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With an update on news from Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership
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LOCAL YOUNGSTERS FIGHT HATE CRIME



Families, Bristol Youth Links & LPW celebrating the Dundry View Equalities Champions at the Bridge PDC November 2015

Written by Learning Partnership West

All Bristol communities suffer from hate crime, but the statistics in part of South Bristol have been disheartening in recent times. Ignorance breeds prejudice and it's sadly a short step from there to bullying and more extreme violence.

Local young people are key to changing community attitudes to hate crime and Bristol Youth Links, in partnership with SARI, and neighbourhood groups, have been running an Equalities Champions programme to educate and empower them.

- **Educate** by confronting young people with their own

attitudes, exposing them to new thinking about hate and hate crime, and by encouraging them to reflect on prejudice and its consequences.

- **Empower** by providing them with the tools to influence others, learn more and make better judgements and decisions. "We've broken discrimination into some core pieces and concentrated on them with a series of weekly sessions," says David Cousins, LPW Team Manager in South Bristol.

- "We put in three weeks work on racism, three weeks on homophobia and the same amount on disability hate crime.



Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership
serves Bishopsworth, Hartcliffe &
Whitechurch Park wards



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“We also brought in SARI (Stand Against Racism and Inequality) and other specialists to help the young people fully understand the issues they’re challenging.”

It’s never easy to have to confront your own prejudices, but for the Equalities Champions participants, it’s been a key part of the process, with some astonishing results.

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One participant said:
“I learned a lot on this project. It highlighted the way we all stereotype and it also changed our perceptions. I enjoyed the activities, they were fun and exciting.”
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The next challenge for the young people is to spread the word about what they learned.

Learning about different cultures

At the end of November they hosted an Equalities Champions Fun Day at the Bridge Professional Development Centre, where young people mixed activities like face-painting and temporary tattoos with presentations about different countries and cultures they chose, including their food.

A group of Equalities Champions graduates have formed their own LGBTQA (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Questioning and Allied) and Disability group, which will continue to meet into the future, acting as an advisory group.

For more information contact Dave Cousins E: dcousins@lpw.org.uk

Report hate crime to the police
Dial 999 (emergencies) or 101 (non-emergencies) or visit your nearest Police Station

Report to Bristol Hate Crime Service Dial 0800 171 2272

New Beginnings catchment includes Bishopsworth, Programme includes exercise, dance, arts & crafts

What a difference a day (se



Wham! visited the New Beginnings day service at the Withywood Centre one November morning.

The New Beginnings day service is provided by Age UK Bristol and is funded by Bristol City Council.

About 25 older people were at the group enjoying the range of activities on offer which included a quiz providing mental stimulation, craft activities and biscuit decorating.

The benefits of socialising

Shirley Cole who lives in Bluebell Gardens in Stockwood used to work as a carer for people with dementia and alzheimers.

Shirley said: “I lost my daughter suddenly about 15 years ago. I try to come out, you’ve got to push yourself, and meet some friends. When I get home after coming here I feel better, the higher mood lasts all evening.

“I’ve suffered with depression and

really find that coming to this group, not only do I enjoy the group but my mood stays higher all evening once I get home than it would have been if I’d been at home alone all day.

“When I get home I get my knitting out, I knit loads of scarves and I have a lot of penpals. I get picked up at 9.20am, get here for 10am, we do activities and have lunch and get picked up again at 2pm and am home by 2.30pm. Then I put a film on, pick up my knitting and my mood will stay lifted all evening.

“It’s the time of year, I’ve lost people and coming here helps me tremendously. I don’t know what I’d do if I didn’t come, I think I’d give up. We get lots of help from the volunteers, there’s usually three or four and they’re really good.

“I pay £10 to come, to get all the activities and lunch included. I live somewhere with a communal room but

Hartcliffe & Whitchurch Park.

Service) makes



Shirley Cole has been coming to the New Beginnings Day Service twice a week for 15 years

there's no activities. I couldn't come for a while so wasn't seeing my friends so my depression went downhill."

Friendly staff and volunteers

Win Reynold also lives in Bluebell Gardens in Stockwood. She's been coming about two years.

Win said: "I love the people, I come Wednesday and Friday. It's a long time between (Friday and Wednesday), I don't do a lot. I like to come here and buy plants and there are nice activities. They're very good, Carol (Support Worker) and Howard (Support Leader)."

New Beginnings day service is open Monday to Thursday inclusive (Monday and Thursday are the dementia service) and they're able to provide transport.

