

NIGHT BUS

The Night Owl Bus continues to run in the early hours of Saturday and Sunday mornings to bring people safely back to Bradley Stoke, Filton and Patchway for a flat rate fare of £3.00 per person traveling. The service is subsidized by these Town Councils and South Gloucestershire Council.

LOOK FOR THE **NIGHT BUS** **N61**

A new food directory of local food producers and outlets in South Gloucestershire.

The leaflet, 'A Taste of South Gloucestershire', contains information such as organic farms, farmers' markets and various retailers. There is also information on when you can buy food in season to help ensure it is grown locally and therefore reduce unnecessary travelling and transportation. The demand for local produce has increased significantly since the first directory was published in 2003 and there are now 60 outlets listed, as well as the farmers' and country markets. The leaflet also contains a map of South Gloucestershire indicating where you can go to buy the best organic foods, including meat, eggs, bread, cakes, ice cream, cider, ale, fruit, vegetables, milk and jams. To receive a copy of the directory, contact South Gloucestershire Council on 01454 863863 or you can pick one up at your local library or the council offices. You can also view a copy of the directory on the South Glos website under 'local food'.

Leisure Centres Under New Management

Leisure centres across South Gloucestershire are now under new management having transferred to a trust at the beginning of this month.

Kingswood, Bradley Stoke, Yate and Thornbury leisure centres are now under the management of South Gloucestershire Leisure, a non-profit making body. Under the new arrangements the trust has been handed over the responsibility for the day-to-day management and pricing at the centres, but the facilities will still be owned by the council.

Cllr Shirley Potts, executive member for communities, said: "The decision to transfer the running of the council's leisure centres to a trust was made at a cabinet

meeting in June last year. Since then we have investigated a number of options to put in place a solid structure and the board of trustees has been appointed."

The trust is run by a board of trustees, including representatives from the South Gloucestershire Community. Unlike the council, the trust will face lower rates and VAT and the savings could be ploughed back into the centres to improve and update facilities in the future.

Cllr Potts added: "The trust is in a good position to focus on improving services and will be working with the council to secure long-term funding for capital investment in facilities."

Southern Brooks Community Partnership Who's Who (exPatchway & Bradley Stoke Community Development Project)



Project Director	Julie Snelling 07989 370715 or 01454 868570
Youth Development Worker	Ruth Cornish 0781 4075339 or 01454 868570
Bradley Stoke Office Manager	Mo Bell 01454 868570
Family Support Worker	
Children & Young People	Jenny Bourne 0117 3309071

The Southern Brooks Community Partnership (ex Patchway & Bradley Stoke Community Development Project) is a registered charity and is managed by volunteers, some representing organisations that are active within the town. We are a membership organisation and there are several categories of membership. If you live in Bradley Stoke or you belong to a group that meets in the town, you are welcome to join the project. Membership is free, and as well as receiving the newsletter, we can provide advice and support with fundraising, access to low cost office services and network membership to a variety of organisations including the South West Forum.

In September 2005 we moved from the Patchway Library to new offices at the Bradley Stoke Community School. We are very grateful to the staff and governors at the new school for providing us with such a warm welcome and look forward to working with the school to continue to build a sense of community spirit in Bradley Stoke.

We are working with the Town Council on a Celebration of International Women's Day on Wednesday 8 March and a whole host of events are being planned for the day. This will take place at the Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre and if you are interested in attending or planning an event please ring Julie on either of the numbers above.

Councillor Surgeries

Councillor Surgeries are held on the first Saturday of each month between 10.00am and 12.00pm and are normally in the foyer at the Leisure Centre.

FEEDBACK

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

David Chandler, Town Clerk, Bradley Stoke Town Council, 7 The Courtyard, Woodlands, Bradley Stoke, Bristol, BS32 4NQ. Telephone: (01454) 868080 Fax: (01454) 868084 E-mail: town.clerk@bradleystoke.gov.uk web address: http://www.bradleystoke.gov.uk

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

South Gloucestershire Council Services	
Main Switchboard Number:	01454 868686
You can also call this number out of normal hours for emergencies	
Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre	01454 867050
Bradley Stoke Library	01454 865723
Dog Warden	01454 863479
Education General Enquiries	01454 863333
Pre-School Provision	01454 863328
STREETCARE Information on ALL Refuse Services, street cleansing, abandoned vehicles, street lighting, grass cutting services, highway repairs and the Civic Amenity Sites**	
	01454 86 8000

