

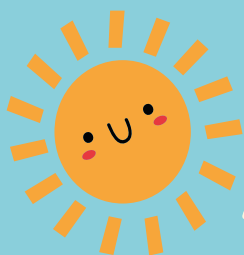
ISSUE #2



SUMMER 2022 EDITION

# Batheaston Times

A community paper highlighting village news & events



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# LET'S MAKE IT A SUPER SUMMER!

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**\*Come rain or shine**

Working together to  
create more events &  
support for families,  
kids, teenagers & elderly  
people in our village.

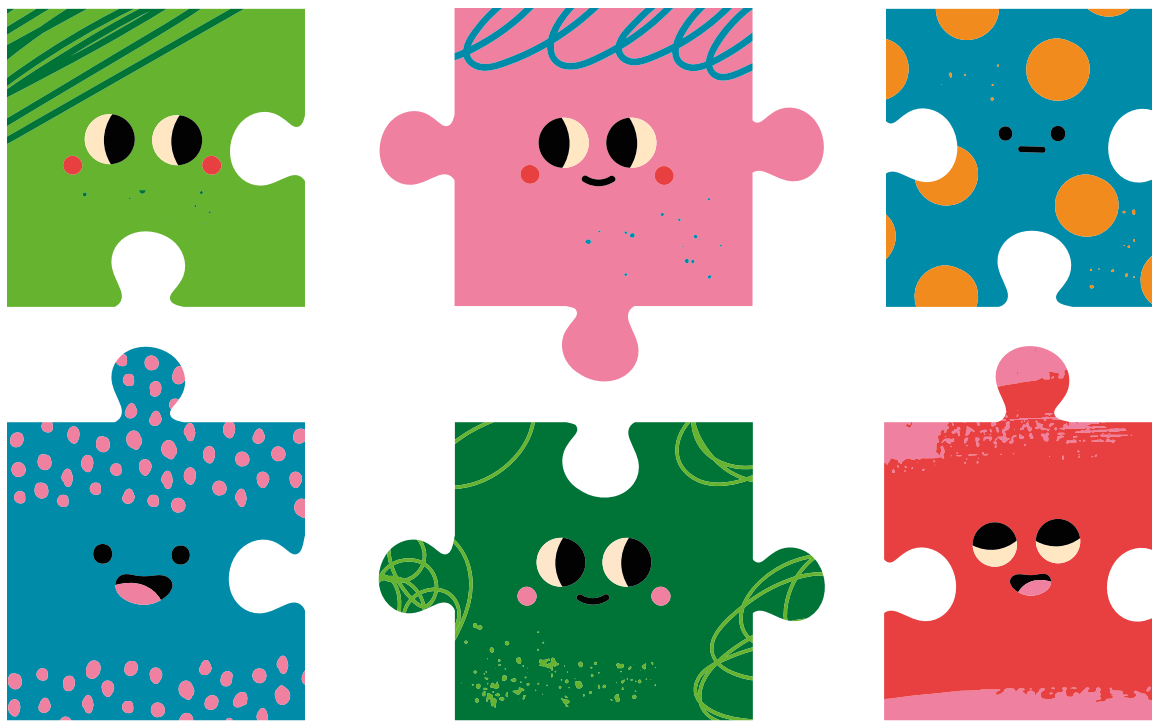
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- \* Water Festival
- \* Pop-up Markets
- \* Football Summer Camp

SUMMER  
EVENTS  
CALENDAR  
INSIDE!