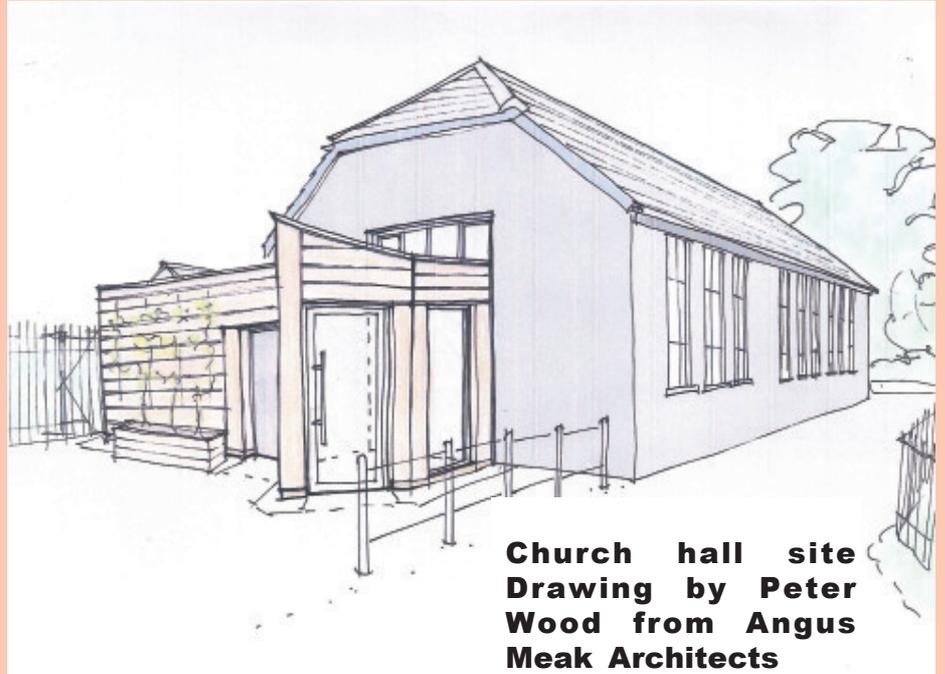
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Church Hall redevelopment now seeking funds to support the project

Planning agreed for St Peters Church Hall



Church hall site Drawing by Peter Wood from Angus Meak Architects

It's taken three years and now St Peter's Activity & Resource Centre (SPARC) has full planning permission to convert their church halls into a Soft Play Centre and Café with community rooms offering advice on such things as debt, family issues, job club, breast feeding clinic, bereavement counselling and advice on cheap meals and cookery lessons.

They commence preliminary building works in early 2016 and continue to fund raise through grants and donations the budget of £220,000, to enable the whole project to go ahead.

They are linking up with St Peters Primary who are helping to raise funds and are keen to use the facilities for PE lessons and safe play advice for parents.

The re-development of St Peter's Old School Hall is an exciting venture into

the unknown. In this step of faith they hope to establish a facility which will invest in the community.

SPARC will:

- Provide a new lease of life to a tired rundown building
- Protect the premises as a community asset for future generations
- Increase the range of community services the church is able to provide
- Be accessible including offering disabled access and toilets
- Have improved security for the building and protection of children
- Provide quality, safe play facilities
- Provide a place where people can meet locally to socialise over a coffee

St Peters Church & Hall, Church Road, Bishopsworth BS13 8JR

Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership hopes to announce a new small grants funding round in April

Groups awarded over £6k



Hartcliffe Club for Young People received funds for a new pool table and door

The panel met in November to review the latest applications.

The remaining balance after the September round was £7,399.

We received seven applications in November and the funding was awarded as follows:

Bishopsworth Scouts and Guides £2,018 £1,000 from Wellbeing 2015/16 and £1,018 from Wellbeing 2016/17 To provide access for young people and families to Jamboree – funding needed for May 2016

Hartcliffe Club for Young People £800

New entrance door and pool table

Mendip Broadwalk FC £1,462.75

To support a new football club and

cover some training costs

Read Easy Bristol £172.50 To

purchase Readwell and Activity books

St Peters Guild £550 To cover some

of the transport costs for members to

attend the group and a pantomime

Volunteering Matters Out to Play

£1,620 To support the provision of

free, open access outdoor work and

play in Willmott Park and Withywood

Park

Zion Community Space £1,103

To provide black out blinds to enhance

the experience of residents who attend

activities

Total from 2015-2016

budget: £6,708.25

Wellbeing Funding

Funding for this financial year is now closed

Look out for the new dates in April 2016

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Visit www.dundryview.org.uk

News from the latest Neighbourhood Forums

Many issues raised at September forums

Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership organise quarterly meetings in each ward where residents have the opportunity to talk about local issues.

Local residents raised a range of issues at the September meetings including: parking in Uplands and around Bedminster Down; fly-tipping around Grange Lane; vandalism on Headley Lane and Headley Park Church; and motorbikes on Dundry Slopes.

Shane Coles, Church Warden at St Peters Church attended the Bishopsworth Forum in November.

Shane said: "It was good to be back at the Bishopsworth Forum on 18 November having missed almost all of this year's meetings through various reasons. The chance for anyone to attend an open meeting and hear about the Bishopsworth Community, the positive items being addressed and difficulties which people have to cope with, then to get feedback from local councillors, police and other agencies, can only help in building a strong community. It was invaluable to me and I will do my best not to miss any more!"