Travellers	01454 864299
** The nearest SORT IT! Tip is at Station Road, Little Stoke and the Normal Opening Times are:	
Monday Friday	8.00am - 4.15pm
Saturday & Bank Holidays	8.00am - 3.45pm
Sunday	9.00am - 12.45pm

Other useful numbers	
Filton Airfield Complaints Lines	0117 969 3831
(For any problems arising from the airfield) &	0117 936 4595
Filton Police Community Beat Team	

The most efficient way to contact the Police, if you require their assistance, is to ring the main call centre at Police HQ at Portishead and ask to be put through to the Community Beat Team at Filton Police Station

Police HQ	0845 4567000
Petsearch (Lost/Found Pets)	0117 949 2774
Sofa Project (Furniture Recycling Charity)	0117 941 3322
Trading Standards	01454 634000



MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

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

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

BRADLEY STOKE TOWN COUNCIL

Bradley Stoke Town Council came into being on 1 April 1992. There are some 13,663 on the current Register of Electors and 15 elected or co-opted Councillors in five Wards. Five Councillors are Members of South Gloucestershire Council.

ELECTED COUNCILLORS

CHAIR: Councillor Sandra Hobson

VICE-CHAIR: Councillor Karen Sanders

PRESS SPOKESPERSON: Councillor Julian Barge

TOWN COUNCIL

Councillors: Sandra Hobson* (Chair), John Ashe, Julian Barge*, Veronica (Ronnie) Conway-Haskins, Christopher Lees*, Jael Lees, David Pickwell, Mary Prescott, John Samways, Karen Sanders (Vice Chair), Geoffrey Stobbart, Heather Williams, Jon Williams*, two vacancies

* Also a Member of South Gloucestershire Council.

Councillor Jo Byron is one of our representatives for the South Glos Council Ward of Baileys Court (SGC), but does not sit on the Town Council.

MEETINGS

As well as Full Council, there are Standing Committees for Planning & Environment, Finance & Leisure. **All Council and Standing Committee meetings are open to the public and the press** and Electors of the Parish may ask questions during the public question time. Times of meetings are posted on Council's notice boards.

The Members of the Standing Committees are listed below.

Finance & Leisure

Councillors: John Ashe, Julian Barge, Veronica (Ronnie) Conway-Haskins, Sandra Hobson, John Samways, Karen Sanders, Heather Williams, Vacancy

Planning, Environment & Amenities Committee

Councillors: Sandra Hobson, Christopher Lees, Jael Lees, Mary Prescott, David Pickwell, John Samways, Geoffrey Stobbart, John Williams, Vacancy



NEWS IN BRIEF

Annual Firework Display

About 1,500 local residents held their nerve and attended the annual firework display at the Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre, despite the fact that overnight and during the morning some 16.3mm of rain had fallen. Despite this hiccup, the show went on and the fireworks provided by Kimbolton Fireworks, were, to quote a resident, 'awesome'. Well supported by our local Rotary Club of Bristol Aztec members with their superb BBQ skills and excellent teas

and coffees, just under £1,500 was raised for the Mayor's Charities and we are waiting to hear from Rotary Club of Bristol Aztec how much they raised for their own charities from their cooking skills. It is hoped that a similar community effort will take place in 2006 on Sunday 5 November.

The Mayor's Charities for 2005/2006 are Breakthrough Breast Cancer and SCAFFOLD Domestic Violence Support Group.



Bradley Stoke Community Lunches

Community lunches are being held at regular intervals during the year to which all groups and interested residents are invited. They provide opportunities for people to find out what is going on in their town and, on most occasions, a guest speaker is invited to explain their own particular involvement. Sometimes the lunch becomes a tea, or even a breakfast. The most recent lunch was held at the Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre to celebrate the UN's International Day of Tolerance where 80 plus Residents, Councillors and Speakers, chaired by Pauline Hawker-Bond, Director of Communities at South Glos Council, discussed issues affecting the local area. It is hoped that there will be a follow up lunch early in 2006 to capitalize on some of the issues discussed. If you are interested in attending future lunches, or would like to suggest a theme, then please ring 01454 868570 or 01454 868080 to declare your interest and be put on the mailing list.

Initial plans are being put together for **International Women's Day** to be held on **Wednesday 8 March 2006**. Some exciting events were suggested at the initial planning day and if you would like to be involved or attend then please ring 01454 868570 or 01454 868080.

VANDALISM

Vandalism is increasing at all of our Activity Centres and is now costing us considerable amounts of money. Three separate fires were lit on Friday, Saturday and Sunday night at Baileys Court, damaging various parts of the building and grounds, together with two broken windows and roof tiles. Please be vigilant and call the necessary authorities if you see anything happening.



