

The Football Festival is part of the Schools-Club Link Program that Bradley Stoke Youth FC manages, where FA qualified coaches run football coaching sessions in twelve local schools prior to the Festival allowing children to experience football in a friendly and fun based environment. The program this year has coached over 830 children.

All the children participating in the Festival each received a Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal and two goody bags. All the schools won large cups with some fortunate schools winning sets of full football team kits and equipment packages.



The Year 3 and 4 girls Festival of Football Winners were Wheatfield School and the Year 1 Festival of Football Achievement Award Winners were Iron Acton School.

The Festival and the school coaching program has been running for six years and is supplied free of charge by Bradley Stoke Youth FC. The club would like to thank our sponsors McDonalds, Hewlett Packard, Bradley Stoke Town Council, the Gloucestershire Football Association and Landscape Services for supporting us this year.

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

Bradley Stoke International Women's Day celebration 2012.

This year's International Women's Day (IWD) celebration had a different format; local community groups and businesses were encouraged and supported to run events in the town. This resulted in over 20 different events being offered across Bradley Stoke and the surrounding areas.

All of the events were opened to residents, most being free. A direct result of this is that the profile of the groups taking part has been raised and several people have joined various groups in the town.

The two week celebration opened with a health and wellbeing information morning where statutory groups were on hand to offer advice from family law to having free spinal checks by the Willow Brook clinic, the

Bradley Stoke Women's Institute ran a great event where members provided food from various countries – and one of the speaker spoke about how changes in education for girls had allowed her to travel abroad to study! A very friendly and welcoming fashion show was organised by the Town's women's guild and a new women's group hosted a self-defence coffee morning for local women. Other activities included photography workshop, poetry reading, craft activity by the Friends of Jubilee Green, Film festival, open mic session, arts and craft and painting classes, a running taster session by our very own Sole sisters and many more! Once again the Outstanding Women's Awards (OWA) which is in its 4th year was well supported with over 20 nominations for the three categories of Community award, Business Woman's award and Young Woman's award. We were again very fortunate to receive sponsorship for the prizes from The Mercure Hotel in Winterbourne, The Willow Brook Centre and Bradley Stoke Matters Magazine.

On the last day of the celebration there was gala celebration whose main focus was the presentation of the OWA certificates and prizes. Over 100 people attended this and we had a fantastic evening of Indian dances lead by local Asian women as well as sublime ballet performances by Ballet Bristol. As in previous years the event was well supported y various groups, organisations and businesses. There was also wide media coverage of the various events in the local press. The IWD event was possible as a result of grant funding from Bradley Stoke Town Council

Winsome Barrett-Muir (Southern Brooks Community Partnership - Community Development Worker)





Babies on Boobs

Breastfeeding Support

BABIES ON BOOBS BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT (BOBBS)

Babies on Boobs Breastfeeding Support (BOBBS) is your local Breastfeeding support group and we are passionate about providing breastfeeding support to all new mums. Talking to other breastfeeding mums helps you realise that you are not alone and the sharing of experiences can help others to better understand their own babies needs from the first feed through to weaning. Some people find that they only need to come once, other come more regularly for social reasons and to join in with our informal discussions on various child related topics. Many mums find the group an incredible support in times of

difficulty or when they feel their only option is to give up breastfeeding. It can be really helpful to have someone who has breastfed their baby or who knows about breastfeeding to sit with you as you feed your baby. How you sit and how close you hold your baby as you feed can make a difference to how well things go. Sometimes a little difference in how the baby is feeding can make a big difference to how comfortable it is for you - and how easily your baby gets the milk. BOBBS is a friendly place where you can gain valuable information and tips that can help you to continue breastfeeding for longer.

Bradley Stoke Town Council has been generously supporting BOBBS with a Community Group Grant for the past two years. This has enabled us to build up a library of literature and DVD's for Mum's to borrow on Breastfeeding topics and to print publicity literature. For anybody who is currently pregnant, already breastfeeding or supporting someone else to breastfeed, you are very welcome. There is a play area within the centre for older siblings.

**Every Thursday 10 - 11.30am
at the Sure Start Centre,
Bowsland Green, Bradley Stoke.**

The Sow and Sows Community Allotment

We're now in the middle of our third growing season, down on our community allotment. I say down on the allotment, it's more like across the road from our houses really. Tucked at the back of a small cul de sac in Wheatfield Drive lies five raised beds - or pods as we like to call them. Each one measures 2m by 1.4m, and rests on the tarmac that was once used as two parking bays. The pods were made from materials sourced from local suppliers and paid for through a grant from South Gloucestershire Council. The allotment also boasts a wildlife pond and thick hawthorn hedge, which is home to a visiting hedgehog.

