



HOTWELLS & CLIFTONWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Newsletter January 2024

Hello

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2024. We've gathered together a range of events both local and a bit further afield that we hope will be of interest to you, including Hotwells Panto - oh yes it's that time of year again....nearly!

We've also got details of how to get involved in our monthly gardening sessions at Cumberland Piazza and the next Neighbourhood Forum meeting coming up on 6 February.

Finally, for the time being this newsletter will be bi-monthly as we are currently without a newsletter editor. If you are interested in compiling this fine publication and writing this introduction do email me on chair@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk

The next newsletter will be out in March.

Deadline for submissions 29 February please email them to admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk

Happy Reading

Rachel McNally Chair - Hotwells & Cliftonwood Community Association

HCCA Responses to Local Plan and Bristol Avon Flood Strategy

Thank you to everyone who came to our community meeting on the Local Plan and Western Harbour this month. We had a really good representation from across our area and we used your thoughts and comments to shape our response to the Bristol Local Plan. A big thank you to our management committee and local residents who helped shaped our cabinet statement on Bristol Avon Flood Strategy and to Sandra Fryer who put together our Local Plan response. You can see our responses here.

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

The Bristol Local Plan has now gone to national government for review and consideration. This process will take a year.

Update from Hotwell Primary School

The new school term has started with great gusto and the children are already back into the swing of school life. This term, our children will be taking part in some brilliant extra-curricular experiences. Year 6 will be visiting Junior Life Skills at the Create Centre which is always a memorable visit and one that the children love. Later in the term, our Year 3 and Year 5 classes will be visiting Slimbridge Wetland Centre to learn about wildlife and the environment. We were also visited by UWE Architect Students to work with Year 5 and Year 6 children to discuss their ideas for developing the local area.

We are busy planning and organising workshops for our **Science Week in March (11th - 15th)**. If any local scientists (or STEM workers) would be willing to share their expertise in leading a workshop or a discussion about what they do with the children, we would be delighted to hear from you. If you are able to offer some time, please contact the school office on 0117 9030044 or email admin@hotwellsprimaryschool.org.

Although the deadline for Reception applications has now passed, we are still happy to show any prospective families around for Reception 2024 starters or for places across the school.

Cumberland Piazza Gardening

2-4pm 4 February

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



We have regular gardening and pillar painting sessions at Cumberland Piazza. If you are interested in coming along please join us on 4 February. You can find out more via the link above.

Clifton, Clifton Down, Hotwells & Harbourside Neighbourhood Forum Meeting

7pm 6 February - BSL interpreted

Hotwells Primary School, Albermarle Row

https://www.hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk/neighbourhood_forum_meeting

There are four Neighbourhood Forum meetings per year. These meetings are your chance to hear the latest from local councillors, police, Bristol Waste and other institutions in our city, ask questions, share opinions and concerns.

Please click on the link above to see the full agenda and book a place.

The Bristol Commons - Gathering

A Movement for Sustainable Community Prosperity

9.30am (doors); 10am (start) - 5.30pm Friday, 9 February

<https://www.headfirstbristol.co.uk/whats-on/sparks/fri-9-feb-the-bristol-commons-community-gathering-101691#e101691>

The Bristol Commons is a growing movement centred on Community Power, Land Justice & Systemic Change to support communities and community hubs across Bristol. Many vital spaces and places - as well as organisations and services - are under threat. Recently All Hallows Hall and Unit 15 have been evicted, Kuumba is struggling to find a way forward, and many other spaces and organisations are in a perilous position. This network of people, infrastructure, knowledge and expertise is essential for individuals and communities to thrive.

History Talks at Holy Trinity Hotwells

Thursday 22 February Concorde and its effects on the city of Bristol,

Thursday 4 April – The history of Bristol Harbour.

Cost £3 Tel Julia 0117 983 8878

History Talks are held from 1.30pm and will be followed by tea and cake, ending at around 3.15pm. The cost to attend the talk will be £3 per person, or it is included in the day cost for existing lunch club members. If you wish to attend a history talk, please phone Julia on 0117 983 8878 and leave a message with your name and number.

