



Hotwells and Cliftonwood Community Association – Newsletter August 2023

Dear Neighbour

Welcome to a special August 2023 edition of our newsletter.

Firstly, it's Rachel - Chair of HCCA - putting together this edition, so apologies for any errors. Omair is having a well-deserved break and will be back in September.

Secondly, we've got lots going on in our neighbourhoods over the summer and some great news to share.

This edition is an invitation to get out, explore and celebrate.

Should you wish to raise any local issues/matters of interest, we can always be contacted at the following:

admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk

Or leave a message on 01179 291 833.

If you have any stories of interest that you would like included in the newsletter, please write to Omair hcca.editor@gmail.com

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Happy reading!

Rachel McNally

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1. Jacobs Wells Baths Saved for Community Use - We Did It!



Jacobs Wells Baths - by Martin Booth

Bristol City Council has now agreed to offer a 35- year Community Asset Transfer (CAT) lease to Trinity Community Arts subject to a business plan. This follows our community campaign to save the baths: including a petition, and a statement by HCCA Trustee Damian Rooney in Cabinet, which you can read [here](#).

Earlier this year Bristol City Council started an open CAT application process which resulted in two bids, one from Trinity Community Arts and one from Bristol Historic Buildings. We would like to thank both Trinity and BRB for showing that there were viable options for the building beyond commercial disposal and Clifton councillors Katy Grant and Paula O'Rourke for their work on this too. Finally, we would also like to thank all of you for supporting this campaign.

We now look forward to working with Trinity and our local communities to transform Jacobs Wells Baths into a community hub.

You can find out more about Trinity and their work on Jacobs Wells Baths [here](#).

2. Hotwells Primary School Summer Update



Pupils in Wizard of Oz Production - by Hotwells Primary School

At the end of term, we said goodbye to the Year 6 cohort, many of whom had come up all the way through the school from Nursery. We are very proud of how hard they worked for their SATs, which was reflected in some great results. Despite the challenge of the reading paper, which hit the headlines back in May, Hotwells Primary children achieved 88% of children working at the Expected level for reading (for context the national average this year was 73%) and 56% working at Greater Depth.

Hotwells Primary also has a strong arts tradition, and the children finished the year in style with an incredible production of the Wizard of Oz. Year 6 had a fantastic day filming on location at Ashton Court ("best school trip ever!") and with a green screen at school for the black and white section, then were joined children from Years 5 and 4 for the show itself. Staff, students, and parents pulled out all the stops and the show was a perfect reflection of the school's core aims of ambition, creativity, and being local and global citizens!

3. Cumberland Basin Stakeholders Group

After a time of inactivity, the Cumberland Basin Stakeholders Group has been refreshed in a bid to oversee work on the Western Harbour. Our aim is to:

- Respond on behalf of residents, businesses, and communities of interest to proposals brought forward by Bristol City Council (BCC) to redevelop the area called “Western Harbour”;
- Propose candidates for any consultative bodies created by BCC;
- Work closely with elected councillors from the wards impacted by proposed redevelopments; and
- Make the general public aware, through the use of all varieties of media, of the impacts, both beneficial and deleterious, on any proposed redevelopments within “Western Harbour”.

We look forward to Interested Parties getting in touch and joining us.

Please contact the chair, Joanna Booth, at Jo.stillawake@gmail.com for any further information.

Neighbourhood Forum Minutes also include some useful links on "Western Harbour" proposals and history. Click [here](#).

4. HCCA Website

We are refreshing our website and we need a little help. Specifically, we want some more images that reflect our communities and neighbourhoods in all their glory.

If you go to www.hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk you will see at the top of each page we have an image banner. We want to vary them a bit across the pages. If you have taken a photo of the local area that you really like and think would work well on one of the pages, please do send it to Rachel - chair@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk
We will make sure everyone is credited and we know our website will then be even beautiful!

5. Neighbourhood Forum Minutes

You can download the minutes from the latest forum meeting [here](#).

6. What's On

6.1. Create Creators

Create Creators is a unique showcase of the diverse creative talents of people who work at the Create Centre. This is the first of its kind, with no fixed theme and features an array of work including collage, photography, painting, and embroidery. exhibition of diverse and creative artworks by staff and tenants of Create.

1st to 31st August 2023 - 9am to 5pm weekdays

Create Centre, Smeaton Road, Bristol, BS1 6XN

<https://www.createbristol.org/events-and-exhibitions/>

FREE

6.2. Bristol Amnesty International Garden Party

This will be the 40th annual Garden Party in aid of Amnesty International. This is a rare opportunity for the general public to visit the beautiful gardens and Orangery of Goldney Hall, and is an extremely well attended, long running event. Homemade cakes and drinks will be available in the Orangery, as well as music.

