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Dear Members, Partners and Friends

Welcome to your monthly Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin produced by Voscur on behalf of the ChangeUp consortium.

Please pass this information on to anyone else in your organisation, or friends who may find it useful.

This e-bulletin will be sent out monthly on the third Monday of each month.

If you would like to include any news or information in the Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin, please contact Matthew Symonds at the Voscur office on 0117 909 9949 or email <mailto:matthew@voscur.org>

The deadline for news items you'd like to be included in the Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin is 5pm on the following dates in 2009: 14 August, 18 September, 16 October, 13 November, 18 December and in 2010: 15 January, 12 February, 12 March

::: STOP PRESS! :::

A-Z GUIDE SHOWS HOW TO INFLUENCE DECISION MAKING

A new guide highlighting lots of ways in which you can have your say in influencing local decision making is now available.

The guide includes over lots examples of ways to help you be 'more influential' and have an impact on decisions that affect you.

For more information visit: <http://www.voscur.org/atoz>

NEIGHBOURHOOD FACTS AND FIGURES NOW AVAILABLE

New Statistical Profiles have been compiled for each of the cities 14 Neighbourhood Partnership areas. The profiles incorporate a range of statistics held by Bristol City Council.

These profiles include the most up to date data from a variety of sources that have only previously been available at a ward level.

For more information visit: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Council-Democracy/Statistics-Census-Information/neighbourhood-partnership-profiles/neighbourhood-partnerships-statistical-profiles-june-2009.en>

SWINE FLU - KEEP INFORMED BUT KEEP CALM

Read the latest official advice to help protect yourself and others.

<http://www.nhs.uk/AlertsEmergencies/Pages/Pandemicflualertaspx>

::: NEWS :::

WHAT'S THE QUALITY OF LIFE LIKE IN YOUR AREA?

The latest results from Bristol's Quality of Life survey are now available. The survey is used to ask people how they feel about a whole range of issues in their neighbourhood in addition to simply using facts and figures to measure the quality of life across the city.

To see the results from the latest survey (2008) visit:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Environment-Planning/sustainability/file-storage-items/quality-of-life-in-bristol-2008.en>

HAVE YOUR SAY ON BUS PLANS

The plans for the next stage of the Greater Bristol Bus Network linking Bristol to Bath along the A4 are being consulted on now.

The consultation period runs until 14 August and there will be a dedicated Project Information Centre open until 1 August at Unit 9, Brislington Hill, BS45BE but only on certain days of the week.

More information is available from the GBBN Project Team on telephone number 01179 222951 or visit:

http://www.opinionsuite.com/bristol/departments/city-development/greater-bristol-bus-network-gbbn---a4-bath-road/consultation/consult_view

SUMMER PLAY IN HARTCLIFFE AND WITHYWOOD

Every Wednesday throughout the summer holidays there's going to be free fun for all children and young people at Willmott Park, Moxham Drive in Hartcliffe. This follows on from the successful Big P held during the Easter holidays.

On offer there'll be play ranger activities, the play park pod, football, dancing, Avon Wildlife Trust, photography, health activities, taekwon-do, the Playbus and refreshments.

All this followed by a Hang Out disco at the Core Centre on Moxham Drive from 5pm-7pm.

For more details visit: <http://sites.google.com/site/handwcp/latest-news/bigpsummer>

NEED VOLUNTEERS? HELP IS AT HAND

Do you find it difficult to recruit and keep volunteers? Confused about what procedures you need in place? Well, Volunteering Bristol can help!

Volunteering Bristol has started work on their new project to help support organisations to manage volunteers.

No matter how large or small your group is you can get support around managing volunteers and the service is totally FREE.

Contact Jenny on <mailto:jenny@bristolvolunteers.org.uk>, ring 0117 989 7734 or see the website www.bristolvolunteers.org.uk

NEW TRUSTEES SOUGHT FOR MEDIA CENTRE

Knowle West Media Centre is looking for Trustees with a passion for arts and media and expertise to support the further growth and development of the organisation into the future.

Please contact Katie Taylor for further information on 01179 030444 or email <mailto:katie@kwmc.org.uk>.

FREE SESSIONS TO CHALLENGE YOUR PAIN

Arthritis Care with the support of the NHS are running 6 FREE sessions to help people with any long term condition: arthritis, diabetes, asthma, heart conditions, MS etc by teaching ideas to help improve quality of life.