**PLUS: LATEST NEWS EVENTS FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERING & MORE**



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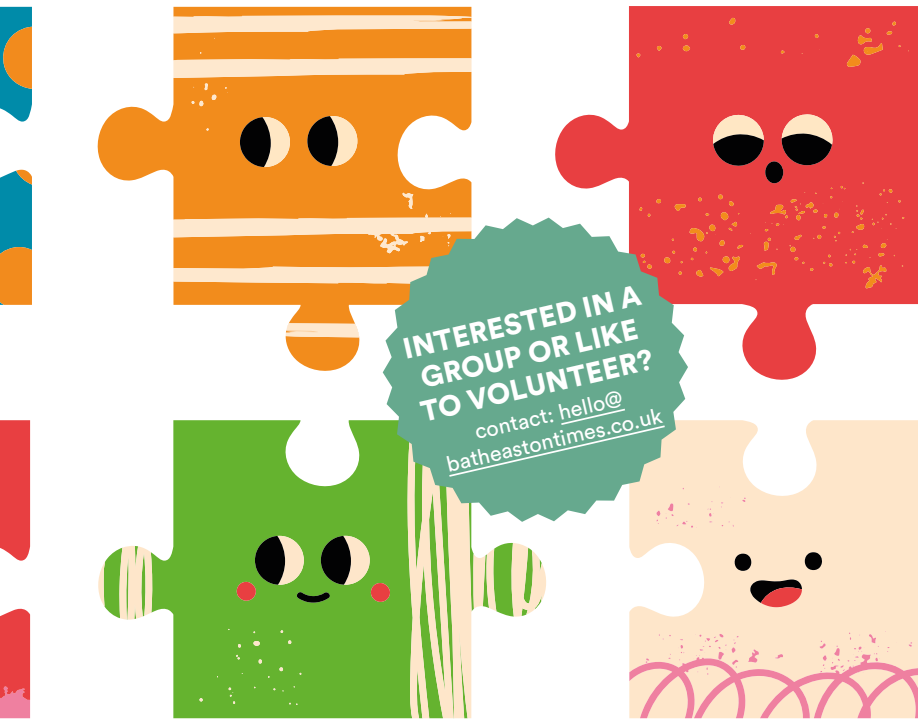
We had a fantastic Spring with brilliant Jubilee celebrations and now we roll into summer with many more amazing events on in the village.



Kevin Guy, Chair  
of Batheaston  
Leadership Board

Summer has arrived and what a wonderful way the village welcomed it in! The Community came alive with amazing Jubilee celebrations and we send a massive thank you to the Parish Council and all the hard working volunteers who made the week such a success. The fresh scones marquee and beer tent where two particular favourites of mine.

Building on the success of the first edition of the *Batheaston Times* and based on your overwhelmingly positive feedback, I am pleased to say that we are committed to making this community paper thrive and we are starting with a quarterly rollout for the whole village. We are looking to pitch this paper at all age groups



# working as one!

and are very keen to encourage youth participation in its creation and design. So whatever your age or experience, if you want to be part of keeping the village informed, connected and working as one please do get in touch. Details of how you can help volunteer or sponsor the paper can be found within.

**To help make your village paper a success please give us your thoughts by filling in the small questionnaire.**

There are so many brilliant organisations in Batheaston providing lots of great activities for all age groups. I hope you enjoy reading about them and from everyone on the Batheaston Leadership Group we wish you an amazing summer.



**Cllr Kevin Guy**  
Chair of Batheaston Leadership Board



## Events

**WATER FESTIVAL**  
Sat 6th August  
Rhymes Football Field

Keep an eye out on  
*Grow Batheaston*  
Social Media for more  
information nearer  
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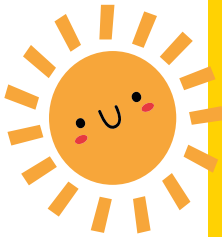
**BATH CITY  
FOOTBALL  
SUMMER CAMP**  
Rhymes Football Pitch  
25th - 28th July &  
8th - 11th Aug  
10am - 2pm

To book and  
for further info  
email [info@bathcityfoundation.org](mailto:info@bathcityfoundation.org)

On the second week  
we are looking to run  
a girls only group on  
the Thursday.

**POP-UP PUB  
BINGO NIGHT**  
New Village Hall  
September 9th and  
7th October 6-9pm

A great way to meet  
old friends and make  
new ones across the  
village. Register at  
[villagepopuppub1@gmail.com](mailto:villagepopuppub1@gmail.com) to book  
tickets, and then pay  
on the evening. £15  
will get you 3 drinks  
and nibbles.



# Summer events calendar

A round-up of some of the events that are on in the village this Summer

## TERM TIME ONLY!

### CUBS

Scout Hut  
Every Monday  
6.30 - 8pm

Being a Cub is all about growing and learning in small but mighty ways. Cubs are young people aged 8-10½yrs. We meet on Mondays from 6.30-8 pm at our Scout Hut School Lane Batheaston.

[23rdbathscouts.org/cubs/](https://23rdbathscouts.org/cubs/)

### GB FOOTBALL CLUB

Every Saturday 9-11am

Fun football sessions. It's for girls and boys aged between 4 and 10. Main objectives are for the kids to have fun, get some exercise, and learn about teamwork and respect. Cash only on the day, £5 per 2 hour session.