The Neighbourhood Partnership are supporting residents campaigning for a

Neighbourhood Meetings

More details at: <http://www.dundryview.org.uk/neighbourhood-forums/>

Meetings Diary

February



Monday 8 Pride of Place 10am-12noon Withywood Centre, Queens Road, Bristol BS13 8QA

Monday 22 Whitchurch Park Forum 7pm-9pm 81st Scout Hut, Bishport Avenue, Bristol BS13 9LR

Tuesday 23 Hartcliffe Neighbourhood Forum 7pm-9pm Willmott Park Bowling Club, Fulford Road, Bristol BS13 0AA

Wednesday 24 Bishopsworth Neighbourhood Forum 7pm-9pm Zion Centre, Bishopsworth Road, Bedminster Down Bristol BS13 7JW

March

Monday 14 Pride of Place 10am-12noon Withywood Centre, Queens Road, Bristol BS13 8QA

Wednesday 16 Highways 10am-11.30am Withywood Centre, as above

Monday 21 Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership 7pm-9pm Bridge Farm School, East Dundry Road, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 0LL



recycling centre on Hartcliffe Way. A petition was submitted to the council on 11 January '16

Completion of the route is expected by January 2017

Work on South Bristol Link continues in 2016



The route will cross this triangle of land opposite Lidl on Whitchurch Lane before running along the corridor of land next to the Gatehouse Centre

Recent works include:

- Kerbing and surfacing to the new A370 roundabout finished last December.
- On 15 December southbound traffic on the A370 was diverted on to the new roundabout. Since January 2016 both northbound and southbound traffic on the A370 has been using the roundabout.
- Preparation works for the new rail bridge took place over Christmas.

Current and upcoming works:

- Works near Cater Road began in January and the grass area opposite Lidl is being excavated for the new road.
- Drainage works in the reserved corridor section between Cater Road and Queens Road are ongoing.

Regular surgeries

Alun Griffiths hold regular South Bristol Link surgeries. To find out more see the website below or contact the Griffiths Community Liaison Officer on 0845 86 22 327 or email metrobus@alungriffiths.co.uk

To find out the latest traffic information from the South Bristol Link: <http://community.alungriffiths.co.uk/works-in-your-area/south-bristol-link/traffic-information-bristol/>

For information see: <http://community.alungriffiths.co.uk/works-in-your-area/south-bristol-link/>

Following the article about the South Bristol Link in the last issue, we received queries about the proposed route and frequency of bus services to Bristol Airport following the completion of the Link in 2017.

At the time of going to press we were still awaiting confirmation of these details and will publish them in the wham! at a later date.

More treatments now available at local hospital

Cancer therapy now on offer



South Bristol Community Hospital can now offer chemotherapy and other therapies for people diagnosed with lung, breast, colorectal cancers, Hodgkins lymphoma, and other malignant and non-malignant conditions.

As well as chemotherapy they also treat minor illnesses and injuries, offer day surgery, diagnostic tests and rehabilitation services.

While the initial treatment planning will still take place at Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre (BHOC), patients can be treated at South Bristol Community Hospital by the same nursing team, who provide the same treatment and support as the nurses at BHOC, but closer to home.

“Our patients really like coming to South Bristol Community Hospital for their care,” says Jane Bailey, matron for out-patient services at BHOC. “They like the quiet, calm environment, the fact that it’s easier to get here than travelling into central Bristol, and that they can see the same nurses throughout their programme of treatment. We can offer more continuity in care than it’s often possible to achieve at a larger hospital.”

The former pool building was transferred to Campus Skate under the Community Asset Transfer scheme

Join the Campus Pool Friends Group Written by Mike Knight

Campus Pool Skate Park, Bishopsworth, has got off to a good start since opening in August.

Between August and November over 1,300 different people attended skating sessions at Campus Pool, which is better than predicted.

Andre Siedel and Tim Nokes, Directors of Campus Skate Board, are now working to get the remaining parts of the building up and running.

Plans for phase three

Phase three, the final phase, involves renovations to the Boiler Room to create additional skate space that will be used mainly for events and youth work sessions. Once again, we hope a separate funding application will be equally successful in 2016.

Andre and Tim are very keen to provide a wider community hub of activities including the Pool grounds.



Find more news on skate sessions on Facebook Campus Skateparks

Good funding news on phase two

It’s an exciting time to join the project as they look to further develop the site. There is further good news on this front - Sport England has awarded Campus Pool a £75,000 grant to fit out a community café and meeting room in the building.

This is Phase two of the redevelopment and they hope to get these facilities opened by summer 2016.

This is where the Friends Group can be of great help. We are keen to increase numbers on the Friends Group and welcome interest from local people willing to give their time to this worthy cause, rejuvenating this important and historic triangular site.

If you would like to help please contact Tim on T: 0117 964 1478 info@campusskateparks.co.uk Mike Knight, Chair Friends Group

Residents invited to take action now to enjoy a longer, healthier life

CALLING ALL HARTWOOD PATIENTS AGED 40-74 YRS

You're invited to the new NHS Health Check 'pop-up clinic' at @symes

Patients registered at the Hartwood GP Practice in Hartcliffe who are aged between 40-74 years have the opportunity to get a free NHS Health Check at a new community pop-up clinic being launched at the @symes community building in February. If you are not already receiving treatment for a cardiovascular condition (diabetes, heart/kidney disease, high blood pressure or cholesterol), an NHS Health Check is available free of charge. The Health Check – or 'midlife MOT' - takes about 30 minutes and involves simple checks of blood pressure, cholesterol and weight to assess your risk of having a heart attack or stroke over the next 10 years. Potential problems can be picked up early and you can find out how simple lifestyle changes you make can help you lower your risk of developing serious health problems.