The sessions will take place at Knowle West Health Park and will start on the afternoon of Monday 28 September. Ring 0207 380 6509 to book a place or to find out about courses running in other parts of Bristol.

THREE NEW COMMISSIONS FOR KNOWLE WEST MEDIA CENTRE'S YOUNG FILMMAKERS

The members of Digital Fish, KWMC's film club for young people, have been commissioned to produce a short film about health issues facing young people, document a local young musicians' competition and run an animation workshop. Meanwhile, Michael Smith and Digital Fish received accolades at the Appledore Visual Arts Film Festival.

For more detail visit <http://www.kwmc.org.uk/index.php?article=356>

COULD YOU HELP RAISE AWARENESS OF MENINGITIS

The Meningitis Trust is looking for volunteers from all communities to join its Peer Educator scheme. Those who may not speak English as a first language are especially encouraged to join.

Peer Educators speak amongst their peers to help raise awareness of meningitis and of the services the charity offers. Training, resources, and ongoing support is provided.

For further information or to join, please contact Alison Osborne, UK BME Co-ordinator on 01453 769 037 or email <mailto:alisono@meningitis-trust.org>

WERE YOU A 1960's TEENAGER IN KNOWLE WEST?

If the answer is yes then a local history researcher would like to hear from you. They are looking for people aged approx 55-60 (could be up to 64) who were teenagers in the 1960's, to take part in a 1 hour reminiscence session about their experience of being teenagers in Knowle West.

The session will take place at Knowle West Media Centre sometime in the week beginning 27th August - There will be tea, coffee, biscuits and cake! for more details email Pippa Robinson <mailto:pippapip@hotmail.com>

HOTWELLS HERITAGE WALKING TRAIL LAUNCHED

Hotwells & Cliftonwood Community Association (HCCA) has produced a 'Hotwells Heritage Trail' brochure for visitors to the area.

The aim is to distribute the A3 size foldout map to tourist venues and information points throughout central and west Bristol.

Copies are free from the HCCA office at 3 Charles Place, Hotwells BS8 3ND tel 0117 9291883.

Or it can be downloaded from <http://www.hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk>

NURSERY CONGRATULATED BY OFSTED

Tiny Happy People Nursery part of Easton Families Project has been judged OUTSTANDING by Ofsted in their recent inspection.

Ofsted said "Children relish their time at nursery. They are enthusiastic learners because the learning environment is made accessible and vibrant with a continuous provision of rich activities."

WHY DO THE POLICE CLOSE ROADS?

The Road Policing Unit has a responsibility to attend the scene of all fatal and potentially life-threatening road traffic collisions to determine the cause of the incident.

This sometimes involves lengthy road closures and unhappy motorists but the decision to close a road is never taken lightly. To find out more about how Avon and Somerset police make decisions about road closures visit

http://www.avonandsomerset.policeuk/newsroom/upbeat/road_closures.aspx

GOOD NEIGHBOUR AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED

Hartcliffe And Withywood Kick Start (HAWKS) has won first prize in this years Good Neighbour Award, presented by Miss Millies fried chicken, they were selected from 60 application city wide.

The judges - Avon & Somerset Police, Bristol City Council, Avon Fire and Rescue, Kiss radio and Sharing & caring were very interested to hear about HAWKS work especially the Hidden Harm work we do with children and young people who are affected by their parents substance misuse.

KEEP SAFE FROM FIRE AT HOME

Avon Fire & Rescue Service (AF&RS) is often called to house fires where a smoke alarm would have provided the occupiers with an early warning that they were in danger.

Home Fire Safety Visits can provide you with free advice on all aspects of fire safety in the home' A smoke alarm will also be fitted during the visit if required, with fire service staff explaining how to maintain it correctly.

Specialist visits and smoke alarms for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are also available. Find out more or request a visit at:

<http://www.avonfire.gov.uk/Avon/Your+safety/Home+Fire+Safety+Visits.htm>

::: DATES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS :::

Neighbourhood Partnership meetings are open to any resident or local group to attend.