[growbatheaston.co.uk/gbfc](https://growbatheaston.co.uk/gbfc)



## NEW EVENT!

### POP-UP MARKET

Sat 16th July & Sat 10th September  
Riverside car park 9am-12noon

Featuring local producers, suppliers and makers; Encouraging a circular economy and living locally / sustainably; Eating seasonally; Strengthening community connections

If you'd be interested in having a stall please email [hello@growbatheaston.co.uk](mailto:hello@growbatheaston.co.uk)



### NETBALL FUN

Every Monday 7-8pm

The session starts with a warm up, followed by drills to hone those netball skills and then game time to put everything into play, followed by a nice stretch. We welcome beginners, returners, the curious and all those with trimmed nails!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/273762401121966>

## NEW EVENT!

### WATER FESTIVAL

Sat 6th August  
Rhymes Football Field

Keep an eye out on Grow Batheaston Social Media for more information nearer the time!

HAVE AN  
EVENT IDEA?  
[hello@batheaston-times.co.uk](mailto:hello@batheaston-times.co.uk)



## TERM TIME ONLY!

### BATHEASTON ALL SORTS

Batheaston New Village Hall  
Every Tuesday 9.30-11am

We have a wide variety of fun and educational toys, a weekly craft activity, snack time, story time and music time. There is tea and fresh coffee for grown ups and home-made cake. The cost of the session is £2 per family/childminder. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/170815826444823>



### KUNG FU BATH

Scout Hut  
Every Wednesday  
5-11 years - 6-6.45pm  
12 upwards - 7-8.30pm

The Bath Kung Fu Academy is pleased to offer professional step by step instruction for men, women and children of all ages. We guide you from complete beginner to advanced practitioner and pride ourselves on being fun and friendly.  
[www.kungfubath.com/](http://www.kungfubath.com/)

### AVON RFC JUNIORS

Every Sunday  
London Road  
10-11.30am  
Between Sept and April

Come along and enjoy mini rugby at Avon RFC. Fully qualified and experienced coaches with enhanced DBS checks. Our focus is having fun.

[www.avonvalerfc.co.uk/minis-juniors](http://www.avonvalerfc.co.uk/minis-juniors)

### POP-UP PUB BINGO NIGHT

New Village Hall  
September 9th and 7th October

A great way to meet old friends and make new ones across the village. Held in the hall on the last Friday of each month between 6-9pm. Register at [villagepopuppub1@gmail.com](mailto:villagepopuppub1@gmail.com) to book tickets, and then pay on the evening. £15 will get you 3 drinks and nibbles.



### TERM TIME ONLY!

#### BEAVERS & SCOUTS

Scout Hut, every Thursday

**Beavers** (ages 6-8)  
6 - 7.15pm  
[23rdbathscouts.org/beavers/](http://23rdbathscouts.org/beavers/)

**Scouts** (ages 10.5-14)  
7.30 - 9pm  
[23rdbathscouts.org/scouts/](http://23rdbathscouts.org/scouts/)

Activities include cooking, building, problem solving, hiking, camping and adventures.

#### BATH CITY FOOTBALL SUMMER CAMP

Rhymes Football Pitch  
25th - 28th July &  
8th - 11th Aug  
10am - 2pm

To book and for further info email [info@bathcityfoundation.org](mailto:info@bathcityfoundation.org)

In the second week we are looking to fun girls only group on the Thursday.



#### BOXERCISE

New Village Hall  
Every Tuesday  
6pm & 7.15pm

Batheaston Boxercise classes in the new village hall, School Lane.

Contact Sarah Tyler  
[sarahjanetyler@icloud.com](mailto:sarahjanetyler@icloud.com)



#### COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Every Wednesday  
10.30am-12.30pm

First Wednesday of the month - Clean Slate & brunch

Second Wednesday of the month - Zhone energy

Third Wednesday PCSO's

Last Wednesday Ward Councillors  
Katy Lunn WERN rep most weeks in term time

#### WOODLAND HOLIDAY CLUB

Throughout August  
Mikes Meadow, Northend, Batheaston, BA1 7EP

[www.bookwhen.com/creativeroots](http://www.bookwhen.com/creativeroots)

Activities include nature crafts, den building, bushcraft, sewing, simple campfire cooking, singing and storytelling

#### WALKING FOOTBALL

Every Wednesday  
5.30-6.30pm  
Rhymes Field

Are you looking to keep active and enjoy football at a slower pace? No booking required. All abilities welcome. Sessions aimed at over 50's. For further information email: [info@bathcityfoundation.org](mailto:info@bathcityfoundation.org)



Full events  
listing launching  
online soon!