Bradley Stoke Town Council together with the Bradley Stoke Churches would like to invite residents to a **Community Christmas Carol Celebration**

at 4.00pm on Sunday 11 December 2005

at the Bradley Stoke Community School, Fiddlers Wood Lane, Bradley Stoke BS32 9BS

There will also be a **Children's Celebration and Party at the same time for the children (aged between 4-11 years) of those residents attending the adult event.**

Tickets will be available from the BSTC Office in Woodlands, the Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre, Bradley Stoke library or the Bradley Stoke Churches.

The Celebration will be followed by light Refreshments (hosted by the new Bradley Stoke WI Group) and admission to both the Celebration and the Children's Celebration/Party is by **TICKET** only. Come and celebrate together.

BSTC
01454 868080



BRADLEY STOKE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

June 2005

The third Community Festival proved to be a splendid affair, much increased in size and community involvement than the previous two, and the all important sun shone. Many more groups provided stalls and raised money for their own charitable purposes with the three day event providing arts, sports and cultural activities for people of all ages to sample and take part in. Our grateful thanks go to everyone who supported us so well. Plans are well in hand for the next annual festival that will be held on 9, 10, 11 June. 2006. It is hoped to engage community groups and local businesses in staging events over a longer period to make a Festival Week or Fortnight, with the Saturday 10 being the outdoor focus. We have had an offer from a local Running Group to stage a 5k run (Walk for those who are

not yet fit enough to run) around Bradley Stoke and maybe a half marathon and a 1k toddler trot as well. It is also hoped to start a fitness initiative as a count down towards the 5k Event. If there is anyone interested in this then please ring 01454 868080 for further information. As part of the festival, there may even be a 'Bradley Stoke XI' Cricket Eleven taking on the best of the Bradley Stoke Cricket Club. Watch this space or again ring 01454 868080 for information on any aspect of the Festival.



Bradley Stoke Town Football Club - BSTFC



Early on in 2005, a couple of members of the local community felt that Bradley Stoke was seriously lacking an adults football club, and somewhere for the young footballers of the area to progress onto. So, as of the start of the 2005/06 football season, they founded a new football team for Bradley Stoke...Bradley Stoke Town FC.

Playing their home matches at the Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood on Saturday afternoons and training on Tuesday evenings, they hope to become an integral part of the local community. They have forged relationships with the Town Council and through a partnership with one of the local youth football teams (Bradley Stoke Youth FC), offer the young footballers of the area an adult's team to progress onto.

The Club's ethos is to provide a friendly club for members to enjoy their football, to foster loyalty, encourage and reward effort and promote the Club, Town and local community of Bradley Stoke.

If you are looking for a Saturday football team to play for, why not get in contact with us. Please contact the club secretary or the club manager: Nick Potter (Club Secretary) on 01454 615 067 / 07862 182 473 or nick.potter@tiscali.co.uk James Palmer (Club Manager) on 01454 856 188 / 07919 216 720 or jrpalmer78@yahoo.co.uk

For more information and regular updates throughout the season, please visit our website www.bstfc.co.uk



BRADLEY STOKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPENS

The long-awaited Bradley Stoke Community School was opened on the 8 November by Iain Gray, managing director of Airbus UK. Visitors at the official opening were welcomed by the chairman of governors Councillor Jon Williams, head teacher Dave Baker and the chairman of South Gloucestershire Council, Councillor Alan Lawrence. The Chair of Bradley Stoke Town Council, Councillor Sandra Hobson, was also present.

The school has been designed to cater for 900 students aged 11 to 16, with the initial intake of 185 Year 7 students moving in for the start of term September 2005, and a further 180 will start in year 7 each following September. For students the school is open from 8am until 5pm every day, aspiring to meet the Government's target for all schools to be open from 8am until 6pm all week for students by 2010. Students have the opportunity to access sport and enrichment activities and the library/learning resource centre before and after lessons every day.

The school site is one of the most technologically advanced in the country with specialist facilities in all teaching and learning areas of the school and a flexible wireless and hard-wired ICT infrastructure throughout the school, including interactive whiteboards in all teaching areas. The school's equipment includes a weather station. The building is designed to provide appropriate temperatures for learning at all times of year and a range of facilities for students when they are not in class.

All aspects of the accommodation and site are fully accessible to all users. David Baker, Head teacher, said: "Our vision for the school to be 'in the community, for the community' has provided us with the opportunity to be the focal point for the people of Bradley Stoke." "We have already established strong relationships with the town council, local clubs and community groups, churches and other faith groups, the leisure centre, local businesses and other agencies, who have taken up the opportunity to use our facilities, which include floodlit all-weather AstroTurf pitch and tennis courts, sports hall and performance spaces.



