

Hotwells and Cliftonwood Community Association – Newsletter July 2021

Dear Neighbour

Welcome to the Bulletin for July 2021.

Hot air balloons have begun to dot Bristol's blue skies and open-air theatre productions are in full swing. You could be forgiven for having missed these if you've been busy following the Euros, Wimbledon or maybe Love Island, a show which Alan Bennett [said](#), reminded him of the Bloomsbury set! Personally, it was a month of firsts. I had my first vaccine jab and visited a cinema and barbershop for the first time in a year. I hope the rest of the year can continue to be as thrilling.



Picture Credit: Neha Goel

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 there is anything you have written and would like to add to the next Bulletin – please send it to this email hccabulletin@gmail.com

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1. Come rain, come shine.

Hotwells Community Well-being Festival 18th July 1pm-8pm

It's been a difficult year, so [H&CCA](#) is supporting a small, Covid friendly festival for people living and working in the area to enjoy. There will be lots of community arts and play activities to participate in and food, music, fitness and massage tasters! Event details can be found [here](#).

We're still looking for volunteers to help out- in return for free cake and curry! If you're interested contact anna@artwithinthecracks.org.

Further details below:

Please note, this event could be postponed at short notice due to Covid- if this is the case we will seek a date later this summer.



2. Hotwells Skate Spot- The ramps are arriving!

On Tuesday 6th late afternoon, the amazing fabricators at Madam2Saws are delivering the finished ramps. Thanks so much to everyone for donating and particularly to local resident Johnny Palmer who not only helped us buy the wood but is also providing power and sound for *Come Rain Come Shine* (see above) when we will officially launch the skate ramps.

Please contact anna@artwithinthecracks.org or admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk if you want to help out or have any concerns about the new ramps.

3. Cumberland Basin/Western Harbour

Sadly, at the point of going to press we are still not in a position to tell you who is leading on the engagement exercise for the plans to develop this area. A contract is being finalised and a press release from the Council is imminent. Keep your eyes on this space and we are sure you will find out all about it before our next bulletin. What we can tell you is that we have been assured that the delay in getting the engagement process started will not shorten the planned time for engagement, which is now likely to go through to January 2022. Details on the Council website can be read [here](#).

4. Heritage Assessment – The River Avon

Closely associated with many aspects that are relevant to Cumberland Basin/Western Harbour is this document from 2018. So in case you have not seen it here is this [link](#).

5. Ashton Gate development

Comprehensive plans for development at Ashton Gate have now been submitted for planning approval. Details of the scheme, as submitted to the Council, can be found [here](#). Details of the plans in a rather more generally accessible form can also be found on this [website](#). While these plans are not part of our immediate neighbourhood, they are likely to have a significant impact for all of Bristol and therefore for our community as well.

6. Bristol Named Gold Sustainable Food City

Bristol has been awarded the status of Gold Sustainable Food City by the UK Partnership Programme [Sustainable Food Places](#). Bristol is the second city in the UK to be awarded in this way after Brighton and Hove received the award last year. More details can be found [here](#).



Image Source: www.feedingbristol.org

7. Parklets

We thought [this](#) article might interest some and perhaps stimulate thoughts as to whether any such development could improve a space or spaces around here. Tell us what you think.

8. Hotwells Festival 2021 (15th - 17th October)

To celebrate literature, poetry, music and dance in Bristol. This event is taking shape with some 10 events organised for the weekend, including Moscow Drug Club on the 15th. More information here www.hotwellsfestival.com and also [here](#). Keep the dates free!

Wednesday is now blog day. Check out: <https://hotwellsfestival.com/blog>. They could do with your help. Please share their crowdfunder and support them with a donation [here](#).

Have you written/published your own poetry or book and would like to present it? Or maybe you have an interesting topic to talk about? Maybe you would like to offer a workshop? Some spaces are left on the festival weekend and your ideas are welcome. So please do get in touch via the contact form on the website or through hotwellsfestival@gmail.com.

Interested in getting involved as a volunteer at the weekend? A big thank you to all people who have made contact already! They still could do with a couple more hands on the weekend itself. Please drop them an email if you would like to find out more.