# New Village Hall

The hall has been buzzing with activity with plenty more to come!



CONTACT US  
TO MAKE AN  
INITIAL ENQUIRY.

Our new village hall has been more successful than we could have imagined with a whole variety of events and activities in the five months since we opened, with lots more on the way.

We're now well and truly open for business, with plenty of great feedback from everyone. We've carried on with finishing touches, the landscaping at the back of the hall looks great with the grass growing nicely. The upstairs kitchen will soon be complete, and we've finished kitting out the main kitchen downstairs. We welcomed back Angela Haymond of *Enovert* to show her how their generous grant was spent, and she was very impressed by the hall and all the activity underway.

The monthly Pop Up Pub evenings have been a great hit, and with raffles, quizzes, drinks and fabulous home made light bites. This raises significant sums for the hall. More Pop Up Pub evenings are on their way with different themes, so note your diaries for Bingo on 9th September, Oktoberfest on 7th

October and Quiz night on 18th November.

We've hosted a whole range of other events too, the Jubilee lunch, a brocante sale and the village fete as well as regular events like choir, book group, boxercise, yoga, pilates, art classes, a carers' café and more. We've also hosted children's parties and weddings with lots of positive comments. So if there's something you've always fancied trying such as Zumba or singing, then check out the full list of activities on [www.batheastonhall.org](http://www.batheastonhall.org) which gives info on how to join in, or of course how to book the hall if you want to set up a group or a one off event.

The hall has already proved itself to be a valuable resource for the village, and it's for all of us to use and share. If you haven't visited – pop round and have a look or even better come along to a class or event and we'll see you soon.

Glenys Adams, *Bookings Manager*  
Email: [glenysadams@gmail.com](mailto:glenysadams@gmail.com)  
Tel: 07968 293083

## Events

**POP UP PUB**  
September 9th Bingo  
and 7th October  
Oktoberfest

**BOOK GROUP**  
August 2nd and 4th  
October

**COMMUNITY LUNCH**  
Friday 12th August  
12.30 - 3

**COMMUNITY CHOIR**  
Every Monday  
at 7.30pm

Check the website  
for details! [www.batheastonhall.org](http://www.batheastonhall.org)



# Batheaston Primary School

We strive to provide our children with the best opportunities and experiences to enhance their educational journey.

It has been an extremely busy Summer at Batheaston Church School.

We were delighted in May to welcome so many members of the community to our popular fund raising event known as Meadowfest where we raised over £6000 for the school. A huge thank you to the FOBs team who organised such a fabulous event and a big thank you to the Batheaston community for supporting us. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 26th November.

Back in May we received a call from Ofsted to say they would be carrying out an inspection over two days. Although nervous, we were also very excited to show off our school and are delighted with the feedback we received. Although the report is yet to be published, we are so proud of our children and the way they conducted themselves and spoke openly to the inspectors.

So as the Summer term starts to draw to an end, we start to look

forward to the Autumn term, when we open our doors to new and prospective parents who are deciding on a future school for their children for September 2023. As always we will be holding open events throughout the Autumn Term but we are also willing to show parents around at a time that is convenient if they are unable to make these dates. If you have a child that will be of school age in September 2023 and would like to book a visit, please give the school a ring on 01225 858555 in September to either book onto one of our open events or for an individual tour. We look forward to welcoming you.

We also want to take the opportunity to wish all our Year 6 children the best of luck and say thank you to all our families leaving us at the end of term as their child goes off to secondary school. Your children have been a pleasure to teach.

**Sally Jefferies** Head Teacher,  
Batheaston Church School



## Events

**OPEN DAYS FOR RECEPTION 2023**

Tuesday 27th Sept  
@ 9.30am

Saturday 8th Oct  
@ 10.30am

Tuesday 15th Nov  
@ 1.30pm

Tuesday 29th Nov  
@ 9.30am

Monday 9th Jan  
@ 1.30pm

**FOLLOW US ON TWITTER**  
@BatheastonPri



# Grow Batheaston

Working together from the ground up



CONTACT US  
JOIN A CLUB  
OR VOLUNTEER!

