

QUARTERLY ISSUE #7



AUTUMN 2023 EDITION

Batheaston Times

Your go-to guide for all the village news & events



♥ The Community & Food Festival!

♥ The Big Bonfire Night!

♥ The Annual Art Trail!

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Here's to new beginnings!

I'd like to take this opportunity, too, to wish all our young people returning to school or university a great start for the new academic year.



Now it's back to school! I've been asked to introduce this edition of the fabulous Batheaston Times as Kevin Guy, Chair of Batheaston Leadership Group, is just now enjoying a well-earned summer break. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer and a chance to get away from the usual routine – often despite the British weather! I'd like to take this opportunity, too, to wish all our young people returning to school or university a great start for the new academic year. Here's to new beginnings!

I'd also like to thank all the volunteers who have kept village institutions such as Penny's Pantry and the Village Hall's own Pop-Up Pub running throughout the summer holidays. I don't know about you, but now I'm really looking forward to a new season of village events, starting with Grow Batheaston's Community and Food Festival on 16th September.

Batheaston Times reveals the beating heart of this village. In these pages you'll read about all the dedicated voluntary groups who form the beating heart of our amazing village, coming together to cater for all interests, for both young and old. Reading this issue, I can't believe how many experiences our wonderful village has to offer. So, if you happen to have some time on your hands, and would like to get more involved in village life in any capacity at all, read on - because a world of opportunity awaits.

Sarah Warren
Ward Councillor



Autumn events calendar

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

NEW EVENT!

GROW BATHEASTON'S COMMUNITY & FOOD FESTIVAL

New Village Hall & Field
Saturday September 16th
12-5pm

Come and support your local growers, food producers and community groups. Good food and drink available, enjoyable music and children's entertainment. Free event but donations welcomed.

YOUTH CLUB

Tuesdays & Thursdays
6.30-9pm
School Lane
for 11-21 year olds

Young people can meet their friends in a safe and friendly environment, by just chilling or joining in with activities. Youth workers engaged young people in many different activities and workshops. 07905 905970

GB FOOTBALL CLUB

Every Saturday 9-11am
Weather dependent

New girls only group for 2023!

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

KUNG FU BATH

Every Wednesday
Youth Club
5-11 years - 6-6.45pm
Scout Hut
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/

AVONVALE 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

POP-UP PUB

Fridays 29th September, 27th October & 24th Nov
6pm - 9pm

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 to book tickets, and then pay on the evening. £15 will get you 3 drinks and nibbles.



NEW EVENT!

SCOUT BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS NIGHT

Batheaston Village
Saturday November 4th

As before, we are running a "pay what you can afford" ticket price scheme. This is already live on our website: www.23rdbathscouts.org A great view of the fireworks and a fantastic family evening out while supporting the scouts only fundraising event of the year.

NEW EVENT!

BATHEASTON SCARECROW TRAIL 2023

Sunday 8th October - Sunday 29th October
Batheaston Village

Trail maps will be available for £4 from Batheaston School, Batheaston Spar and Robbie's Plaice from Wednesday 11th October.



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/

BEAVERS & SCOUTS

Scout Hut, every Thursday

Beavers (ages 6-8)
6 - 7.15pm
23rdbathscouts.org/beavers/

Scouts (ages 10.5-14)
7.30 - 9pm
23rdbathscouts.org/scouts/

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

AERO-TONE-LATES

Every Monday 6-7pm
New Village Hall
20 mins aerobics, 20 mins toning and 20 mins Pilates. Contact Jane on 07866604341.

WALKING FIT CLUB

Daily one hour circular walks from the best pubs and cafes in Bath, 50 different walks. For more info contact Jane at jane_braham@hotmail.com or 07866604341. www.walkingfitclub.com

WALKING FOOTBALL

Rhymes Field
Wednesdays
5.30-6.30pm

Are you looking to stay active and enjoy football at a slower pace? All abilities welcome, aimed at over 50's, grass surface, £3 per session. info@bathcityfoundation.org



NEW EVENT!