9. Activities at Cumberland Piazza, Hotwells

Family Summer Arts Club

This summer Mhairi Stuart, local artist and teaching assistant, is planning some clay ornament workshops for families at the Piazza. The workshops will be on 7th/8th & 18th/19th August, times TBC. On day one we will cut clay and let it dry overnight. On day two people can paint and hang their ornaments. Mhairi will provide readymade ornaments for those who can't make both days. More details will follow. The Art Club will be free and covid safe, but we ask parents of under 8s to accompany your children. You can relax while we entertain them or join in with the making. Please see [this link](#) for last year's activities.

Times are Wednesdays 9.30 – 12.30 p.m. This is not only for donations but collection of food items for those in possession of valid Foodbank Vouchers. Donations of not only food, but other small necessities (toothpaste/toilet paper/shampoo etc are most welcome. For a complete list of items which are most needed, click on the [following link](#).

Boxing plus circuit fitness training for young people

Chris of Move More Fitness has started teaching boxing at the piazza as a well-being class for teenagers. Over the summer he is considering running a little club. If your child is interested, please get in touch with anna@artwithinthecracks.org. Anna's daughter is 11 and loving the sessions which are really helping with her confidence. She has suggested an all-girls group. Chris could also do a boys group. He would try and keep fees to a minimum. You can meet him the Well-being festival or check out his [website](#).

10. Appeal from Hotwells Primary School

As usual Year 6 pupils are putting on a play to mark the end of their time at Hotwells school. The play chosen this year is Bugsy Malone! In every way this has been a very disruptive year for all pupils and staff too. As long as there is no Covid outbreak, the performances will go ahead on Wednesday- Friday 14th-16th July at Hope Chapel. The audience will have to be socially distanced, and tickets will be very limited. Under normal conditions, year 6 pupils would have been fund-raising themselves to gather together the money for costumes, lighting, costumes etc. Unfortunately, they haven't been able to do this, for obvious reasons.

As a result, Hotwells Primary School is making a plea for help from friends, family and the community in general. Any donations, however small, would be most gratefully received. If there are any businesses out there who would like to donate – there is a possibility for advertising in the programme.

A Paypal Moneypool has been set up and the link has been sent to parents of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. Donations can be made anonymously, and even small amounts would help.

[This](#) is the link to the fund. If you have any other creative ideas for raising money please feel free to contact the school via their [Twitter handle](#) or via [email](#).



Image Source: www.tcm.com

11. Vic's Eco Fair

The Victoria Methodist church is organising a fair on 24th July. They have invited everyone for a day of Talks, Stalls, Swap Shop and Refreshments, followed by evening performances. Your visit can help fundraising for their charities- Avon Wildlife Trust and Tree Aid. More details can be found [here](#).



12. Bridging Histories Project

Bridging Histories will take people of all ages through a series of free educational activities to connect with others, learn about the past, and create positive change for the future.

The open-to-all project will encourage individuals or groups such as school pupils or residents of streets to share what they create on the Bridging Histories website. Participants will automatically be entered into the Summer Stars Competition and the Changemakers Competition, with the winners of the Changemaker Competition receiving £100 - £1,000 and a session with a mentor to develop their changemaking further. To find out more and take part visit www.bridginghistories.com.

13. Citizens' recommendations inform climate change and housing, transport, and health strategies

Recommendations and associated actions put forward by citizens on climate change and housing, transport, and health are outlined in a report from Bristol's Citizens' Assembly received by Cabinet.

The recommendations will help inform the city-wide Economic Recovery and Renewal Strategy and the council's refreshed Corporate Strategy as a key input into shaping the future of Bristol. The citizens' assembly met online over four weekends hearing information from 55 speakers including community organisations, citizens with lived experience of inequality, One City partners, academics, subject specialists and council officers. They engaged in facilitated deliberation and developed 17 recommendations and 82 associated actions. Full details of the assembly and their

recommendations can be found at [Bristol Citizens' Assembly - Bristol - Citizen Space](#).

14. Volunteers' Week Wall of Thanks

As part of Volunteers' Week celebrations, the City Council (alongside Voscur and Black South West Network) launched *The Wall of Thanks* with a simple aim: to invite as many citizens, organisations and community groups to submit messages of thanks to a person or group who has made a difference to them during the last year (either via official volunteering or general neighbourliness).

They received some lovely messages [which you can read on the Wall of Thanks itself](#) or watch the [special film of thanks](#).