**W**e've had a busy spring, plants and trees going into the Forest Garden, meadow planting, sports and fitness offerings, whilst also being busy preparing for the first Pop-Up Markets & October Art Trail. We're pleased to have completed the first phase of the Meadows Project and have installed a community notice board near the Orchard slope where you can see, courtesy of Bathscape, one of Marian Hill's insect posters detailing what creatures can be seen in grassland.

In the Forest Garden we are working with plans to start an affordable parent and toddler group with Foxgloves Forest School in September. As well as finishing the paths, there will be more trees, climbing plants along the back wall, opportunities to make teepees from pallets, plans for a mud kitchen, as well as bird & bat boxes, arches, gates, raised beds, the list goes on! We are also working with Bath University Action Project and have tasked our group of postgraduate students to help us engage more with 14-21 years old. The students have come up with the idea of holding a Water Festival on

the Rhymes field (think Thailand's Water Festival and/or Holi in India). Basically a big water fight to get this age group together, have some fun and at the same time let us know what they would like to see added to the village. Keep an eye out on our social media for more information nearer the time.

As we are transitioning to a charity and new projects are started we are finding our workload is increasing and we would love to hear from anyone with a few hours to spare. Projects are varied - see the list below. Do get in touch for more info. We look forward to meeting you!

### Would like to:

Be part of our steering committee and help us achieve our strategic goals?  
Help at events - running stalls such as seed swaps / plant sales and community events such as the Art Trail or pop-up markets? Help with bike, electrical repairs or sewing as part of the share and repair team? Help with football registrations on a Saturday morning? Help with gardening, creating the forest garden or making things out of wood?  
Do you have an interesting seasonal recipe or would like to write us a journal piece?  
Help us apply for funding and grant applications?

Email: [hello@growbatheaston.co.uk](mailto:hello@growbatheaston.co.uk)  
Website: [www.growbatheaston.co.uk](http://www.growbatheaston.co.uk)  
[twitter.com/growbatheaston](https://twitter.com/growbatheaston)  
[instagram.com/growbatheaston/](https://www.instagram.com/growbatheaston/)  
[facebook.com/growbatheaston/](https://www.facebook.com/growbatheaston/)

## Events

### FOOTBALL CLUB

Every Saturday  
9-11am  
Rhymes Field

### NETBALL CLUB

Every Monday  
7-8pm  
Court near the  
playground

### WALKING FOOTBALL

Every Wednesday  
5.30-6.30pm  
Rhymes Field

### COMMUNITY PLANTING

10am-12noon the  
second Saturday  
and last Sunday  
of each month,  
and 9-11am each  
Wednesday

### POP-UP MARKET

Sat 16th July & Sat  
10th September  
Riverside car park  
9am-12noon

### WATER FESTIVAL

Sat 6th August  
Rhymes Football  
Field

### ART TRAIL 2022

If you're a local  
artist and would like  
to get involved in  
this year's Art Trail  
or would like to join  
any of our groups &  
clubs, or volunteer,  
or need help setting  
up something new  
in the village then  
we'd love to hear  
from you.



# St John's with St Catherine's

If you live in Batheaston, then this is YOUR church, and we'd like you to take advantage of that fact, and continue to support it.

**Y**ou may already be aware that Batheaston parish and Bathford parish are to be combined and a new Priest-In-Charge has been appointed. This means that there will be one 'vicar' between all three churches when Rev Elizabeth finally retires. That doesn't mean that there's any less going on inside or outside our churches!! The new person will occupy the vicarage at Northend and I trust will get a warm welcome from you all.

On June 25th we held our annual Fete at the Batheaston Village Hall after a two year break because of Covid, and I do hope that many of you enjoyed that typical village event. It is the major fund-raiser for St John's and it is great to see so many having fun at the same time. There is a new leaflet which shows what the churches offer and I do hope you will pick one up from a church if you missed them at the fete.