Why? - The free NHS Health Check can lower your risk of developing type two diabetes, heart disease, stroke, kidney disease and some types of dementia. High blood pressure affects more than 1 in 4 adults. High blood pressure and high cholesterol have been branded 'silent killers' as they can have no symptoms and yet are the leading causes of premature death in the UK through heart attacks and stroke.

Am I eligible? – Yes, if you are aged 40-74 years, have not already had a Health Check within the past 5 years, and are not already being treated by your GP for high blood pressure, high cholesterol, type 2 diabetes, heart disease or kidney disease, you are eligible for a Health Check. To access this scheme, you need to be registered with a GP at Hartwood Healthcare.

When? – Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 February 2016

Where? - @Symes Community Centre, Peterson Avenue, Hartcliffe BS13 0BE

How do I book? – Phone 0117 903 8044 or visit the @symes Reception. If you are registered with another GP, you can book your Health Check direct at your GP surgery.

For further information contact Pip A'Ness, Health Checks Community Outreach Worker (South Bristol) on email paness@knowlewesthealthpark.co.uk

HHEAG may be able to help you reach your goal

What's your resolution for 2016?

Hartcliffe Health & Environment Group can help you get on track with support, advice and activities in the following areas:

- **To get a little fitter** Join the mid-week or weekend health walks, designed for people of all abilities. Lots of fun and good company.

- **To manage your weight** Join the 'Figure it Out' cooking class with lots of great ideas for delicious food that doesn't pile on the pounds.

- **Get more out of life with Positive Minds** The support worker can offer one-to-one support and guidance to help you reduce anxiety, stress and/or depression.

- **Want to quit smoking?** Sign up with Sue, the Stop Smoking Advisor – one-to-one and group sessions available.

- **Want to eat better and more cheaply?** Join the **Food for All** co-operative where you can buy local, fresh, healthy foods at competitive prices.

- **Want to learn a new skill?** How about becoming a volunteer for the Community Gardens? Learn to grow your food in a beautiful and supportive environment.

The team is waiting to help so contact:
T: 0117 9465285

E: info@hheag.org.uk

Call into the HHEAG office at The Gatehouse Centre, Hareclive Road, Hartcliffe 9.30a.m. – 4p.m. Mon – Fri

In the first of an occasional series we visited Cheddar Grove in Bishopsworth to find out what it's like up your street.

Leaving Bishopsworth Road you pass the school and the road opens out onto the green where eight mature trees and a phone box stand. The green offers commanding view towards Hartcliffe, Imperial Park and Dundry Village. During World War 2 there was a water tank on the green and a police box was stationed on the green into the 1960s.

The site of a public hanging

Another interesting historical fact is that a gibbet near St Oswald's Church was used to hang someone in 1740.

At the top of Winford Grove the road opens onto the Bridgewater Road green space with its far-reaching views towards Ashton Court.

The main changes residents report are the new 20mph speed limit, the closure of Bishopsworth Police Station and the boy's club and the increase in traffic.

UP YOUR STREET



The view from the Green towards the Bishport Five

Ben Thompson, 23, has lived in Cheddar Grove since he was born. We find Ben hard at work building an extension on his mother's house along with his friend and former employer, Mark Rawlings, 52.

Ben explained: "I went to Cheddar Grove and then my older sister and I went to Backwell School but my two younger siblings went on to Bedminster Down School.

"It's not changed a lot here, the main change is it's got a bit busier (with traffic). I used to ride my skateboard down the middle of the road but you couldn't do that any more."

Mark interjects: "It's a bit of a rat-run, from Bishopsworth Road to the Bridgewater Road. It's better now the 7.5 tonnes trucks can't go on Bishopsworth, they have to use the A roads now."

Ben's family have had the same neighbours for decades: "One side was here before I was born and the other

side moved in when I was young and I'm friends with the son."

Mark is concerned that the police station at Bishopsworth Road is now shut, leaving residents with a long trip to Broadbury Road to see the police.



A friendship built on solid foundations: Mark digging, with Ben

Local organisations:

- **St Oswalds Church** Bedminster Down, Bristol BS13 7EN Parish Leadership Team Mob: 07701 002 485 E: stoswald@bopenworld.com
- **Cheddar Grove Primary School** Cheddar Grove, Bristol BS13 7EN T: 0117 903 0418 Rated Good by Ofsted www.cheddargroveprimary.co.uk
- **Blenheim Scouts** Headquarters, Office, Scout Shop and Activity Centre, Cheddar Grove Primary School Field, Access Via Banwell Close, Bedminster Down, Bristol BS13 7DS www.blenheimscouts.org
- **The Grove Youth Space** Mrs Gor Thorne, Club Leader at The Grove. Opening times: Monday 6-9pm Senior club; Tuesday 6-9pm Mixed; Friday 6-9pm Junior from age 8yrs. All sessions are open access. 27a Cheddar Grove, Bedminster Down, Bristol BS13 7EH
- **Bedminster Down Ex-Servicemens Club** Winford Grove, Bristol BS13 7DY T: 0117 964 3553

Walking along Cheddar Grove a gate clanks shut as the postie – still in shorts in November – walks up a pathway.