GROW BATHEASTON'S ANNUAL ART TRAIL WEEKEND

Sat 7th and Sun 8th October

Multiple artists and designers are once again coming together to launch our village's Art Trail weekend. It consists of a walking route around the village with stops at the studios of local artists. St. John the Baptist Church and the Batheaston New Village Hall provide further exhibition spaces.

NEW EVENT!

LIZZIE'S SOUP RUN CHARITY FUNDRAISER

Friday 13th October 2023
Doors open 6.30pm

Live music, quiz and raffle for Lizzie's soup run. Bar and snacks.

Maximum of 8 to a quiz team, £7 per entry per person. To register email leannebulbeck@hotmail.com. Every penny raised will go to Lizzie's soup run.

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. www.facebook.com/groups/170815826444823



SEN (SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS) PARENT / CARERS CAFE
Fridays 10.30-12.30 term time only. Upstairs room, Batheaston New Village Hall

If you are a parent or a carer join us for a chance to talk with other parent carers in a happy friendly place with coffee, tea and cake too. Anyone involved in any way caring for a young person with SEND, regardless of a diagnosis, is always very welcome. roxyrussell1985@gmail.com

SOLSBURY SINGS COMMUNITY CHOIR

New Village Hall
Every Monday
7.30-8.45 pm

A friendly mixed choir for all abilities
Contact Cathy - cathy@solsburysings.co.uk

CREATIVE ROOTS -

Mikes Meadow, Northend, Batheaston, BA1 7EP
Family mornings the last Saturday of each month.

www.bookwhen.com/creativeroots

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



HAVE AN EVENT IDEA?
hello@batheaston-times.co.uk

New Village Hall

We've been buzzing with activity with plenty more to come!

The September school term sees the return of our regular weekly classes (see listings below). We'll also be hosting lots of public and private events like life celebrations, baby showers, children's parties, yoga retreats and Pilates, to name but a few.

Do get in touch if you're looking for a local venue to hire. You can check availability and book directly through the calendar on the website <https://www.batheastonhall.org/calendar/> . Click the plus sign on the date you're interested in.

BNVH Branches Out. We've new curtains in the main hall, new benches outside, and we are looking into adding more AV equipment to enable screenings. So, what else would you like to see happening at your village hall? Might this include a new amateur dramatics group for a village mourning the sad demise of Encore. Do get in touch with Ali about your suggestions/ideas at booking@batheastonhall.org.

Regular Weekly Classes – (please check the calendar for start back dates)

Mondays

We now have Monday daytime availability if you are interested in starting a new regular class or event
Aero-tone-itates 6-7pm www.aero-tone-itates.com
Solsbury Sings 7.30-8.45pm www.solsburysings.co.uk
Tiny Minds – starting 30th October – 9.30-10.15am
<https://bookwhen.com/tinyminds#focus=ev-sioq-20230815093000>

Tuesdays

Toddlers 9.30-11am www.facebook.com/groups/170815826444823
Watercolour Art 9.30am-12.30pm www.rachelmoyawilliams.co.uk
Pilates – 9.30-10.30am www.pure-focus.co.uk

Wednesdays

Zumba – 9.30-10.15am jess.harding-wyatt@live.co.uk
Pilates – 6.25-7.10pm & 7.30-8.30pm www.pilateswithgaby.co.uk
Bath Show Choir – 7.30-9pm www.bathshowchoir.com

Thursdays

Curious Child 9.30-10.45am & 11.15am- 12.30pm www.thecuriouschild.co.uk

Pilates 10-11am www.pure-focus.co.uk
Yoga – 12-1pm shenyoga.co.uk
Yoga – 6.15-7.15pm millie.trinkwon@btinternet.com
Ceroc – 7.30 – 22.45pm, Zoe Beauvoisin 07590 594823 dance@cerocdance.co.uk

Fridays

Singing Tree / Singing Mamas, 9.30-10.30am –
Contact Noeline Beesley 07583 449200
SEN (Special Educational Needs) Parent/Carer Café,
10.30-12.30 – contact katy@wern.co.uk

Further Public Events Sept - Nov:

Book Club – first Tuesday of every month 7-8.15pm –
contact julijai@hotmail.co.uk

Community Monthly Lunch – Fridays 15th September, 20th October, 17th November from 12.30pm, contact katy@wern.co.uk

Pop-up pub – monthly Fridays 29th September, 27th October 24th November villagepopuppub1@gmail.com

Grow Batheaston Community Food Festival –
Saturday 16th September 12-5pm chris.cox104@googlemail.com

Restorative Yoga – Tuesday 26th September 7-8pm
millie.trinkwon@btinternet.com

Family Constellation Workshops Wed 4th October,
1st & 29th November 10.30am-3.30pm www.jamiecolston.com/systemic-constellations
Batheaston Art Trail – 7th & 8th October <https://www.growbatheaston.co.uk/art-trail>
Liz's Soup Run Charity Quiz Night –
Friday 13th October

October

Bath Welcomes Refugees Syrian Feast and Auction
– Saturday 14th October
Solsbury Hill Ensemble Community Coffee Morning Concert - Sunday 15th October. All welcome, including children!
Yoga Retreat Day – Saturday 18th November 10am-4pm, contact hello@rachelstacey-mckay.com

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Batheaston Church School

'That they may have life, life in all its fullness.' John 10:10






































































































Batheaston Church School

Living life in all its fullness

C **“Live life in all its fullness”.** This Bible phrase is the motto of all the schools in our Bath and Wells Multi-Academy Trust. We look back on all the occasions this last school year when our children lived out this motto, and indeed our own school’s vision of ‘Dream, Aspire and Achieve’.

This last year has given us rich experiences, from overnight residentials to pond dipping with an expert from the world of television! We were out and about in the community celebrating the King's coronation. Then we hosted French visitors from our twin town of Oudon. We have put on spectacular stage productions. We have taken part in sporting festivals with other local schools and competed in our own annual family sports day. Meanwhile we've been thinking of others less fortunate than ourselves by running in our annual "race for life". We've travelled the world as part of our whole school Geography Day.

And, nearer to home, we have tasted the delights of Bath City Farm, the American Museum and the Roman Baths.

We dare to “think outside the box” and it’s been a mammoth year for our ambitious curriculum. We’ve pushed the boundaries and gone way beyond our classroom walls. Our Twitter feed exploded as it documented so much of the children’s activities, allowing our parents to see for themselves the fun and excitement our children have in their daily learning. As you see, we are passionate about making the most of every opportunity presented to us.

Could you become part of our growing Batheaston Family? If you have a young child starting school for the first time in September 2024, do come along to one of our open events and see for yourself all the amazing opportunities we could offer your child. We look forward to welcoming you.

Grow Batheaston

Working together from the ground up



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JOIN A CLUB
OR VOLUNTEER!
growbatheaston.co.uk

B **Saturday September 16th: GB Community Food Festival, 12-5pm** inside/outside Batheaston New Village Hall, free but donations welcomed. Come and support your local growers and food producers. Good food and drink available, enjoyable music and children's entertainment.

Saturday September 16th: Bathscape's Walking Festival's free 4 mile guided walk 10.30 – 12.30pm. This starts in the Secret/Forest Gardens, and leads to the new National Trust areas. Meet representatives of GB and of the National Trust and enjoy some fresh air! The walk optionally ends at the Food Festival. (for more information www.bathscape.co.uk)

The Forest Garden hidden behind the Secret Garden. Here GB volunteers have been planting edible and other useful plants, working with nature and encouraging wildlife. This garden has been used for educational purposes and visitor feedback has been very positive. Meanwhile GB is thrilled to have been invited to be a part of Avon Wildlife Trust's Wildlife Champions Network.

Saturday September 30th: GB takes part in Bath Abbey's Extraordinary Earth (EE) Day. The aim is to engage Abbey visitors about climate and sustainability matters. Luke Jerram's Gaia artwork will be on display. This should be an amazing and thought-provoking event.

7th and 8th October: GB's 3rd Annual Art Trail Weekend. Building on two years of great success, come once more and enjoy the extraordinary talent of our local artists.