Key to meetings

SG = Steering group meeting, OM = Open Meeting

The dates of meetings coming up are:

*** EAST BRISTOL ***

Brislington East and Brislington West (Brislington Community Partnership)
(SG) Monday 20 July, 7pm at the Wicklea Centre, 281 Wick Road St Anne's Bristol
BS4 4HR

(OM) Monday 3 August, 7.30pm venue to be confirmed
Contact Lorna Heaysman on (0117) 377 2653 or email
mailto:lorna.heaysman@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Frome Vale, Eastville and Hillfields

(SG) Thursday 23 July, 6.30pm, venue to be confirmed
(OM) Thursday 17 September, 7pm, venue to be confirmed
Contact Jo Holmes on (0117) 903 6898 or email
mailto:johanna.holmes@bristol.gov.uk for more details

St George East and St George West

(SG) Thursday 30 July, 7pm, Summerhill Methodist Church, 5 Air Balloon Road, St
George, Bristol, BS5 8LB
Contact Abdul Razak Dahir on 0117 903 6409 or email
mailto:abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Inner City Neighbourhood Partnership (Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill)

(OM) Meeting date, time and venue to be confirmed.
Contact Penny Germon on (0117) 903 9879 or email
mailto:innercity@neighbourhoodpartnership.co.uk for more details

*** NORTH BRISTOL ***

Avonmouth and Kingsweston

(OM) Monday 20 July, 7 - 9pm, Oasis Academy, Penpole Lane, Bristol, BS11 0EB.
This meeting will focus on Children and Young People's issues. The meeting will be
led by young people.

(SG) Tuesday 3 September, 3pm, The Rock, Ridingleaze, Lawrence Weston, BS11
0QF

Contact Sam Parker on (0117) 922 3029 or email mailto:sam.parker@bristol.gov.uk
for more details

Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership.
(OM) Thursday 10 September, Charwood 6th Form, Cotham, Bristol, BS6 6BU
Contact Jo Holmes on (0117) 903 9797 or email
mailto:johanna.holmes@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East
Meeting date, time and venue to be confirmed.
Contact Ariaaf Hussain on (0117) 922 3218 or email
mailto:ariaf.hussain@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Henbury and Southmead
(OM) Friday 21 August, 10am, Southmead Community Centre, Greystoke Avenue,
Bristol, BS10 6BQ
Henbury meeting date, time and venue to be confirmed.
Contact Mohamed Ismail on 0117 903 6420 or email
mailto:mohamed.ismail@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym
(SG) Wednesday 16 September, 7pm, Venue to be confirmed
Contact Jayne Anstis on (0117) 903 6442 or email mailto:jayne.anstis@bristol.gov.uk
for more details

Horfield and Lockleaze
(SG) Monday 20 July, 7pm, The Cameron Centre, Cameron Walk, Lockleaze, BS7
9XB
Contact Mohamed Ismail on 0117 903 6420 or email
mailto:mohamed.ismail@bristol.gov.uk for more details

*** SOUTH BRISTOL ***

Bedminster and Southville (Greater Bedminster Community Partnership)
(OM) Thursday 23 July, 7pm at Windmill Hill City Farm, Philip Street, Bedminster,
BS3 4EA. This is a special meeting looking at better provision for cyclists, healthy
retail streets and the proposed street reps scheme.
Contact Ben Barker, GBCP secretary on (0117) 903 6441 or Lorna Heaysman on
(0117) 377 2653 email mailto:benbarker@blueyonder.co.uk or
mailto:lornaheaysman@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Bishopsworth, Hartcliffe and Whitchurch Park
Meeting date, time and venue to be confirmed
Contact Heather Williams on (0117) 903 8044 or email:
mailto:heather.williams@hwcp.org.uk for more details

Filwood, Knowle and Windmill Hill
(SG) Tuesday 28 July, 6-8pm at Knowle West Media Centre, Leinster Avenue,
Filwood, Bristol, BS4 1NL
Contact Valeria Talbot on (0117) 908 4247 or email
mailto:valerie.talbot@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Hengrove and Stockwood
(SG) 7pm venue to be confirmed
Contact Ariaif Hussain on (0117) 922 3218 or email
mailto:ariaif.hussain@bristol.gov.uk for more details

::: CONSULTATIONS :::

The following consultations are currently taking place in Bristol:

- Hate Crime Strategy 2009-14 (Until 24 July 2009)
- Clanage Road signal crossing and speed limit proposal (Until 27 Jul 2009)
- Extended lighting proposals - Bristol Bath Railway Path (Until 31 July 2009)
- Improved pedestrian and cycle links to the Bristol Bath Railway Path 31 Jul 2009
- Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN) - A4 Bath Road 14 Aug 2009
- Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure Support Needs Survey (Until 17 August 2009)
 - Active People (until 31 October 2009)
 - Museum Visitor Survey (Until 31 December 2009)
 - Traffic Noise Pollution (Until 31 December 2009)
 - Dog Warden Service Customer Satisfaction Survey 2009/10 (Until 31 March 2010)
 - New Tenancy Satisfaction Survey 2009/10 (Until 31 March 2010)
 - Pest Control Services Customer Satisfaction Survey 2009/10 (Until 31 March 2010)

To find out more about these and other consultations visit:
<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Council-Democracy/Consultations/consultation-finder.en>

YOU CAN CURRENTLY SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING ONLINE E-PETITIONS:

- To oppose The Daisy Field and Lamplighters open space development
- No Heathrow Expansion - Electrify mainline London to Bristol instead. (Until 31 July)
- No More Noisy Leaf Blower at Blaise, Use a Rake! (Until 1 Aug 2009)
- No billboards on Stokes Croft (Until 5 August)
- Petition to remove billboards on Mina Rd. (Until 29 August 2009)
- No to Amalgamation of Henleaze Infant and Junior Schools (Until 30 August 2009)
- Protect Banksy artwork in Bristol (Until 30 September 2009)
- A public transport hub at Temple Meads (Until 29 Oct 2009)
- New Bristol cyclepath across M32 motorway (Until 31 October 2009)
- No Tesco at Ashton Gate (Until 6 December 2009)
- Reduce the speed limit to 20mph where people live and work (Until 30 April 2010)
- Let All Bristol Decide (Until 5 May 2010)

Support these and other petitions or start your own at: <http://epetitions.bristol.gov.uk/>

::: LOCAL COMMUNITY DIARY :::

--- TUESDAY 21 JULY ---

SPAN (SINGLE PARENT ACTION NETWORK) FUN DAY

10am - 3pm at SPAN Study Centre, Millpond, Baptist Street, Easton, BS5 0YW.
For more information please contact SPAN email: studycentre@span.uk.org.uk or
telephone: 0117 952 2712

BATTLE OF CASTLE PARK

7pm Meet at Plan 9, Bridewell Street, Broadmead, Bristol. In June 2006, two groups without any experience in organising public protests were formed to initiate a campaign to halt the redevelopment of Bristol city centre green space, Castle Park. One collected signatures online, historian Barb Drummond and others collected signatures in the park, both opposed to any loss of this popular space. Bristol City Council were presented with a petition of 6,000 signatures, which helped put a halt to the development. This talk and walk will discuss the protest and what would have been lost, its aftermath, and the importance of public open space. Free event part of 'Summer of Dissent' at Plan 9. Full programme details at <http://www.plan9.org.uk>

--- WEDNESDAY 22 JULY ---

SOUTH HOUSING FORUM

10.15am Meet at Hartcliffe Customer Service Point (tour of area). For details of individual meetings, agendas, venues contact the Tenant Participation Unit on 0117 9039855 or visit www.bristol.gov.uk/housing-forums

SING UP IN WITHYWOOD

The Withywood Big Sing is back for a couple of Summer Sessions. They are on Wednesday 22nd and 29th of July from 7.30 - 9pm at the Withywood Centre, Queen's Road, £5 per person each session. If you love to sing but don't read music, haven't done any singing for years and don't want to join a 'formal' choir now's your chance! The session will be led by Liz Welsh, Director of Village Voices, call 01275 851 309 for more details.

--- THURSDAY 23 JULY ---

EAST HOUSING FORUM

6pm, Padmore Court, St George, Derby Street, Bristol , BS5 9PH. For details of individual meetings, agendas, venues contact the Tenant Participation Unit on 0117 9039855 or visit www.bristol.gov.uk/housing-forums

--- FRIDAY 24 JULY ---

SAMARITANS 24:7 DAY

Samaritans of Bristol are excited to announce plans for 24:7 day. This is the national day for raising awareness of Samaritans.

COME ON BOARD... with Samaritans, as they drive their double-decker bus through vulnerable parts of Bristol - places that have been identified as being high suicide risk areas.