15. Adam & Eve Pub

The following is an update from the folks at Adam and Eve:

"The building was due to be sold at auction on the 19th May and at that point we had spent a good deal of time and carried out a great deal of research on community pubs, talking to many other people involved in similar campaigns such as the Windmill, the Packhorse near Bath and the Locks Inn at Beccles. There are some great success stories out there as well as those that are still struggling.

We had a professional trade surveyor look at the building and to estimate not only repair costs, but also what kind of activity and turnover could be expected once the place was back up and running. We spoke to people with experience of designing and running pubs and other hospitality venues, potential suppliers and architects to help make the most of the space. All good learning that fed into a business plan and allowed us to estimate the capital and running costs as well as how much funding might come from the local community, and how much might have to be found through grants and loans.

The sticking point is that the building as a pub is worth a great deal less than the building as a development site for flats and we were strongly advised that it would be folly to pay too much for the building as it would encumber the business with debts that would make it unsustainable. We weren't in a position to make a pre-auction offer to the owner that would meet his reserve price.

Then, surprisingly, at the eleventh hour, the Adam & Eve was pulled from the auction which suggested that there was little interest from anyone else to buy the building for the amount the developer wanted. However, if he now goes ahead with his development of the building with the planning permission already granted, there's little we can do about it.

Naturally, we followed up in May to say that we were still interested in acquiring the building for community purposes, but the response was that the building was no longer for sale. At this stage all we can do is stay in touch with the developer and, if we don't see anything happening on the building, we repeat this message at regular intervals.

Our surveyor commiserated but advised this was a worthwhile tactic as, in his experience, many buildings had eventually been sold to those who played the waiting game.

Thanks again to those who expressed an interest in the administration post and those who have offered practical and professional skills. But for the moment, we wait..."

16. Citizen science survey in communities across Bristol

The citizen science survey has begun from last month, for communities across Bristol. The survey aims to gather data on what residents on streets with traffic filters think about them, so that there is a very clear evidence base for any future interventions on residential streets. They plan to knock on doors in Henleaze, Knowle West, Lawrence Hill, Redfield, Southmead, St Andrews and St Werburghs, plus a number of other areas (depending on volunteers). To participate in the survey you can sign up [here](#).



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17. Urban Commons Futures: In-Common Sites

In-Common Sites is a participatory creative research project that explores the social, cultural, ecological, and future value of four urban commons: The Downs, Bristol; Mousehold Heath, Norwich; Town Moor, Newcastle upon Tyne and Valley Gardens, Brighton. They need your help to chart on the ground experiences of these urban commons: their traditions, unique habitats, use and potential futures. The artist-researchers on the project have designed a series of creative and playful tasks to guide your commons exploration. We invite you to share the findings and artworks you make as part of these tasks to our email address and on our social media platforms. The images, stories, observations, and digital recordings you contribute will be curated into a set of common field guides for exhibition online and in a festival of the commons.

If you visit or live close to one of our urban common field sites and would like to find out more about this creative mapping project, you can complete their [online form](#) or email Siobhan on urbancommonsutures@port.ac.uk.

18. Goldney House and Gardens

Plans are moving forward to try and secure more open times for the public and Goldney Gardens have been approached by the University to ask if we can encourage everyone to complete their short survey to help them plan for greater access. The survey can be found [here](#).

If you are a business that would benefit from hiring a space in a venue, Goldney House are having an open day so that you can go and take a look at the space and have a mini networking meet-up with other local businesses. Book your spot [here](#).



19. Opportunity at Age UK Bristol

Age UK Bristol are seeking a treasurer and a trustee to join their board of trustees.

If you have a background in Finance, your skills would be invaluable. If you would like to develop your leadership potential and use your experience to help repair the damage done from a year of social isolation enforced on older people, they would love to hear from you today. The closing date for applications is Monday 9th August 2021. Details about the role and application process can be found [here](#).

20. Bristol City Council's Covid-19 Update

Bristol's current rate of infection is 237 cases per 100,000 population. This is higher than England's infection rate which is currently 149 cases per 100,000. Over the last seven days there have been 1,097 new COVID-19 cases reported in Bristol. Currently 294,582 people aged over 16 in Bristol have had one or two doses of a vaccine, which is 68 per cent of the eligible population.