The sound of drilling, brushing and a radio playing comes from a house undergoing renovations. This road of mostly local authority and ex-local authority properties is home to a fairly settled community. Cheddar Grove in Bedminster Down is lined with semis interspersed with a couple large detached properties by the church and a small block of flats.

When wham! visited one blowy November morning walking up the incline that leads from Bishopsworth Road towards the grade 2 listed church you could hear the hubbub of children playing in the school yard, a whistle peep and the whirr of a car passing by. Yellow and brown leaves blew across the pavement and swirled up towards the trees on the green and a union jack blew in the wind.

St Oswald's church pictured below right opened in 1928 and the old vicarage nearby, now occupied by Brandon Trust, was built around the same time. The new vicarage next door to the church was built around 1991. The houses opposite the church and in Tyntesfield Road were built in 1926 and 1927. The whole estate took several years to complete as houses in Donald Road were not built until the late 1930's.

Louis Ciddelapaz was walking his dog Winston on the green: "I've been here a couple of years, I lived in Hartcliffe before, I loved Hartcliffe, lived off Murford in a peaceful cul-de-sac. It's a nice area here, there's no trouble. You get lots of people walking rescue dogs around here. People pick up after their dogs but there are not enough bins, there used to be one on the green but not any more."

Louis had some information put

through the door about flats being put on the site of the old Boys Club.

"I feel sorry for the kids around here, there's not a lot for them. Kids play footie on the green, their parents can keep an eye on them through their windows, but they need some nets on here, they wouldn't damage them and if I saw anyone damaging them I'd have a word with them. They climb the trees but there's not a lot else to do.

"There isn't a playground here, and they could do with one, they can't go in the school (to use the equipment) when it's closed."



Louis Ciddelapaz and Winston the dog pictured right



A police box was stationed on the green until the 1960s

Bishopsworth Facts and figures

Over 11,500 people live in the Bishopsworth ward which is made up of Highridge, Bedminster Down and parts of Witherwood around Four Acres.

- 95.1% white compared to the Bristol average of 84%
- 54.4% consider themselves Christian with 36.5% having no religion
- 5.7% of households are in detached properties, 45% semi-detached, 28.7% terraced, 20% in flats
- Around 60% are owner occupied, 27% rented from social landlords and around 10% rented from private landlords

All figures from the 2011 census.

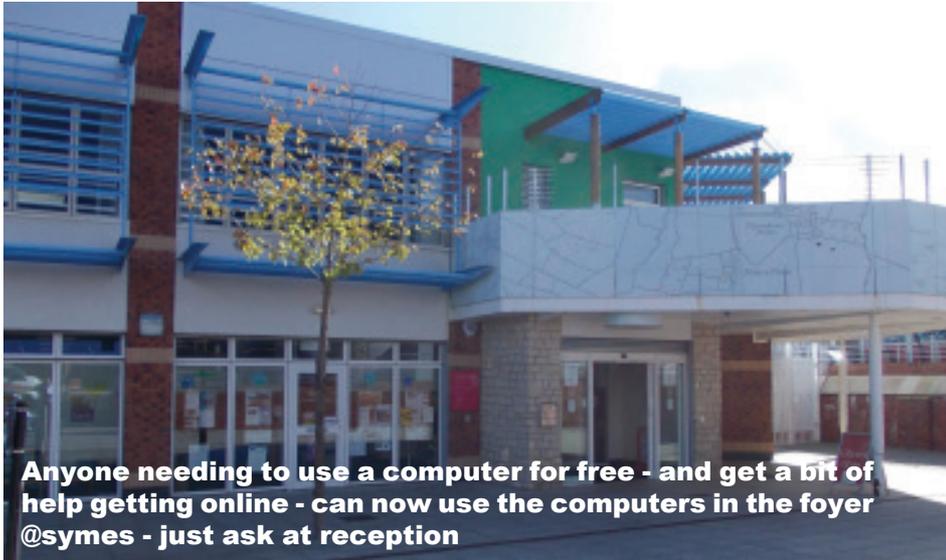


St Oswald's Church

LOCAL NEWS

The @symes Community Building, run by HWCP, is set in the busy Symes District Centre on Peterson Avenue

Wide range of projects now run from @symes



Anyone needing to use a computer for free - and get a bit of help getting online - can now use the computers in the foyer @symes - just ask at reception

The @symes community building is now home to services such as:

- The NHS Dementia Partnership
- Hartcliffe Library
- Drug and alcohol support (Hawkspring)
- Domestic violence service (Southern Arc)
- Home care (Comfort Call)
- The CATT community transport team
- The Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership
- A range of drop-in services such as debt and legal help and a range of activity groups such as Art for All and the sewing group

Two new projects have been set up recently:

Hot-desking now available

Anyone can register to use the computers and wifi for free, just ask at reception. HWCP set up the hot-desking because they could see that some local people needed to access the internet and get IT support. HWCP would like to thank the Hedley Trust and local company, Gemsec, for their kind donations which helped establish the hot-desking area in the foyer.