For more details visit: <http://www.voscur.org/node/5346>

THE WRITER WHO WANTED TO MAKE USEFUL OBJECTS NO LONGER LIVES HERE

Two-part performance lecture re-works an article in Frieze to create a micro-exhibition, a performance lecture, a film, and a photo-novel.

7.30pm at Plan 9, Bridewell Street, Broadmead, Bristol. Free event part of 'Summer of Dissent' at Plan 9. Full programme details at <http://www.plan9.org.uk>

--- SUNDAY 26 JULY ---

FILM NIGHT - GARBAGE WARRIOR

July's Film Night at the Pierian Centre, 27 Portland Square, St Pauls, Bristol BS2 8SA is Oliver Hodge's inspiring documentary Garbage Warrior.

This account of one man's fight to develop green housing was nominated for Best British Documentary 2007, and it throws down a challenge to how we live and where we're headed.

7.30pm, tickets are £4.50, with concessions for the genuinely hard-up – booking is strongly recommended on 0117 924 4512 or email <mailto:info@pieriancentre.com>.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

St Georges Park. A free afternoon of music from the City of Bristol Brass Band. Part of the Music in the Park series across Bristol Parks over the summer, showcasing the best in Brass, Silver and Jazz Bands from across the region. Deckchairs will be provided for your comfort

--- TUESDAY 28 JULY ---

EMPOWERMENT FOR CHANGE

This special reception will celebrate the graduation of the Operation Black Vote (OBV) and Bristol City Council Shadowing Scheme. With special guest speaker Lee Jasper.

At the Council House, College Green, Bristol. Drinks and canapés will be served. To attend RSVP Leon Green email: <mailto:leon@obv.org.uk> or telephone: 020 8983 5471.

CHANCE TO QUESTION KEY NHS STAFF

2-4pm at St. Pauls Family & Learning Centre. Sue Field, Managing Director of Bristol Community Health, Tony Jones, Public Involvement and PALS Programme

Lead of NHS Bristol, and Hildegard Dumper, Public Involvement Manager of NHS Bristol will be speaking about the roles and responsibilities of Bristol Community Health and NHS Bristol. The group would like to welcome the input of all Local Involvement network (LINK) participants who would like to attend this informative meeting. Please email Alex Hodgson at <mailto:alex.hodgson@linkbristol.org.uk> if you would like to attend. Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

--- WEDNESDAY 29 JULY ---

THE BIG P - SUMMER 2009

A community play event for Hartcliffe & Withywood - FREE ENTRY!
All ages welcome! Wednesdays, 12PM - 5PM on the following days;
July - 29, August - 5, 12, 19 and 26 - with a special certificate awards ceremony on the last day!
For more details visit: <http://sites.google.com/site/handwcp/latest-news/bigpsummer>

WEST CENTRAL HOUSING FORUM

6.30pm, Tenants Resource Centre, Waring House, Redcliffe Hill, Redcliffe, BS1 6TB.
For details of individual meetings, agendas, venues contact the Tenant Participation Unit on 0117 9039855 or visit www.bristol.gov.uk/housing-forums

NORTH EAST HOUSING FORUM

6.30pm, The Cameron Centre, Cameron Walk, Lockleaze, BS7 9XB. For details of individual meetings, agendas, venues contact the Tenant Participation Unit on 0117 9039855 or visit www.bristol.gov.uk/housing-forums

--- THURSDAY 30 JULY 2009 ---

BRISTOL BIKE FORUM

The Bike Forum takes place every two months to discuss provision and promotion of cycling within Bristol.

The Bike Forum informal drop in take place from 5.30pm and the full meeting takes place from 6.30pm both at the Council House, College Green, Bristol, BS1

For more information visit <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Transport-Streets/Walking-Cycling/bike-forum.en>

--- SATURDAY 1 AUGUST ----

MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Midnight Madness are coming to Bristol City Academy for a "Midday Madness" event. The company run open court basketball events throughout the country which all lead up to the Midnight Madness final; the largest open court event in Europe.

The aim is working towards strengthening communities, nurturing social responsibility and making positive impacts on the young people reached.

If you are an individual or an organisation that would like to be involved please visit: <http://www.themadnessbrand.com> or www.reachandteach.co.uk for more information.