The general public can also explore the gardens with local community stalls, children's games, storytelling, and visit the famous shell grotto.

13th August - 1pm to 5pm

Goldney Hall, Lower Clifton Hill, Bristol

Adults £6 including raffle ticket, under 12s free.

6.3. Community Gardening on Cumberland Piazza

Please join us at the Cumberland Piazza between 3 to 6pm on Wednesday 23rd August for some light gardening and community conversations. Members of our management committee will be on hand to share local news and there will be cake! We have some tools, but you may prefer to BYO.



Planting in the planters in the Piazza - by Rachel McNally

23rd August - 3 to 6pm

Cumberland Piazza

FREE - cake provided.

Any questions, please contact Anna admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk

For more information about the Cumberland Piazza visit
<https://artundertheflyover.com>

6.4. Holiday Activities - Young Bristol

There are still some spots available for different activities and sessions for young people during the summer break. Activities include kayaking, paddle boarding and caving. Most sessions are suitable for ages 8 to 16 but please do check.

Throughout the month of August

Poole's Wharf

Click [here](#) for more information.

6.5. Creative Cafe - Artist's Talk

Richard Sewell will be speaking about [Air Giants](#), creative robotic inflatable, pneumatically-controlled creatures, and the technology and creative process that is involved in creating them. If the weather is favourable, there will be a chance to experience one of the smaller inflatable robots up close and personal in the Puppet Place Garden.



Air Giants

7th September

12.30pm to 2.30pm

Puppet Place, Hanover Place, BS1 6UT

£3

<https://puppetplace.org/whats-on/>

6.6. Holy Trinity Gardening Day

At Holy Trinity we have been diversifying our planting by starting a wildflower meadow on our grass bank behind the church and planting a wider variety of plants in our herbaceous border. Now with autumn coming we would love to have some help in tidying the garden ready for the winter and planting bulbs for the spring. If you would like to help, we will be gardening from 9.30am on Saturday 16th September.

Lunch of soup, bread, cake, tea and coffee will be provided around mid-day and we will continue into the afternoon so long as the weather is reasonable. Come for all of the time, or for part, you will be very welcome. If you have gardening tools then please bring them, and we will have some spare for those who don't have their own.

If you have any questions then please contact Karen Lilley, email:
info@holytrinityhotwells.org

16th September - From 9.30am

Holy Trinity Church, Hotwells

FREE - lunch provided.

6.7. Coming Soon...

Hot Fest - Hotwells Festival

HotFest celebrates the value and wonder of the crafted word in all its forms. Written, spoken, sung, chanted, shouted, painted, mimed and danced, this is where the established and the up-and-coming share the beauty of their craft, and invite us into new ways of seeing the world.

29th September to 1st October

Various venues

<https://hotwellsfestival.com/>

Place Portrait

Place Portrait is a multimedia installation that examines the complexity of a specific area, as well as how people experience and perceive different places. The work explores Spike Island's neighbourhood and includes interviews with local characters (both human and more-than-human), ambient sound, still and moving images, and found, reused and newly created materials.

30th September 2023 to 14th January 2024 - Wed-Sun 12pm-5pm

Spike Island, Cumberland Road

<https://www.spikeisland.org.uk/programme/exhibitions/place-portrait/>

7. Around & About

Friends of Clifton Library have a regular programme of events and activities.
<https://www.foccal.com/>

M Shed has various events and activities throughout the summer and beyond, including a regular Historical Walk around the Floating Harbour. Find out more [here](#).

Also check out **Sparks in the City Centre** - lots of activities for kids over the summer: <https://sparksbristol.co.uk/about/>

8. Quick Links

8.1. Local Councillors

Clifton:

- **Paula O'Rourke** cllr.paula.orourke@bristol.gov.uk 07584 370433
- **Katy Grant** Cllr.Katy.Grant@bristol.gov.uk 07584186528

Hotwells and Harbourside:

- **Patrick McAllister** Cllr.Patrick.McAllister@bristol.gov.uk 07423 414337

8.2. Local Neighbourhood Policing Teams

Clifton

Neighbourhood Constable:

- **Jeremey Burstow** jeremy.burstow@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Hotwells and Harbourside

Neighbourhood Constables:

- **Chris Caradine**
- **Martin Locke**

More useful info can be found on our website [Local Info](#)

That's all for now! Thanks for reading.

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