Advice, information and crisis intervention project

In October 2015, in partnership with Hawkspring, HWCP launched the crisis intervention project to help local people access services and information.

The @symes reception team handled 1,780 enquiries from January - June 2015. HWCP understand that an increasing number of people are facing problems they cannot resolve by themselves and the reception team @symes now offer a signposting service to help local people get the support they need.

For more information contact reception on 0117 903 8044 or drop-in to the @symes community building, Peterson Avenue, Hartcliffe, Bristol BS13 0BE or visit www.hwcp.org.uk

Facebook Mrs Bristol City Galaxy Pageant Jodie Hancock

Local woman enjoying pageant role



Jodie is interested in the world of beauty pageants

Local resident Jodie Hancock has been awarded the title 'Mrs Bristol City Galaxy 2015-2016'.

Jodie grew up in Withywood and went to Fair Furlong Primary School and then Withywood Secondary School. Jodie said: "I always tried hard at school, ignoring the bullies. I auditioned and achieved a place at Filton College studying dance. I have always had a passion for dance and performance so I set up my own dance group in the local area when I was 16 called Dance Extreme BS13. With my dance group we performed at many events including The QEH, The Redgrave Theatre, Britain's Got Talent and the Colston Hall."

Jodie now works as a dance teacher at Hengrove Leisure Centre teaching everything from street to burlesque.

The winners of the UK Galaxy Pageant get to compete in the USA in the Galaxy International Pageant.

News from local schools - this issue, Cheddar Grove Primary and Merchants Academy

Here be dragons - in south Bristol



Merchants Primary School children on a dragon hunt

Who says dragons exist only in myths and legends? The children of Merchants' Academy Primary might tell you something different.

They spent a week investigating the evidence after receiving a visit from a "dragonologist" from Bristol University, who revealed that dragons had been spotted nearby.

The children from the south Bristol academy, aged four to 11, took part in dragon trails to hunt for clues.

A 'nest' appeared in the school hall and the site team reported strange activity in the roof at night.

Tension mounted when posters about lost pets began to go up.

It was all part of a creative week for the students to inspire their writing, art work and research skills.

Artist Sarah Warburton, who has illustrated a number of children's books including *The Princess and the Peas* and *Dinosaurs in the Library*, gave an assembly on how to draw dragons.

Vice principal Julie Hearn said: "*It was a really exciting week and the dragon-themed writing the students produced was superb.*"

Contact

Tel: 0117 3010805

Merchants Academy Primary Phase (formerly Gay Elms)

Withywood Road, Withywood, Bristol BS13 9AX

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New cookery room for Cheddar Grove



Children at Cheddar Grove Primary School have used their new purpose built cookery classroom to show off their skills to their families.

Before Christmas parents and carers were invited in for a three course dinner prepared and served by the children.

In order to fully embrace food technology as part of the national curriculum for 4 to 11 year olds, the school has recently refurbished its cookery classroom with a modern central island unit designed to resemble the family home.

Chantelle Smith, a teacher at Cheddar Grove said: "The cooking club got a real confidence boost through showcasing the dishes they have learnt for their families."

Olivia Avery is part of the cookery club. She said: "The cookery club has been about learning new skills and learning to try things that you haven't before. Certain things I thought I didn't like, but then I discovered I did. At home, I am cooking more with my family. I want to make more healthy meals and copy the recipes we have learnt."

Visit Hartcliffe farm this lambing season

What's new on the farm



Pop up and say hi to these porkers

While you're visiting the farm this lambing season why not pop into the Farm Café which is now open. Local resident Harriet is in charge dishing up breakfast, lunch and drinks. The cafe menu is proving very popular with farm visitors.

Solar panels coming soon

The project is working with Bristol City Council to install solar panels on the Resource Building roof.

An information board will explain how the solar panels produce electricity.

The Community Allotments are popular with residents and schools and the orchard is now well established.

A dipping pond is also planned.

The farm runs a range of community events throughout the year, such as the Winter and Summer Fairs.

Hartcliffe Farm, Lampton Avenue, Hartcliffe, Bristol BS13 0QH
T: 0117 978 2014
Facebook 'The Farmhouse Café'

New library opening hour changes commence 1 April 2016

New library opening hours set

New opening hours for Bristol's library service have been decided.

More than 5,300 people took part in the consultation, completing the survey to help shape the future of the service. People were asked to choose between two different ways of distributing the staffed hours throughout the week, and confirm whether they would prefer the library to be open on a Saturday or a Sunday. There was an overwhelming desire for branch libraries to be open on a Saturday, so only the Central Library will be open on Saturday and Sunday. The new hours are based on current opening hours, usage, city wide provision and feedback from phase one and two of the consultation.

Swipe card access

The council will be conducting a six month pilot of swipe card access in three libraries: Westbury Library, Stockwood Library and St George Library.

The swipe card will allow registered customers to access the library outside of staffed hours.

Each of these libraries will have staffed hours for part of each weekday and one full weekend day, the swipe card pilot will be in addition to this access.

What the libraries offer: Borrow books for all ages including spoken word CDs, use computers for free, hire films on DVD and music on CD and much more.