WILDSPACES



Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group



The Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group was formed in February 2005 with the aim of conserving and enhancing the Three Brooks Local Nature Reserve for the benefit of local residents and wildlife in Bradley Stoke.

The reserve is named after the three brooks that run through it, Patchway, Hortham and Stoke Brooks, which converge into the Three Brooks Lake - popular with local residents and with waterfowl. The reserve also contains three wooded areas - Savages Wood, Webb's Wood and Sherbourne's Brake - each with their own distinct character, and several areas of grassland and scrub. All of this is a vital haven for wildlife and plants in the middle of a densely populated housing

estate.

If you would like to help look after your local wild spaces and learn more about the natural environment of Bradley Stoke, then why not come and join us? New members of all ages are always welcome at any of our events - see below for more details. **THE THREE BROOKS NATURE CONSERVATION GROUP meets on the first Saturday of every month to work on the local nature reserve in Bradley Stoke. If you would like to help look after the wild spaces on your doorstep, then why not come and join us at one of the events below? All are welcome - we look forward to seeing you.**

Saturday 7th / Sunday 8th January HEDGELAYING WEEKEND Work off those Christmas pounds by laying the hedges in the grassland between Ellicks Close and Primrose Bridge. All members of the community are warmly invited to join this event. Look out for more details in Bradley Stoke Matters, around the reserve and in the library in November/December.

Find out more by visiting our website www.three-brooks.info or by calling

01454 863581 Daytime - call John 0797 142 6266 Evening - call Hannah



SOS

Men in the Stokes Singers are outnumbered by women to the tune of six to one. The group of songsters, who regularly hold concerts in Bradley Stoke, are now appealing for more men in the Bradley Stoke, Little Stoke and Stoke Gifford areas to sign up. Sian Williams, musical director, said the choir has a number of

events in the next few months and a few more male voices would improve the balance of the choir. They perform a wide range of popular songs from the Beatles and Andrew Lloyd Webber to swing. Any men over the age of 18 interested in joining can contact the **Stokes Singers on 0117 908 6736.**

AVON AND SOMERSET CONSTABULARY

Filton Police Station Nearest Police Station for Bradley Stoke Telephone Number: 0845 4567000

Filton Police Station, Gloucester Road North, Filton, Bristol, BS34 7PH

Opening times: Monday-Friday: 8.00am-8.00pm Saturday: 8.00am-8.00pm Sunday: 10.00am-6.00pm

Your beat manager for Bradley Stoke

is PC Shaun Oliver who is based at Filton Police Station. Your Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) is Gareth Delve.

Crime Alert

Motor bikes/mini mopeds (Bradley Stoke beats)

Nuisance motor bikes/mini mopeds being ridden around the Three Brooks Walk and Lake area and in and around Bradley Stoke - this is illegal - owner/rider may be prosecuted by police if no driver documents are available and bike may be seized.

Crime fact

Overall crime in the Bradley Stoke area remains very low.

Surgery

The following are the dates for the next beat surgeries:

Saturday 3 December 2005 from 10.30am - 12.00 noon

Saturday 7 January 2006 from 10.30am - 12.00 noon.

All future drop-in surgeries will be held at the Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre NOT at Tesco.

Beat activities

Free football coaching is available every Wednesday at the Community Centre playing field (Brook Way), from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. This is a partnership run by the police, Bristol Rovers, Town Council, Youth Development and South Gloucestershire Council. For an information pack please contact your beat manager or Ruth on 07814 075338.

Neighbourhood Watch

Your Neighbourhood Watch Administrator is Melanie Wills who can be contacted on 0117 945 4104. A number of new Neighbourhood Watch groups have been, or are in the process of being, set up within Bradley Stoke. This is a great way to cut crime in your local area. If you are interested in setting one up in your street and do not know how to get started then please contact your local Beat Officer or your Neighbourhood Watch Administrator Melanie Wills.

Filton Police Station Nearest Police Station for Bradley Stoke

Address:

Filton police station, Gloucester Road North, Filton, Bristol BS34 7PH

Opening times:

Monday: 8.00am-8.00pm

Tuesday: 8.00am-8.00pm

Wednesday: 8.00am-8.00pm

Thursday: 8.00am-8.00pm

Friday: 8.00am-8.00pm

Saturday: 8.00am-8.00pm

Sunday: 10.00am-6.00pm

Telephone Number:

0845 4567000

