

HCCA E Bulletin Issue 7 May 2016

Welcome to our May E-bulletin!

*We send the bulletin out in the first week of each month, so if you have any news or comments for June's edition please do send it to us by **27th May**. Email admin@hotwellscliftonwoodl.org.uk*

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2. Peaceful Portway
3. Public Meeting- Parks, Play Spaces and Plans for the future, (Piazza Plans, Playing Out and Pale Blue's consultation for A-bond)
4. Mural at Charles Place Play Park
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6. Underfall Boatyard- latest news
7. Brandon Hill guided walks and fallen oak
8. Great Bristol Family Mile- part of the 10k
9. Walk Fest
10. Bristol Big Give

1. Hotwells Pocket Park Play Day 5pm 15th May 2016

Everyone is welcome to come and play with skate ramps, footballs, art and gardening and talk to artists architects and locals about our pocket park which we hope to complete in June this year.

2. Peaceful Portway 1-6pm 15th May 2016

Enjoy visiting Bristol's amazing car-free Portway from Hotwells to Sea Mills by bike, on foot, scooter, skateboard along the unique and stunning Avon Gorge. Take part in guided walks, family cycle rides and so much more! We are doing it all again and more on 25th September and welcome ideas.

3. HCCA Community Meeting- Parks, Play Spaces and Plans for the future 17th May 6-7.30pm

Meet among the red pillars under the flyover for presentations of Piazza Plans, Playing Out and Pale Blue'. Children are very welcome and chucks will be provided! Playing Out will tell you all you need to know and offer support if you'd like to close your street for regular play sessions and Pale Blue are consulting the community about the A-Bond warehouse. We will head over to the Rose of Denmark at about 7pm, so join us for a drink and further discussion. We really want to know your ideas for the future as well as sharing ours. <http://artundertheflyover.com> www.hotwellscliftonwoodl.org.uk

4. Mural at Charles Place Play Park by Amy Hutchings

Thanks to everyone who helped paint this beautiful mural recently, and especially to Amy, who designed and directed it as well as painting so beautifully. It will be completed over the coming weeks, but if you haven't yet seen it, get down to the play park at Charles Place, Hotwells, BS8.

5. Pooles Wharf Bridge

Some of our readers may have been wondering why the bridge renovation is

costing £307000 when the original City Council estimate was for £150000!
The following answer was received from the Council.

“Before a project goes out to tender the Council undertakes a pre-tender estimate. However, with the buoyant market conditions within the construction industry it is difficult to predicate how the market will price individual project, especially such bespoke projects as Pooles Wharf Bridge improvement.

To ensure the Council received competitive bids an advert was placed in Contract Finder using an ‘open’ procurement process and was conducted in a fair and transparent manner that fully and complied with all the Council’s procurement regulations.

Competitive tender bids were received by the Council and a contract was awarded to Grahams. Grahams won the tender by providing the lowest price and highest quality submission. The figure of £307,000 reflects the current market conditions for this project. We have fortunately been able to fund the additional cost as this is not always the case.

It is important to remember that the bridge was in danger of being permanently closed to the public as the previous owner’s insurance company was refusing to insure it; the works proposed will remedy the concerns and are intended to prevent any significant further works being needed for decades to come, which I am sure you will agree is very positive for the continuity of the Harbourside route.”

6. News and opportunities from the Underfall Boatyard

Pickle, run by James and his team, are settling in nicely in the Power House visitor centre. They are open for hot and cold drinks, breakfasts, lunches and snacks from Wednesday to Sunday - and with the new seating it's the best spot for a bacon sarnie on the harbourside!

The boat yard is hoping to have the pumps and the accumulator tank up and running for half-term with regular demonstrations.

Job opportunity: The Workshop Manager will recruit, train, organise and motivate volunteers to build up a programme of repair, maintenance and public demonstration of the historic machinery in the Underfall Yard workshops.

For further details on the Workshop Manager role and half term activities, visit www.underfallboatyard.co.uk

8. The Great Bristol Family Mile

is a new addition to this year's Great Bristol 10k taking place on Sunday 15 May. Children aged three and over can take part in the mile distance with their friends, families and siblings. All children who cross the finish line will also be rewarded with their very own medal.

9. Bristol's walking festival: Bristol Walk Fest 1st-31st May 2016 Parks and green spaces feature predominantly in this year's Bristol Walk Fest with more than half of the events taking place in parks.

Brandon Hill, The Downs, Ashton Court and Leigh Woods and Clifton Woods all feature along with many others that are further afield. They cover a wide range of topics including tree trails, history, wildlife, wild food, or just for the journey and the magnificent views and surroundings.

10. Brandon Hill Tree Trail guided walks and Brandon Hill fallen oak As part of the *Bristol Walk Fest 2016* please join the Friends of Brandon Hill tree experts on their Tree Trail for a guided walk round some of its 500 trees of over 100 different species. The walk is running three times during the festival on the Tuesday 3rd May at 10am, Saturday 14th May at 10am and Wednesday 25th May at 2pm. More details from <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/streets-travel/bristol-walking-festival>

It was a sad day in March when the oldest tree on Brandon Hill fell during a freak extremely gusty hail shower. The 250+ year old oak (*Quercus Robur*) within the depot would have been well known to many of you. We're now looking for ideas on how to best use the wood from the tree. What would you do with the wood, and possibly the space that it is vacating? We would love to hear your ideas.

Please let us know on the Brandon Hill FaceBook page <https://www.facebook.com/brandonhillbristol/> by email to info@friendsofbrandonhill.org or by speaking to Rocco the park keeper.

Other Bristol News:

St Nick's to take part in Love Your Local Market campaign May 17-31
Love Your Local Market is a celebration of market culture in the UK. St Nicholas Market will be joining over 1,000 other markets across the country. There will also be a special food market in collaboration with Bristol Eats. Do you want a market stall?

Change of use for Brunel House.

Unite Students have acquired Brunel House, the large office building currently occupied by Bristol City Council, on St George's Road, opposite City Hall. A drop-in style public exhibition of the proposals has been organised for: **Thursday 12 May 4 – 7pm at Open Space, West One, 1 St George's Road, Bristol, BS1 5BE.** Representatives from Unite Students and their design and planning team will be on hand to talk through the proposals, answer questions and receive your feedback. You are welcome to go along.