Local libraries: use them, don't lose them

New hours from 1 April:

Bishopsworth T: 0117 903 8566

Monday 10am-5pm

Tuesday closed

Wednesday 11am-5pm

Thursday closed

Friday 10am-5pm

Saturday 11am-5pm

Sunday closed

Hartcliffe T: 0117 903 8568

Monday 1am-5pm

Tuesday closed

Wednesday 10am-2pm

Thursday 1pm-5pm

Friday 1pm-5pm

Saturday 11am-5pm

Sunday closed

Whitchurch T: 0117 903 1185

Monday 1pm-5pm

Tuesday 10am-2pm

Wednesday 1pm-5pm

Thursday closed

Friday 1pm-5pm

Saturday 10am-2pm

Sunday closed

You can manage your money online, over the phone, at the branch or at one of the many service points

Beat the big banks with the Credit Union



Frank and Iggi saved for over a year in their Money Munchers accounts to buy an Xbox

The Bristol Credit Union service point at the Witherwood Centre is open 11am-1pm, every Wednesday, where people can drop-in and join the Credit Union, deposit money or apply for a loan. You can also set up an account and operate it online, like any other bank or savings account.

Unsure about what Credit Unions can offer you? Here is a top ten guide:

1. BCU is a community savings and loan cooperative, helping people save and borrow at fair rates. They are not-for-private-profit and currently have over 10,000 members.
2. When members put their savings with BCU, they are able to help other members with affordable loans.
3. Members are encouraged to build up savings. They offer a range of different accounts including the Christmas Saver, Cash ISA and kids account.
4. They can lend as little as £100 or up to £15,000 at a fair, affordable rate with no application fees and no early repayment charges.
5. BCU may be an option for those having difficulty opening an account with a high-street bank or building society
6. Credit Unions are run by their members, on behalf of their members.
7. Joining Bristol Credit Union costs £3.50 - £2.50 of that is a one-off membership fee. The remaining £1 is deposited into your Member Share Account. You always need to keep at least £1 in your account while you're a member, but you can have it back if you leave the Credit Union. You will need to bring along proof of ID and address to open an account.

For further information visit bristolcreditunion.org or call 0117 924 7309
The BCU service point is open every Wednesday 11am-1pm at the Witherwood Centre, Queen's Road, BS13 8QA

Walking maps a result of Room 13 art project

Maps launching this spring



Between Spring and Summer 2015 a group of Room 13 children, young people and adult artists explored the Dundry Slopes through clambering, climbing and walking, talking to people, looking at books and listening to stories.

Together they discovered a place of hidden natural beauty, amazing views, wildlife and history; a peaceful, magical place, where giants shaped the land and streams can turn things to stone; a place where children used to play and couples court.

And yet a place where hardly anything was named, until now... Look out for the new Dundry Slopes Map, available in the next wham! newsletter.

You will be able to choose from three short, walk-able journeys and discover the Dundry Slopes for yourselves.

Room 13 at Hareclive Academy, room13hareclive@yahoo.co.uk
This project is part of the Bristol 2015 Dundry View neighbourhood arts programme.

www.bristol2015.co.uk/dv or
www.room13hareclive.org.uk

Twenty-nine Cadets took part in the parade and observed the two minute silence

Flag lowered at Merchants Academy parade

Merchants' Academy Cadet Force paraded on November 11, Armistice Day, at 11am, in remembrance of all soldiers that have died in conflicts past and present.

The Last Post was played by Mr Hamill and Mr Hall on the trumpets as the Union flag was lowered to half-mast at the front of the academy in south Bristol by Sergeant Riley. Lieutenant Dan Lewis said: "It is always such a proud occasion to see the Cadets on parade at this time of year and to remember the fallen soldiers who wore the same uniform and cap badge as we do."



Merchants' Academy is one of the only state schools in the country to offer an Army Cadet Force

Our children shape our cities and our cities shape our children



Young people from Room 13 Hareclive with Mayor George Ferguson and the Council's Michele Farmer

As Bristol celebrates its first Festival of the Future City, where do children fit into the picture? Despite almost 25% of the city's residents being aged 18 or under, this demographic is a neglected one. The Bristol: Child Friendly City working group—comprising Hartcliffe's Room 13, the Architecture Centre, Playing Out and the University of

Bristol—aims to highlight the rights and needs of children and young people as active Bristol citizens. Around 20 youths aged 9-14 from Hartcliffe and Easton took part in the Towards A Child Friendly City meeting last November. There were calls for safer streets, free transport for children and young people, and for children and young people to

be heard and trusted.

A global UNICEF initiative

The idea of the Child Friendly City was born from the United Nations Rights of a Child and is a global UNICEF project, with the aims of fulfilling the right of every young citizen to participate in and express opinions on the city in which they live, safely, equally and with respect and also influence. Lauren Lloyd (aged 15) from Room 13, says:

"In Room 13 I know that my opinions matter. We think, we ask questions and we share. If I had not experienced this my future decisions would be different. I think differently now. Can Bristol help other children feel like this? Can Bristol help us feel valued and important?"