The allotment was created by nine neighbouring houses, who's owners and tenants, of all ages and backgrounds came together to create something that we think is very special and perhaps one of a kind in the town. Its an informal space where people can step outside their homes and have a chat and a drink, and share the joy and frustrations of life whilst having the experience of growing our own food.



Now we know we're not going to feed all 28 members, but in it's short life everyone who has taken part has learnt alot about sowing seeds, caring for the plants and harvesting the produce. We've created the Annual Wheatfield Conker Competition and held a number of street parties, including one for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Talk to anyone in the group and they'll say that the best thing about our allotment is that it has brought the community together and ensures we all look after each other as well as the spuds. To find out more please visit our website www.thesowandsows.weebly.com

Finally our thanks to the Town Council for kindly awarding us a small community grant to cover our insurance costs.

South West Winterguard Academy



We are the South West Winterguard Academy a non profit making community youth group based in Bradley Stoke and earlier this year we gratefully received some financial assistance from Bradley Stoke Town Council. These valuable funds went to good use contributing towards a storage facility for our equipment and funding the South Gloucestershire Community Showcase in Jan 2012; where many local arts and dance performances had the chance to present activity to a large audience. Our aim is 'to inspire young people through Colourguard to achieve an immediate and lasting change in themselves, their families and the community.' We offer 4 classes for young people aged 7-24 from any cultural or ethnic background, area and abilities the opportunity to take part in an instructed dance based activity using flags and other equipment, to perform a routine to music. We are currently seeking new members from novice to experienced in all our classes. Membership fees include instructors, hiring of halls, insurance, equipment and competition

uniforms. The only extra cost is transport to competitions and our fully embroidered hoody. Throughout the year we hold fund raising activities, seeking grants and sponsorships which keep our costs low. We work with the community with other local groups and businesses including Bradley Stoke Radio, Aztec Hotel and Spa, KRB Business Solutions and Southern Brooks Community Partnership to name a few. In the winter we perform around the country in UK competitions and in the summer performing at Fetes and Festivals, including Bradley Stoke and Patchway as well as holding social functions. For further information go on our website www.southwestwinterguardacademy.org.uk which provides you with full details of all our groups ages, rehearsal times, costs and see our member's photo's having great fun or give me a call.

Best regards
Ken Burrows, Core Director
07752472314

NEW TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE



The new town council office opened for business on Monday 18th June 2012.
The build was completed 4 weeks ahead of schedule.
The interim budget indicates that the cost of the build and move have been achieved at a lower cost than was originally budgeted for. The final report will be issued in July/August when all costings have been received and confirmed.

Preliminary Build and Move Costing Position to date

Build

Total expenditure to date

Including £252,800 tender
(£6,320 held as a 2.5% retention within creditors)

£293,461.90

Plus known orders outstanding

Move entrance gate on hardcourt & side panel on compound
Single opening entrance gate from compound to hard court

£2,663.58
£710.00

Plus additional

CDM
Bike shelter
Completion of telephone network - outstanding
Estimated shelving for archive and printer room

£500
£1,500
£1,260
£150

Current Estimated Total

£300,245.48

MOVE/ OLD OFFICE REFURBISHMENT TO HAND OVER

£11,075.13

PUBLIC WORKS LOAN

Amount borrowed: £235,000
Term: 10 years
Rate: 2.05% fixed for the term
Annual amount payable: £26,110.80
Total cost of Loan for whole term: £261,108 (total interest element = £26,108)

TABLE COMPARING RENTAL AND LOAN COSTS ASSUMING PREVIOUS RENTAL RATES DO NOT CHANGE DURING THE SPECIFIED PERIODS

	1 year during loan period	10 year period to loan maturity	1 year after loan maturity	10 year period after loan maturity
Previous Office Annual Rental + service charge as at 31/3/12	£28,927.00	£289,270.00	£28,927.00	£289,270.00
Annual loan repayment of £235K @ 2.05% for 10 years	£26,110.80	£261,108.00	£0.00	£0.00
Savings	£2,816.20	£28,162.00	£28,927.00	£289,270.00

1. Saving over the first 20 years assuming current rental costs of £28,927 p/a continue during the whole period
Rental: £578,540
Total cost of 10 year loan to maturity: £261,108
Total saving: £317,432 (54%)
2. Saving over the next 20 years following the loan maturity & assuming current rental costs of £28,927 p/a continue during the whole period
Rental: £578,540
Total cost of 10 year loan to maturity: £0
Total saving: £578,540 (100%)

The above figures clearly show the long term financial benefit of the office build when compared with current rental costs. In addition to the above figures, Council will also be well placed to forward plan as the loan rate is fixed for the 10 year term as opposed to rental costs which react to the market conditions and will almost certainly increase during the next 20 year period.

Your local Safer Stronger Community Group needs you!

South Gloucestershire's 20 Safer Stronger Community Groups (SSCG) 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 receives.