Hotwells Panto - Treasure Island

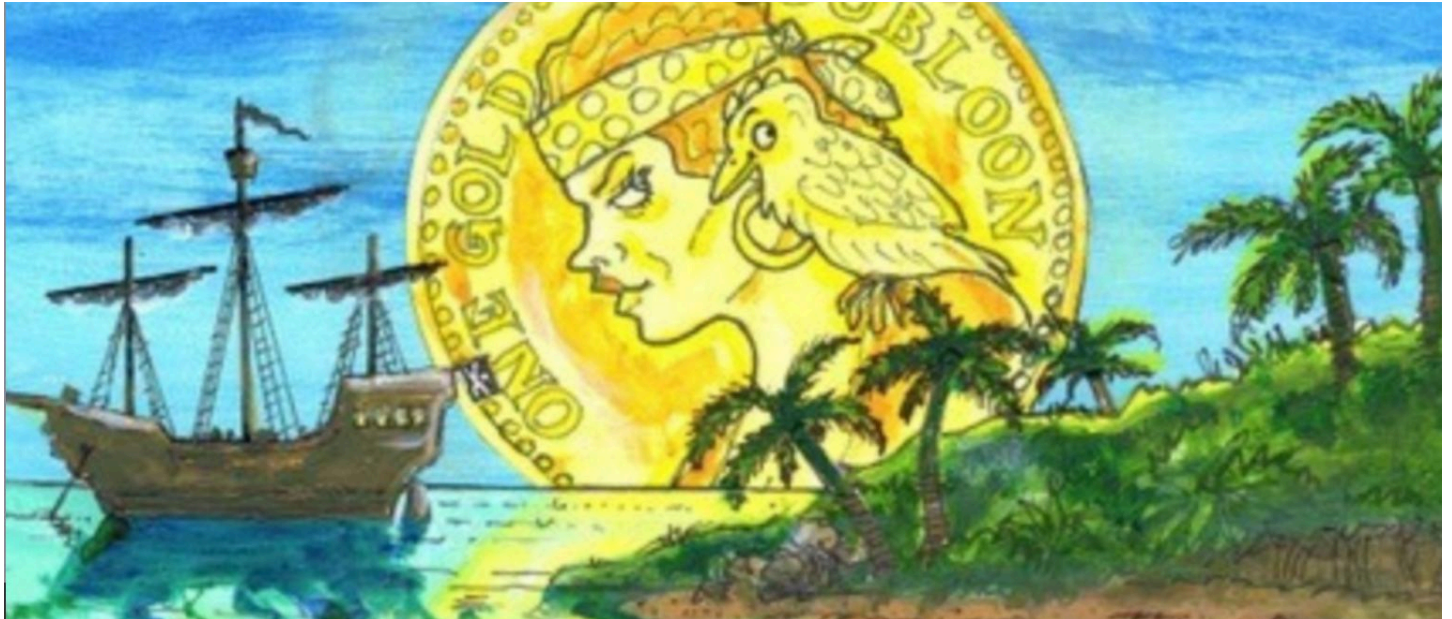
7.30pm Wednesday 13 March - Sunday 16 March

Hope Chapel, Hope Chapel Hill, Hotwells, BS8 4ND

To book tickets contact:

Tobacco Factory box office at 0117 902 0344 and

<https://tobaccofactorytheatres.com/shows/hotwells-panto-treasure-island/>



Just when you thought it was safe to get back in the water...It's back! Oh yes, it is!

The Hotwells Panto returns in March for its 42nd year. This time we are in the Admiral Benbow where a sinister-looking Long Joan Silver offers her services as crook, er cook, to the Landlady, Mrs Mister.

With a fifty plus cast, teenagers and children and a superb 8 piece band, this is a truly community panto.

Written by members of the cast and packed with invention, colour, laughter and songs, this show is the perfect way to wipe away the winter blues.

Will Long Joan and the band of inept pirates seize the treasure, or will Jim Hawkins and his friends triumph?

Will love steal the show?

Or will some very unexpected beings show up along the way?

There is only one way to find out...

Tickets sell quicker than Glastonbury, so guarantee your place by booking early.

Bristol Walking Festival 1 - 31 May

www.bristolwalkfest.com

Showcasing the best of Bristol for everyone to enjoy with inclusive walks taking place across the city for people of all ages, interests and abilities.

Providers from all walks of life encouraged to submit their event for Bristol Walk Fest 2024

Individuals and local groups are invited to help make this year's festival bigger and better than ever before by submitting their events.

Bristol Walk Fest is an annual festival. Last year an incredible 612 walking events took place and this year festival organisers are hoping for an even larger spread of events.

As a part of the festival, Bristol Walk Fest produce a printed programme and online calendar to feature the walks and events taking place during the festival. The walks are curated into distinct themes and past walks have included guided walks, tours, talks, workshops, family events, taster sessions and much more.

If you would like to feature a walking event in the official programme, please complete the provider registration form by **Friday 23 February**. Any late submissions can still be included on the website, but cannot be published in the programme.

How To Get Involved in Local Democracy.

Rachel McNally

A few people asked at our Community Meeting about how to find out more about local democracy and decision making in the Council. The link below will give you further information on Bristol City Council, how to find out about meetings and more.

<https://democracy.bristol.gov.uk/uuCoverPage.aspx?bcr=1>

If you would like to go straight to the calendar of Bristol City Council Meetings, this is the link

<https://democracy.bristol.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?M=1&CID=0&OT=&C=-1&MR=0&DL=0&D=1&ACT=Later&DD=2024>

Agenda are published a week before meetings and the public can attend many of the meetings, submit a question, statement or petition. Deadlines can be quite tight.

You can also subscribe to receive updates about different committees.

If you are interested in the process of decision making and how the council works, I recommend attending a council meeting to get a sense of how it works. Also do submit a question, statement etc if you feel an issue to important. It may not always change the decision at a meeting but the more of us that are involved at all stages the better. It is also a matter of public record.

Also remember that you can also contact your councillors and come to forum meetings like the one above.

You can find details of local councillors here

https://www.hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk/useful_local_info