Children's Football on the Rhymes Pavilion Field, Saturday Mornings 9 – 11am. This popular event runs from September, giving professional football coaching to boys and girls. The first session free, £5 thereafter.

Walking Football on the Rhymes Pavilion field, Wednesdays 5.30 - 6.30pm, until mid-October (then continuing if indoor winter venue found). If you are over 50, male or female, wanting to keep fit, why not try this? Contact Richard Turner 07793 270762 for further details.

GB Needs Your Help!

- Could you help distribute our Art Trail leaflet? This will show all art venues and refreshments stops.
- Could you help with our regular working parties?
- Could to offer your expertise as one of our trustees?

Please contact hello@growbatheaston.co.uk.

Email: hello@growbatheaston.co.uk

Website: www.growbatheaston.co.uk



Batheaston & Bathford Scouts*

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

3 **rd Bath (Avonvale) Scouts had a very active Autumn camp again this year** with over 25 Scouts and Cubs travelling to Dorset. Autumn camps are the highlight of Scouting, and this year proved no exception. The cubs (aged 8 – 10) camped from Saturday to Tuesday and the Scouts (aged 10 – 14) camped for a full 6 nights.

As with everything this year, the weather played its part! Both the Cubs and the Scouts had to pitch camp wearing full waterproofs: they showed amazing resilience. They had to battle the elements from the moment they arrived on site until they went to bed. The leaders were so impressed with their positive approach. The day was in fact so wet that one of the tents had to be moved in the evening due to flooding in the field.

Luckily the weather did cheer up quickly and a fantastic camp was had by all. Activities included Climbing on sea cliffs, A-Frame racing, Slacklining, an Escape Room, a Navigation Challenge, Swimming

and à la carte Dining (3 courses, all cooked on an open fire). The highlight this year was our day trip to Brownsea Island, where the first ever Scout camp took place in 1907. Group members were able to reconfirm their Scout promise and invest new members and leaders as they stood round the Scouting Memorial Stone.

Autumn Plans:

• **We hope to hold our annual Survival Camp on the Equinox weekend.** This is a night hike challenge that will see Scouts walking from sunset to sunrise.

• **Our annual Scout Bonfire and Fireworks Night** takes place in the village on Saturday November 4th. As before, we are running a "pay what you can afford" ticket price scheme. This is already live on our website: www.23rdbathscouts.org

• **23rd Bath (Avonvale) Scouts is currently looking for commercial sponsors** and supporters for Bonfire Night. Do get in touch for further information, or to offer sponsorship: www.23rdbathscouts.org.



COMMUNITY & FOOD FESTIVAL!

AT THE NEW VILLAGE HALL, BATHEASTON
SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 12-5PM



Championing local suppliers, producers and a circular economy.

- Live music from Runny Snott Band
- Re-use/re-cycle stall
- Café and food available from Siam Kitchen and Bianco Rosso Pizza
- Artisans and crafters
- Community interest groups – National Trust, Bathscape and the WI

For more information visit growbatheaston.co.uk/event

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Batheaston Medical Centre

We try to be as accessible as possible to our patients and strive to provide the best quality of care from both from our clinical team and our administration team.

We want to thank all of our patients who took part in the National GP Patient Survey. On every question our Practice came in above both national and local averages. It was really rewarding for our hard-working staff to receive such fantastic feedback.

Batheaston Medical Centre's patient list is growing, and the range of services we offer is growing too. We work closely with Fairfield Park Health Centre and Widcombe Surgery, all part of the Bath Independents Primary Care Network. Together we employ a Social Prescriber, a Mental Health Practitioner, a Physiotherapist, Pharmacists, and a Paramedic who provides home visits.

Our Reception and Admin. Team is busier than ever - the phone rarely stops ringing. The Team assesses patient requests and navigates people to the appropriate service. For example, we might sometimes refer a patient directly to the Community Pharmacy Team, so freeing up a GP or nurse appointment. The Team can also book a physio appointment for a patient within a week. If the patient insists on seeing a GP first, this referral route could take several weeks.