These groups have been set up as part of the Neighbourhood Policing Model and South Gloucestershire Council's Community Engagement initiative. Their members include people who live and work in the area and representatives from the local police, Avon Fire & Rescue, Primary Care Trust, South Gloucestershire Council, 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
- fund and support initiatives that help overcome issues raised by SSCG attendees, for example, Community Speed Watch equipment and activities that promote community cohesion and integration.

Forthcoming Meeting Dates

Tuesday 14th August 2012 - 7pm
Brook Way Activity Centre, Brook Way, Bradley Stoke, BS32 9DA

Thursday 22nd November 2012 - 7pm
Baileys Court Activity Centre, Baileys Court Road, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8BH

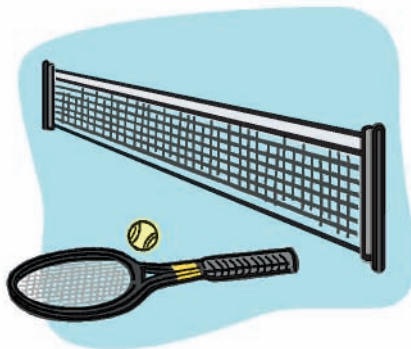
If you would like to attend a SSCG meeting and require an interpreter to be present, please contact Sarah Milne 01454 864634 or sarah.milne@southglos.gov.uk to make arrangements. Safer Stronger Community Group minutes and publications can also be supplied in other community languages.

Bradley Stoke Town Council Children's Parties at Brook Way Activity Centre



The ideal location for the birthday party of the year!
Room hire from only £38.00 for 2 hours with a garden area

Tennis at The Jubilee Centre



**TENNIS COURTS FOR HIRE AT
£3.00 PER HOUR FOR ALL!**

For more information please visit our website bradleystoke.gov.uk
or e-mail bookings@bradleystoke.gov.uk

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 11 July 2012
Wednesday 19 September 2012

Finance Committee

Wednesday 15 August 2012
Wednesday 17 October 2012

Leisure, Youth & Amenities Committee

Monday 13 August 2012
Monday 15 October 2012

Planning & Environment Committee

Wednesday 25 July 2012
Wednesday 26 September 2012
Wednesday 24 October 2012

Farmers & Artisan Market

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

Publication of Monthly Expenses

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, and then scroll down to "Monthly Expenditures"

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.

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.

Blood Donation Sessions – Future Dates 2012/13

The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre - Session Dates 2012
All Fridays – 13 July, 10 August, 21 September, 2 November, 23 November, 21 December.

South Gloucestershire Council School Term Dates

Academic Year 2011/12

Term 6:

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

Academic Year 2012/13

Term 1:

Monday 3 September 2012
- Wednesday 24 October 2012
(38 teaching days)

Term 2:

Monday 5 November 2012
- Friday 21 December 2012
(35 teaching days)

Term 3:

Monday 7 January 2013
- Friday 8 February 2013
(25 teaching days)

Term 4:

Monday 18 February 2013
- Friday 22 March 2013
(25 teaching days)

Term 5:

Monday 8 April 2013
- Friday 24 May 2013
(34 teaching days)

Term 6:

Monday 3 June 2013
- Wednesday 24 July 2013
(38 teaching days)

Further Information

Member 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. Six Town Councillors are also members of South Glos Council

Councillors

Tom Aditya, John Ashe, 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 (Vice-chair of council), Robert Jones (Chair Planning & Environment Committee), Barry Mitchell, Sarah Pomfret Ed Rose, Ben Walker, Charlotte Walker (Chair/ Mayor of council)

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. There is also a Community Development Grant Funding budget available for bigger projects (maximum grant £4,000).

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. This is an opportunity 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 and noticeboards around the town.

Useful Telephone Numbers



South Glos Council Main Switchboard
Number: **01454 868009**

South Glos Council Tax Enquiries
01454 868003

Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre
0300 333 0300

Bradley Stoke Library **01454 868006**

South Glos Council Dog Warden
01454 868000

South Glos Council Education -
General Enquiries **01454 868008**

South Glos Council Travellers
01454 863876

South Glos Council Trading Standards
01454 868001

South Glos Council Street Care Helpdesk
01454 868000

Willow Brook Centre **01454 205040**

Bradley Stoke Surgery **01454 616262**

NHS Direct **0845 4647**

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 Line
(for complaints about aircraft noise)
0117 9366253

Avon & Somerset Constabulary (Bradley Stoke Beat Team)

PC Claire Fletcher
PC Steve Palmer
PCSO Kirsty McKillop
PCSO Paul Baxter

General Enquiries **101**
Email: SSNFilton@avonandsomerset.police.uk

If a crime is in progress please ring **999**

Bradley Stoke

Police Beat Team surgeries

These are held every Wednesday between 1pm and 3pm at the Police Post at the Willow Brook Centre, Bradley Stoke.

Feedback

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