You might think that "the church is always asking for money" but we also raise funds for other worthy

causes. Our thanks go to all of you who supported the event for the Refugee Council and the sale for Christian Aid. An impressive £1700 was raised for the Refugee Council (for Ukraine) and the Christian Aid sale and gifts raised £602.50

The Harvest service at St John's will be September 18th and everyone will be warmly welcomed at 10:00 am on that day. Then looking ahead, St John's will once again be hosting a part of the Art Trail the first weekend of October. It was a huge success last year, and people found that a church can be quite a friendly venue!! At St Catherine's the Harvest service will be October 2nd at 3:00 pm.

There is a welcome for you at all of our churches, so we hope to see you at any of the dates and times mentioned.

*Every blessing to you all.*  
**Rev. Elizabeth Bennett**  
 Associate Priest  
 Batheaston with St Catherine



## Events

**HOLIDAY CLUB**  
 August 2nd to 5th in the mornings.  
 For 5-11 year olds held at the school. Look out for publicity !

**SONGS OF PRAISE**  
 September 4th  
 3:00pm  
 At St Catherine's

**LICENSING OF OUR NEW PRIEST**  
 Tuesday September 27th 7:00 pm  
 (Venue TBC)

**CONTACT:**  
 REVELIZABETH1@GMAIL.COM



# Penny's Pantry & Community Café

Penny's Pantry (PP) is a not-for-profit organisation, run by local volunteers to expand affordable food choice and social activity for local residents.



Well, it's been a busy few months in Batheaston since the first edition of the our new newsletter, the Batheaston Times. We've had so much fun with sunny holidays, Meadowfest is back and the Jubilee Celebrations across the village got us all well and truly going.

Thanks to all our new guests and volunteers who've popped into the Pantry and Cafe following the first edition. It's been wonderful to see young families and residents of all ages enjoying a cup of coffee, chat and of course cake together.

### The Jubilee Brunch

We hosted the Platinum Jubilee Brunch on the 1st June. This started with a very Royal welcome to the Rhymes Pavilion courtesy of a cardboard Cutout of the Good Lady Herself. The event went down so well with all age groups, we're going to host a monthly village brunch on the first Wednesday of the month at the Rhymes. All you need to do is pop in, grab a cuppa, grab a seat or bring a picnic blanket to sit outside with the family on sunny days.

### The Jubilee Lunch

The Penny's Pantry crew have also kicked off monthly village lunches at the New Village Hall with a swinging Jubilee Lunch. We had music from a 6 piece band The Kindred Spirits. The event was supported by Katy Lunn our Independent Living Agent from WERN and, Sarah Warren our Ward Councillor. We also had fab food contributions from Morrisons supermarket .

The next lunch will be held at the NVH on Friday 12th August. Tickets cost £5.00 so, to reserve your spot, please just hand in your name to the team at the Pantry on a Wednesdays or via St John's Church on Sundays to reserve your spot. Please do help our housebound neighbours to get to this event if you can.

Here's to a sunny sociable summer everyone,

Cheers!

From The Penny's Pantry Team

## Events

### COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Every Wednesday  
10.30am-12.30pm  
The Rhymes  
Pavilion, Coalpit  
Road BA17NW

### COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Friday 12th August  
12.30 - 3.00pm  
New Village Hall  
Tickets cost £5.00  
To reserve pop  
your name down at  
Penny's Pantry or at  
St John's Church

If you've any  
queries, get in touch  
via pennyspantry@  
hotmail.com

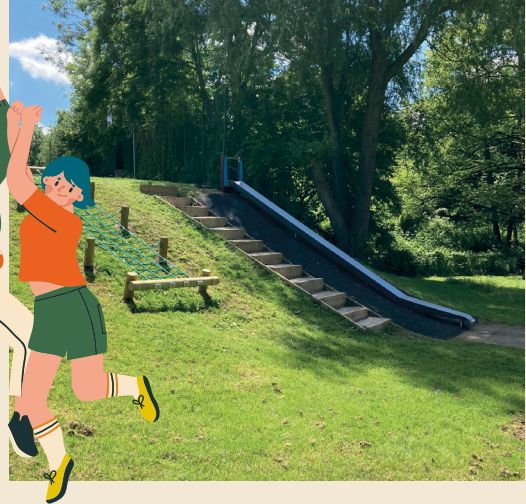
With special thanks  
to Batheaston Parish  
Council for enabling  
this health related  
initiative.