Or contact Joe Lane email: <mailto:contactjoelane@gmail.com> telephone: 07840453503

WOMEN WITH WEAPONS

2pm. Meet at the Clifton Suspension Bridge museum on Clifton Suspension Bridge. Limited to eight places – booking essential. Women only. You are dangerous, but are you armed? Girl Gang challenge you to come down to the woods and get tooled up. Each participant will make and take away a bow and arrow. What you do with them is your own concern, but Girl Gang will be taking theirs on a dare – you coming? To book your place email: <mailto:daringgirlgang@gmail.com> or visit <http://daringgirlgang.blogspot.com> for more information

--- SUNDAY 2 AUGUST ---

TWILIGHT FROLICCS

Are you elderly and feel isolated from your community? Do you crave companionship? Want to create close connections with others and make new friends? Come along for a free two course Sunday lunch and mid afternoon tea and homemade cake! Take part in fun workshops which include Art Therapy. Watch live performances (including Ukulele playing, singing and a professional magician!) 11am - 5pm at Mizzymead Recreation Centre, Mizzymead Rise, Nailsea, BS48 2JJ. Twilight Frolics is open to people aged 60+. For more information, to book a place and let the organisers know if you need free transport to get to the event, please contact Pat Connor on 07949 277647 / 012575 859025, or email <mailto:connor.pat@googlemail.com>

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Talbot Road Allotments, 3 - 5pm. A free afternoon of music from the Panama Jazz Band. Part of the Music in the Park series across Bristol Parks over the summer, showcasing the best in Brass, Silver and Jazz Bands from across the region. Deckchairs will be provided for your comfort

--- MONDAY 3 AUGUST ---

KNOWLE WEST MEDIA CENTRE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME

The Launch of KWMC Summer Youth Programme (3rd – 14th August) sees the start of a fortnight packed with creative workshops, activities and celebrations for young people aged 10-16: join us at Knowle West Media Centre to explore the environment, learn media skills and have fun! Advanced booking is essential. Visit <http://www.kwmc.org.uk/index.php?article=359> for further information or contact Sandra Manson 01179 030444 (ext. 220) or email <mailto:sandra@kwmc.org.uk>

--- SATURDAY 8 AUGUST ---

AMAZING GRAVES

The next heritage tour at Arnos Vale Cemetery will leave from the Bath Road Gate Lodge at 10am on Saturday 8th August. Tour last about two hours.

Hear the history of the cemetery, the meaning of symbols on graves and the stories about some of those buried there. Please ring Dave on 0789 167 5373 to book places.

ST GEORGE FUNDAY

The St George Community Fun Day will take place in Meadowvale Park from 10am. For more details contact Abdul Razak Dahir on 0117 903 6409 or email <mailto:abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk>

THE GREAT EXPECTATIONS EVENT

The monthly Great Expectations lunch will be held on 8 - 9 August at the Balloon Fiesta at Ashton Court Estate in Bristol. 1-5pm. Friendly hosts will be there to greet and introduce people.

Anyone over 16 is welcome, especially those disabled either socially or physically. For further details of Outsiders please see <http://www.outsiders.org.uk>

--- SATURDAY 15 AUGUST ---

NEW DEAL SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

Don't forget Community at Heart's summer celebration events to mark the New Deal for Communities programme!

12pm to 6pm, The Dings Park, Oxford Street, The Dings, Bristol. Visit <http://www.communityatheart.co.uk> for more details

--- SUNDAY 16 AUGUST ---

BEDMINSTER AND SOUTHVILLE OPEN GARDEN DAY

Gardeners in Bedminster and Southville will be opening their gardens to raise money for Windmill Hill City Farm.

A guide and map (for a suggested donation of £1) showing where the gardens you can visit are, will be available from the Riverside Garden Centre, the CREATE Centre, the Southville Centre and Windmill Hill City Farm from the beginning of August.

Details of gardens open can also be found at <http://www.frontgarden.org.uk/open-gardens.html>

--- SATURDAY 22 AUGUST ---

NEW DEAL SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

Don't forget Community at Heart's summer celebration events to mark the New Deal for Communities programme!