To find out more visit:
bristolchildfriendlycity.blogspot.com
www.room13hareclive.org.uk

Quarterly HWCP news

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Transforming play opportunities for children in Hartcliffe

Sometimes it doesn't take much to provide a huge boost to opportunities for children and in this case, some land, a spare container and a lot of elbow grease has made a big difference for kids in Hartcliffe.

The Friends of Hartcliffe Millennium Green group in Hartcliffe donated a disused container to LPW to help attract more children to the space for organised play and other activities, especially in winter, when there'll now be some proper shelter. Supported by LPW staff, a group of children cleaned up and then started interior decoration in the container.

A successful grant application to the Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership Wellbeing Fund brought a pot of money for the children to also decorate the outside of the container, guided by a local graffiti artist.

The money will also be used to start redeveloping the land around the container, where LPW staff have also created log benches and a fire pit.

"We've been delivering open access sessions after school on Hartcliffe Millennium Green since the end of 2013, with over 50 children coming each time."

Contact David Cousins on 07776465132 or email dcousins@lpw.org.uk

Come along to the next meeting to find out more

Park Group invites members



Local residents and park lovers are invited to come along to the **Willmott Park Group** which meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2pm-4pm at Hartcliffe Community Park Farm, Lampton Avenue, Hartcliffe, Bristol BS13 0QH.

The park group is proud of its achievements which include the development of Spacemakers on one section of the park.



Councillors' surgeries



Bishopsworth ward

Cllr Richard Eddy (Conservative) contact details are: T: (0117) 377 5072

E: richard.eddy@bristol.gov.uk

Post: 5 Little Headley Close, Headley Park, Bristol BS13 7PJ.

Cllr Kevin Quartley (Conservative) is available: T: (0117) 353 3161

E: kevin.quartley@bristol.gov.uk

Post: Bristol City Council Room U01, The Council House, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TR.

Hartcliffe ward

Cllr Mark Brain (Labour) and **Cllr Naomi Rylatt** (Labour) hold surgeries on the third Saturday of each month between 10.30am-12 noon in Hartcliffe Library, @symes community building .

Follow Mark on Twitter @Mark_Brain

E: naomi.rylatt@bristol.gov.uk

Naomi Rylatt phone no: 07884 736110

Follow Naomi on Twitter @nrylatt

Whitchurch Park ward

Cllr Helen Holland (Labour)

You can always contact Helen via phone or email, T: (0117) 987 2238;

E: helen.holland@bristol.gov.uk

Twitter @helenhbristol

Helen holds surgeries at Hartcliffe Library, @symes community building, on the 2nd & 4th Saturday every month, 10.30am-12noon. No appointment needed.

Cllr Tim Kent (Lib Dem) is always available. T: (0117) 300 5645;

E: trkent@btinternet.com; Post: 106 Hengrove Lane, Bristol, BS14 9DQ.

Follow Tim on Twitter @cllrtimkent

<http://timkent.mycouncillor.org.uk>

At the end of November 2015 the organisation formerly known as the Teenage Parents Project opened its doors as the Family Hub.

This was officially announced by the Honorary Alderman Peter Main.

Following consultation with the community, staff members and trustees, it was felt that the name 'The Teenage Parents Project' no longer reflected the services they offered.

There has also been a considerable reduction in teenage pregnancies within Bristol.

The Family Hub can now offer support to all members of the family without limitations on age, gender and locality.

The Family Hub would like to thank everyone who attended the launch event. The Family Hub also runs a Child Contact Centre fortnightly by referral only, contact Lisa on 0117 978 4401 for details.

Programme of activities includes:

All groups are at the Tenant's Centre unless otherwise stated.

- **Monday ESOL Conversation Club*** English as a second language. Drop-in open for all ages. 12.45-2.15pm
- **Girls Group 8-15 Year Olds** Socialise, do new activities and have fun in a safe environment. 6pm-8pm
- **Wednesday Drop - In 16-25*** At



The family Hub staff fundraising for Children in Need

Four Acres Children's Centre Meet other parents, arts and crafts 12.45-2.45pm

- **Creative Arts*** Open for all ages. 12.45-2.30pm
- **Thursday Drop-in aged 16-**

23* Parenting discussions, arts and crafts, life skills and much more! 12.45-2.30pm

- **Friday Nurturing Programme*** Positive Parenting course. 12.45-2.30pm

*Creche Available £1 per child
For information contact 0117 978 4401

NEW NAME FOR A NEW YEAR...

... AND A NEW NURSERY

South Bristol Montessori launches Ofsted registered nursery for 2-4yr olds



A preschooler learning the Montessori Way

A new pre-school opened on 5 January 2016 offering Free Early Education places (15 hours a week) for all three and four year olds. They also offer competitive rates of £4 per hour for non-eligible children aged two to four years. South Bristol Montessori provides a unique, small, friendly, safe and stimulating environment situated in the heart of the community. Learning will be child-led to build independence, self-confidence and social skills. All children have a key-worker to help build a strong bond for a 'home from home' feel and the Montessori staff will work with parents and carers to decide a flexible settling in period to suit parent and child. Support services will be available for parents if they need them. Morning sessions 9.15am – 12.15pm Monday to Friday term time only at The Tenant's Centre, Gatehouse Way, BS13 9AN Contact 0117 978 4401