

*Hello and Welcome to the fourth edition of our E Bulletin.*

*We hope you find the information provided is useful to you or someone you know.*

*Please feel free to give us feedback on style or content or both. Of course we would be very pleased to receive any information about anything you feel would be relevant to these bulletins. We shall be trying to send out a bulletin early each month so please send any contributions/suggestions to: [admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk](mailto:admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk) preferably before the end of the month.*

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1. **Hotwells Pantomime.** This year a production of "Aladdin" will be staged at Hope Chapel between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets are on sale at the Tobacco Factory and Recession shop, Jacobswell Road. Prices are £10, £8 concessions, £5 under 16. Hurray. They are no doubt selling fast!
2. **Make your vote count.** Don't forget to ensure you are registered to vote. On Thursday 5th May we have the opportunity to vote for the Mayor for Bristol, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset as well as our ward Councillors. All 70 ward Councillor seats are up for election this year, so an important event for the city.
3. **Hustings meetings.** HCCA is again organising Hustings, this time for the 2 wards that are associated with our CA boundary. The new ward of Hotwells and Harbourside and the altered Clifton ward. Both meetings will be held in the hall at Holy Trinity Church, Hotwell Rd at 7pm to finish no later than

8.30pm. **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April candidates for Clifton ward. Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April candidates for Hotwells and Harbourside ward.** As you probably know Clifton ward will have two Councillors and Hotwells and Harbourside one Councillor.

4. **Neighbourhood Partnership news:** Tree planting plans for next planting season 16/17 are moving forward with a good number of planting proposals within our area. We hope we can soon refer you to a site where you can see details. If you are particularly interested do get in touch with us and we will try and give you more detail. A good pot of money is available to make improvements to Argyle Place play park and we are exploring the possibility of applying an all -weather surface to the football pitch space as well as improving some of the equipment. With the support of the Partnership we are pursuing the Council's Parks department to get them to fully recognise the Piazza as a park or green space within their Parks and Green Space strategy.
5. **Designing a Play Space with 8-16 yr olds.** We are delighted to have been successful with a Neighbourhood Partnership Wellbeing Grant to run some workshop sessions with young people to design a play space, on the Cumberland Piazza. This is part of our mission to create more facilities for 8-16yr olds in our area. We will be running activities from February until May on selected weekday evenings and at weekends, including football, 2D and 3D design. under the flyover and in other local venues. If your child is interested, please contact us [admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk](mailto:admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk)
6. **HCCA Green Space Strategy.** Carol Lilwall, the person responsible for the Cliftonwood Town Green and many local window boxes and Anna Wilson, who has been painting pillars under the flyover and exploring re-use of space, are planning to support more planting throughout the area. We would love your help to identify places that could be filled with buzzing pollinators, beautiful flowers and tasty herbs. Let's get our community growing together. Contact [admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk](mailto:admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk)
7. **Consultation on new byelaws for Parks and Green Spaces in Bristol.** People are being encouraged to help shape an updated set of byelaws designed to enable everyone to share and enjoy Bristol's parks and green spaces. The 24 proposed byelaws focus on ensuring everyone can continue to use these spaces responsibly, considerately and safely. A public consultation in 2013 showed 77% of respondents favoured new byelaws to replace the existing Victorian ones. Feedback from this new consultation will inform the final set of updated byelaws. Amongst the new byelaws, 12 identify activities requiring Council consent while 8 are designed to prevent nuisance activities. Four activities - flying model aircraft, horse-riding, fishing and having a barbecue – will take place in 'designated areas' specified by the byelaws. The proposed new byelaws can be found here: [https://www.bristol.gov.uk/committee/2015/sc/sc046/1016\\_fullbinder.pdf](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/committee/2015/sc/sc046/1016_fullbinder.pdf)  
The consultation runs from 18 January to 20 March 2016.
8. **Bristol Reading Partners.** Bristol residents are being asked to consider giving up one hour a week to help change a child's life in 2016 to help children improve their reading. [Bristol Reading Partners](#), the council's flagship reading scheme, has launched a fresh call for volunteers to help expand the initiative

and benefit even more pupils across the city this year. For more information about this scheme, or to sign up, contact [volunteer@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:volunteer@bristol.gov.uk).

9. **Radio 6 Music Festival comes to Bristol.** 12 – 14 February. For more information try: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/mDd0kDK50KxsXG8jzyxGIX/tickets-and-venues>
10. **Resilient energy future for Bristol.** Plans were ratified by Cabinet in November 2015 under the title - [Our Resilient Future: A Framework for Climate and Energy Security](#). More detail available via Council Website - search for "Climate Change". Consultation on this, which is a draft document is ongoing until 16 March – You can support by writing to Councillors, local party leaders etc. You can keep in touch with local sustainability initiatives by joining Transition Hotwells, Cliftonwood and Clifton e-mail list, or coming for a chat in the Lion. More information from Richard Hancock [rjt\\_hancock@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rjt_hancock@yahoo.co.uk)
11. **Central Library temporary closure.** Please note the Central Library will be closed between February 29<sup>th</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup> to make some improvements to the historic building and allow construction work to be carried out safely. Further detail can be found at : <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/libraries-archives/central-library>
12. **Dance Centre on Jacobs Wells Road faces closure.** We understand that the Council has decided not to grant the Dance Centre an extension of its lease and protected tenancy. The Centre had requested a 3 year extension to create 'A Dance House for Bristol'. The Council were apparently not convinced that the plans were viable. This is a huge blow to the Dance Centre. Views on what we might do to prevent this just becoming another block of flats would be welcome.
13. **New Bristol Access Guide is launched.** The Bristol Access Guide - a partnership between Disabled Go, Bristol City Council and Destination Bristol - is aimed at making the city more accessible for residents and visitors, maximising independence and choice for disabled people in Bristol. The free online guide provides access information for 1,000 venues across Bristol including shops, restaurants, leisure centres, hotels, libraries, parks and cinemas. The guide can be accessed free of charge via <http://www.disabledgo.com/organisations/bristol-city-council/main> and it will also be featured on [www.bristol.gov.uk](http://www.bristol.gov.uk) and [www.visitbristol.co.uk](http://www.visitbristol.co.uk).
14. **Puppet Place – the UK's only hub for puppetry and animation** - is based on Spike Island. We are home to a lively community of artists and creative practitioners working with puppetry and animation. We are now looking to build links with our local community and make everyone aware that we have a space in the neighbourhood that is available for community (as well as artistic) use. Our building, Unit 18, has a large rehearsal studio that also works well for small classes, meetings of up to 35 people and probably quite a few other things that we haven't dreamt of yet! We also run our own classes and workshops – in puppetry and animation naturally! Finally, we are considering setting up a puppetry youth theatre later this year. If you are interested in finding out more about us please do look at our

website [www.puppetplace.org](http://www.puppetplace.org) or drop me a line [rachel@puppetplace.org](mailto:rachel@puppetplace.org) Many thanks Rachel McNally (Puppet Place Executive Producer).

15. **Church Lane Cheese Rolling?** This is a genuine question borne out of the difficulty of holding a street party on a steep hill. I have long thought that Church Lane would be a great place for Community Cheese Rolling. I'm not thinking of the Double Gloucester run with people chasing a cheese down the street! How about a competitive event including: Longest Cheese Roll, Straightest Cheese Roll, Highest Bounce? You get the picture. I realise that there are as many holes in this idea as a wedge of Swiss cheese, but would love to know if anyone else thinks this is a goer – or at least enough to meet at The Lion and have a chat! Interested? Drop me a line [re\\_mcnally@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:re_mcnally@blueyonder.co.uk)