12pm to 6pm, The Urban Park, Barton Hill, Bristol. Visit <http://www.communityatheart.co.uk> for more details

FIND MORE EVENTS

To find details of events happening in your local parks and green spaces visit <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Leisure-Culture/Arts-Entertainment/whats-on.en?XSL=index&EventTypeId=71&AllRecords=true>

To find more events or publicise your own in the Voscur online diary visit <http://www.voscur.org/event>

::: COMING UP :::

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP RESIDENTS'FORUM MEETING DATES

Join other people from across Bristol who are active in their Neighbourhood Partnership. Share good ideas and solve problems at the Neighbourhood Partnership Residents' Forum. Dates for the coming year:

Saturday 19 September, 10am - 12.30pm at the Council House

Tuesday 24 November, 2 - 4pm at Windmill Hill City Farm

Thursday 28 January, 2010, 6-8pm at the Council House

Saturday 27 March, 2010, 10 - 12.30pm at Shirehampton Public Hall

To find out more contact Matthew Symonds on 0117 909 9949 or email: <mailto:matthew@voscur.org> or confirm your attendance by online at: <http://www.voscur.org/brispartnership/np>

VOSCUR TRAINING

Courses coming up - Contact Anna Polanek on 0117 909 9949 or email <mailto:anna@voscur.org> to register your interest in any of these Voscur course:

- Get Ready to Trade *New*

For more details on Voscur Training and learning visit: <http://www.voscur.org/training>

OTHER TRAINING

NEW COURSES AT SILAI

Silai For Skills We will be running courses in Upholstery, Pattern Cutting, Garment Construction, General Sewing, Textiles, Diploma for Fashion, Maths, English, ESOL, Business & Enterprise plus various Hair, Health & Beauty courses New to Silai.

If you're interested in any of these course please contact us on: 0117 9415180 or visit us at: 176 Easton Road, Bristol, BS5 0ES.

Enrolment will begin on Monday 3 August 2009 to start courses from September.

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE COURSE

Funded by Bristol City Council the Family Centre will be running a BSL Level 2 course for family members of deaf children. The Course is Free although to gain the Level 2 Qualification an assessment fee of £90 will be payable. Times and start dates of the course from autumn 09 are to be confirmed. For more details please contact the Family

Centre on tel:0117 3307575 Minicom:0117 9031480 or email <mailto:office@fcdc.org.uk>.

EMOTIONAL WELL BEING COURSE FOR THE OVER 5'S

The Play & Early Years Training Unit is running an 'Emotional Well-Being for the Over 5's' course. The aim is to promote understanding of the emotional well-being of children and young people, and your role as practitioners in facilitating this

The course will run on 25 September, 2, 9 and 16 October 2009, 9:30am - 12:30pm at the @Symes Community Building, Peterson Avenue, Bristol. For details contact: 0117 908 0601 or email <mailto:training@peytu.co.uk>

::: NOTICEBOARD :::

Talk online to people in your area.

There are several online discussion groups across Bristol where you can discuss your local issues from the comfort of your own home! Why not follow one of these links and join in?

Greater Bedminster Issues Forum:

<http://forums.e-democracy.org/groups/bemmy-forum/index.html>

Brislington

<http://forums.e-democracy.org/groups/bristol-bris>

Barton Hill, the Dings, Lawrence Hill and Redfield

<http://www.communityatheart.co.uk/forum>

Easton

http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/easton_bristol/

Henbury and Brentry

<http://wwwwhenburybrentrycommunity.org.uk/wordpress/>

Knowle West

<http://forums.e-democracy.org/groups/kw-forum/index.html>

Redland

<http://www.sustainableredland.org.uk/subscribe/>

Shirehampton

http://www.shire.org.uk/index.php?page=message_boards

St Werburghs

<http://www.stwerburghs.org/forums/>

If you'd like to find out more about how to set up an online discussion forum in your area, you can contact Sean Kenny at Voscur on 0117 909 9949 or email <mailto:seank@voscur.org>

::: RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS :::

KEY DECISIONS COMING UP

You can find out what key decisions Bristol City Council's Cabinet of elected councillors will be making soon by looking at the Leaders Forward Plan online at: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Council-Democracy/Elected-Representatives/leaders-forward-plan-forthcoming-key-decisions.en>

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Each week Bristol City Council publishes a list of all the planning applications that they receive. You can view the list at: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Environment-Planning/Planning/weekly-lists-of-planning-applications.en>

To find out how you can have your say and influence decisions on planning applications visit:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Environment-Planning/Planning/commenting-on-planning-applications.en>

::: FEEDBACK :::

We are always keen to receive feedback on Voscur services such as the Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin. You can send us your views by filling in the online form at <http://www.voscur.org/contact>