# Batheaston Parish Council



Batheaston Parish Council provides recreation and other facilities, maintains some of the local environment, and represents the community



**T**he Jubilee Street Party  
Your small band of Parish Councillors spent many hours (often in the George and Dragon!) planning how best to celebrate the Jubilee; to throw a party that would mark such a momentous occasion properly in Batheaston.

By all accounts, the party was a great success. The High Street and the Riverside Park made a great location for the party, with a stage and marquee, especially adorned with 500m of bunting! It was wonderful to see so many residents – young and old alike – enjoying the bands and other entertainment on the riverside, the food and drink available from our bars and from establishments on the High Street, and the cream teas.

Some of the notable successes were the chalk for the children to draw on the walls and pavements (the Union Jacks are still there on the wall!); the golden crowns; the balloon modelling; Punch and Judy and of course the music – the fab DJ and Steve Robinson. And we just about managed to survive til the downpour in the evening!

We'd like to thank everyone who helped, and

everyone who came along!  
Wouldn't it be brilliant if we could have a summer party every year?

## Improving the Playground – first phase complete!

The first phase of the upgrade is now complete. We made some urgent repairs to potentially unsafe equipment. We had £18,900 of "Section 106" money to spend, which would have expired had we not done the work quickly. So, there was a double sense of urgency. The biggest concern was the slide, which was starting to have jagged edges, so we replaced this, and took the opportunity to install a climbing net alongside. The smaller repairs and enhancements included: making the Cradle Swing foundations firm; replacing and re-tensioning the Zip-Wire Seat; repairing and replacing benches.

Watch this space for news of the next phase of improvement of this cherished community asset!

*For all enquiries contact the Clerk, Richard Maccabee, at [clerk@batheaston-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@batheaston-pc.gov.uk). See our website for more information.*

RE-OPENS SEPTEMBER

# Batheaston Youth Club

Batheaston Youth Club (BYC) is a place for young people to enjoy, learn and to plan activities together for the future in a supportive, purpose-built environment.



**B**YC offers a place for young people to meet, play music, sport, games, arts and crafts and sharing time together.

## What's On Offer?

We offer space for young people to get together outside school hours. Here are just some of the facilities and opportunities on the doorstep;

- **Sofa Lounge Area**
- **Sports hall e.g. football, table tennis, basketball, table tennis, pool, dance, arts & crafts**
- **Tuck shop and Kitchen**
- **Computer Corner**
- **Outings e.g. skating, rock climbing, cinema, nature walks**
- **Talks/workshops e.g. cooking/baking, cyber safety, drama, drugs awareness**
- **Confidential support from staff or school nurse**
- **Facility hire for parties/events**

## Your Club, Your Village, Your Ideas

Batheaston Youth Club is run by two qualified youth workers, Julie Russell and Belinda

Milsom on Tuesdays and Thursdays during term time from 6.30pm to 9.00pm each week. More than ever, our Youth Leaders understand the impact of lockdown and the effects of being cut off from family, friends and education.

We want to hear from our young people about what activities they would like to do together, in the months ahead. So, if you are a young person reading this, or can put ideas forward on behalf of the young people you know, please fill in the questionnaire on page 15 and return your comments to [hello@batheastontimes.co.uk](mailto:hello@batheastontimes.co.uk) by Friday 19th August. We'll do our best to shape these ideas into local plans for the future.

## Events

Term-time Drop-in Sessions  
Tuesdays 6.30pm-9.00pm  
Thursdays 6.30pm-9.00pm

## Contact Us:

01225 859324  
Batheaston Youth Club, School Lane,  
Batheaston BA1 7EP







# Batheaston & Bathford Scouts\*

Scouting for young people in Batheaston and Bathford \*aka 23rd Bath Avondale is provided by 23rd Bath (Avonvale) Scout Group.

If you have a strong sense of curiosity and adventure, then Scouting could be just for you. Whether you're 6yrs + and want to learn new skills and experience new challenges and adventures, or 18yrs + and interested in helping young people to develop their confidence and skills, the local Scout Group would love to hear from you.

You may have noticed the Scouts helping on several stands at the Batheaston village fête. They were running the Axe Throwing challenge (very popular), helping at the coconut shy, the skittle alley and, showing great hospitality skills serving food, drinks and clearing tables in the village hall. Scouts were also on hand to help set up the event and clear up at the end of the day. It really was a great way for them to get involved in the community and see first-hand that 'many hands make light work', take on such events with a can-do attitude and have fun in the process.

