

Hotwells and Cliftonwood Community Association – Newsletter November 2023

Dear Neighbour

Welcome to the November edition of our newsletter! Firstly, apologies for the slightly later than usual newsletter. We are still looking to recruit a volunteer newsletter editor and it's taken a little while to pull this edition together following the AGM. If you are interested in writing "this" introduction, please email me!

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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.



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1. HCCA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thank you to everyone who came to our AGM on one of the wettest evenings of the year (sorry I may have now jinxed the season for us). Highlights from our AGM included our first ever 'Street Champ' Award - our way of thanking those people who turn our neighbourhoods into communities. The Award went to Liz who lives on Ambra Vale East, and she was nominated by her neighbour, also Liz, who said this about her.

"Liz is a v kind person who is very approachable, non-judgmental and giving without questions. She has looked after other dogs in the neighbourhood, she's often taken in neighbours when they need a spare bed. Liz is an active member of the community garden and grows veg in the patch for everyone. When our house was being repaired Liz took us in for a week. Liz is a quiet modest person and never refuses when being asked for help. Liz loves her dog Delilah who she took on from another member of the local community."

We would like to give a big thank you to both Liz's.

2. HCCA Community Lottery

We gave our AGM a sneak peek at the shiny new HCCA Community Lottery that is replacing the 500 Club. It's a great way to support the community and win prizes!

More to follow, we are just smoothing out the wrinkles. If you are a subscriber to the 500 Club and would like to know more, please email Julian Brown:
treasurer@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk

You can now read the Minutes of our AGM [here](#)

We also have a few hard copies of the Annual Report available - if you would like to receive a copy, please email chair@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk

3. Cumberland Piazza Gardening Days

<https://www.hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk/fohp>



Cumberland Piazza

Cumberland Piazza is our largest public space and there is now a regular gardening group. The next session will be **3rd December 1-3pm**, and then on the **first Sunday of every month** - times tbc.

If you would like to know more email admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk

4. HCCA Little Libraries

'Little Libraries' is a network of outdoor book cabinets to share and exchange books. Anyone can have a 'Little Library' on their fence or railings and if you are interested in hosting one you can find out more information [Click here](#)

5. Bristol Harbour Place Shaping Strategy

Bristol City Council is working in partnership with stakeholders across the city and beyond to guide and shape the on-going regeneration of the harbour. This partnership is producing a '*Harbour Place Shaping Strategy*' which will describe the harbour our city wants. This strategy will also explain how this will be achieved. Local views and ideas are vital to this.

This partnership is working to build a picture of the Harbour as it currently exists. We are looking to gather local and visitor knowledge about how the Harbour is and is not used along with people's perceptions of the accessibility of the area.

You can find out more and share your views here: <https://www.ask.bristol.gov.uk/hub-page/harbour-place-shaping-strategy>

6. Trinity Lunch Club - Co-op Local Community Fund

We are delighted to announce that **Trinity Lunch Club** has been chosen as one of this year's causes for the '*Co-op Local Community Fund*' at the Clifton store.

If you shop at Co-op please click [this link](#) to choose the Trinity Lunch Club as your cause. I believe we are cause '78837' [at the time of publication the gremlins had stopped the Co-op's website from working].

This means Co-op members anywhere in the UK can select 'Trinity Community Service' as their cause with just 'one click' and every time they shop at their local Co-op it will help to raise funds to keep the Lunch Club running. Thank you - your support is very much appreciated.

7. Hotwells Primary School November update

The new term at **Hotwells Primary School** has already started with a bang! Following the success of our Halloween Disco, we will now be launching into winter celebrations with rehearsals soon beginning for our Christmas performances. The PTA are already preparing various festive fundraisers so do look out for the following:

- Christmas Trees for sale! Locally sourced, low needle-drop trees. S/M £33, M/L £39 and XL £49. For details and to purchase please click [here](#).
- Christmas Raffle with prizes from our generous local community; if you or your business have a prize you can offer we would love to hear from you! Please email PTA@hotwellsprimaryschool.org
- Christmas Cracker, Saturday **2nd December 2 - 5 pm** at Hotwells Primary School. All are welcome to our afternoon of Christmas festivities; games, food, drinks, stalls, possibly even a Santa's grotto! Free entry, all proceeds go towards the funds for the children.

We continue to use our central location to take advantage of what Bristol has to offer! Our Year 2 and Year 4 classes visited the Bristol Beacon for a Benedetti music workshop with percussionist Calum Huggan, and we also have visits booked to the Park Row Synagogue later this term and to Holy Trinity Church in Hotwells to spend time with local residents at the Trinity Lunch Club.

We are continuing to run prospective parent tours throughout this term, on Monday and Wednesday mornings. We will also be holding a Stay and Play for prospective Reception families on Monday, 27th November. Please contact the school office on 01179030044 or email admin@hotwellsprimaryschool.org to organise a visit.

It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like....

8. Christmas Wreath Making - Sat 25th Nov, 10am to 1pm at Holy Trinity

Please join us for a festive morning making Christmas Wreaths. All materials will be provided along with instructions and guidance from our flower team volunteers. Festive refreshments will be served. Tickets are £35 per person and all proceeds will go towards the running costs of Trinity Lunch Club. To book a place [please click this link](#) or call 0117 983 8878 to leave a message.

9. Ashton Court Mansion Christmas Art Fair

26th November 10am-4pm Entry £2 under 16s free

<https://visitbristol.co.uk/whats-on/christmas-artisan-craft-fair-at-ashton-court-mansion-p3406633>

The Artisan Christmas Fair is a wonderful event where Bristol and local independent artists and crafters showcase their 'not on the high street' handmade crafts. All stands are indoors, cosy and warm, in the Great Hall and Georgian lounges.

10. Christmas Wreath Making - The Lion, Cliftonwood

Another chance to make a Christmas Wreath

Saturday 2nd December

The Lion, Cliftonwood

12pm-3pm

£40

With tea, coffee and mince pies

Optional post event light Prosecco lunch £15

Call 07867 796 961

11. A Very Local Christmas Pop-up Market

Heidi and Ian make unique and light catching creations from fused glass including tealight holders, Xmas decorations and coasters. Rachel makes colourful ceramic pendants and earrings as well as throwing vases, bowls, and lemon squeezers on the wheel.

Come along to this pop-up market at **Church Lane, Cliftonwood (near The Lion)**

2nd December

10am-12pm & 2pm-4pm

A chance to buy local and handmade gifts.

You can also sign up for HCCA Community Lottery at this Pop Up!

The Lion will also be open for drinks from 12.30pm - access via the Garden

And don't forget to head over to Hotwells Primary School for their Christmas Cracker afterwards!

12. The Last Note

And finally, many of you may remember Joan Baker who lived for many years on Cliftonwood Crescent. She regularly played piano at the various street parties in area. What you may not know is that she and her husband saved a Church organ from destruction and installed it in their house, wrapping it around the stairs. After Joan's death a few years ago, the organ was again potentially under threat of being scrapped. We were delighted to find out that the organ was saved and now has a new lease of life with a Gameboy at the controls! You can find out more here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-kent-67380541>

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