Our Scout Leaders equip young people with skills for life through weekly sessions run from the Scout Hut. Camping, climbing, hiking, orienteering, swimming, cycling and canoeing are just some of the adventures on offer. So the young people learn to cope with and expect the unexpected. They become confident by rolling their sleeves up to get involved in supporting local community events such as Batheaston

Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, The Church Fete, Batheaston Art Trail, and other fundraising events. Scouts feel a great sense of achievement, grow in confidence and ability ... and to put their mobile phones to one side!

**You're never too old to have fun with Scouting**  
Scouting depends on volunteers from all walks of life. Getting involved is a great way to connect with this age group and really is not a big ask. From helping out once a year, to once a term, a couple of hours a month, or more, it really does make a big difference and broadens the range of skills we can offer our scouts. Please come forward if you feel you can help in any way. All our leaders are DBS checked and training will be provided if required.

- **Beavers for 6-8 year olds**  
6.00pm -7.15pm on Thursdays
- **Cubs for 8-10.5 year olds**  
Monday 6.30-8.00pm
- **Scouts for 10.5 – 14.5 year olds**  
Thursday evenings

Follow on Facebook @23rdBathScouts or visit our website <https://23rdbathscouts.org/>

# WERN

Batheaston Village  
Agent – WERN  
(West of England  
Rural Network)



I've been busy meeting and supporting lots of new people and groups in the village since I started as a new Village Agent in Batheaston. I was delighted to be involved in the first community lunch in the new Village Hall on 10th June. It was a real joy to see so many people enjoying a delicious lunch and live music in this lovely facility after all the isolation imposed by Covid. I can't wait to see even more people at the next one we are planning.

The new Village Hall also hosts the new weekly Parent Carers' group, a support group for parents of children with Special Educational Needs. This is open to any parent during term time on Fridays 10.30-12.30.

As well as supporting these groups I can also help individuals on a one-to-one basis with a range of issues such as:

- Finding appropriate support if you or a loved one is struggling to live independently at home
- Access to benefits
- Struggling with finances, bills or debt

As I live in the village you will probably see me around, at the school gate or down by the river. However the service I provide is entirely confidential and free to all residents of B&NES.

I have lots of information and resources so feel free to give me a call on 01275 333700 (leave a message and I will get back to you) or you can find me at Penny's Pantry in the Rhymes Pavilion most Wednesday mornings. I've also been joined by another new Village Agent, Mary-Jane King, who is covering the St Catherine's Valley area as well as Charlcombe Valley. Come and join us for a coffee!



**New Village Agent,  
Mary-Jane King**

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# Youth Questionnaire



We'd like to organise more appealing activities for younger residents in Batheaston, we need your help!

If you're a teenager, young resident, parent, grandparent or carer, family friend or neighbour, we'd like to hear your ideas for supporting our younger community and kids. Please send your ideas to [hello@batheastontimes.co.uk](mailto:hello@batheastontimes.co.uk) by Friday 19th August. Your replies will be treated in confidence and we will do our best to introduce new activities in the autumn.

**Q1. What age group would you most like to see more activities for and why?**  
eg. 11-14 years, 14-16 years, 16-18 years, 18-24 years?

**Q2. What indoor activities would you like to see for your preferred age group?**  
eg. sport, dance, music, art, theatre, chill out time (just somewhere to chat).

**Q3. What outdoor activities would you like to see for your preferred age group? eg. sport, watersport, music, hiking/eco walks and talks.**

**Q4. What activities would your preferred age group like to do, away from the village e.g. cinema night, photography class, concert trip?**

**Q5. Could you help get some new activities off the ground?**  
If yes, we will keep you posted email.

**Q6. If you have any further comments, please send us your views.**

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Batheaston Times Team

**contact: [hello@batheastontimes.co.uk](mailto:hello@batheastontimes.co.uk)**





# Local Volunteers Needed! Can You Help?

Our local school, church, youth club, scouts group, charitable organisations and clubs need you to help our community grow.



We need...

Volunteer drivers,  
Social media gurus,  
Web designers,  
Cooks & Bakers,  
Event organisers,  
Fundraisers,  
Hosts,  
Workshop organisers  
and more.

If you'd like to get involved,  
please get in touch:  
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