As you see, we are beginning to work in new ways. Meanwhile our GPs are seeing more patients per day than pre-Covid, and we are having to manage this workload. We will soon be launching an online appointment booking system. Patients will be able to send in a form via our website. Our response might be a prescription sent directly to the chemist, general advice, or, where appropriate, the offer of a GP or nurse appointment.

We need your help!

- Our active Patient Participation Group (PPG) gets together three times a year. We meet to discuss recent Practice changes and to gather your feedback. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested, please contact Julie.higginson1@nhs.net

- The PPG has highlighted our need for volunteer drivers and coordinators to help in transporting elderly and infirm patients to the Practice and to hospital appointments. If you are interested in volunteering for a few hours a week or month, again please contact Julie.higginson1@nhs.net

Colour me in

Autumnal doodles



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.



Hello and Welcome to Penny's Pantry Batheaston Times page!

- We'd love to welcome you to our social events either as a guest or as a volunteer helper.
- If you can join our team of volunteers, please don't hold back, you'll be warmly welcomed.

Our volunteers run a drop-in coffee morning each Wednesday at the Rhymes Pavilion. We usually offer coffee, homemade cake, other edible goodies and lots of local news. Here you're likely to bump into local Councillors, police, Village Agents, church leaders and/or welfare advisors. So it's a great place to find out about local support services.

We also run a monthly village lunch at Batheaston New Village Hall, usually on the third Friday. We keep going all year round! Come and enjoy this lovely social occasion celebrating good honest home cooked food. Perhaps you could accompany a family member or neighbour who is somewhat housebound? Mixed age groups are welcome.

- Friday 15th September
- Friday 20th October
- Friday 17th November
- Friday 15th December

We ask you to book lunch in advance. To do this, contact the Rhymes Café team on Wednesday morning, email Sarah Sheppard on

bernina@uwclub.net or call Katy from WERN on 07876 035600.

We Want to Say Thank You to Our Supporters
Batheaston New Village Hall, Batheaston Parish Council, Bathford Allotment Holders, Chris Rich Farm Shop, Jones Convenience Store, Larkhall Butchers, Morrisons Supermarket

We Contribute to Community Development by Supporting

- **Wednesday Weekly Coffee Morning** - 10.00am -12.00noon, Rhymes Pavilion, Coalpit Road
- **Village Lunch Monthly** - 12.30pm - 3.00pm, BNH
- **SEN (Special Educational Needs) Carers Group** – Friday mornings term-time 10.00-12.00pm BNH
- **BLG (Batheaston Leadership Group)** - quarterly meetings
- **Other Community Events** e.g. Jubilee and Coronation celebrations, local fundraisers etc.

Food Pantry

We are currently exploring alternative storage options to help us re-introduce food provision locally.

Meanwhile if you know anyone facing challenging circumstances affecting their personal food supplies, please contact our **Village Agent Katy on 07876 035600 for further advice.**

Batheaston Parish Council



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



How much can be achieved when a community comes together for the benefit of all residents and visitors!

The Playground Working Group was delighted to open the new area of the park last month following the successful completion of Phase 2 of the re-development programme. The area now has exciting new equipment to enhance the play value of the park, and comes with a modern, durable safety surface. The Working Group comprises residents and Parish Councillors. We are enormously grateful for the time and energy that all members contributed in order to deliver the project. And we would also like to thank the volunteers and businesses who were so generous in giving time, skills and resources.

The Parish Council has embarked on a project to rehabilitate the Rhymes. This has stood on the playing fields in Batheaston

for many years. Those that have used the Pavilion in recent times will have noticed that it is a little dilapidated and in need of some care and attention. Our project may require that the Rhymes be replaced eventually by a building that will offer many more facilities for the community than the present building. But before any major work can be done, we need your views on what the community wants and needs. We will be sending out a consultation document. Please respond. The more views and ideas we receive, the better we can ensure that we have a building that suits the needs of Batheaston.

The Suffragette Memorial in Northend will soon be complete. The illustrations and graphics are finished and within the next few weeks the memorial will be open for all to see. It commemorates the essential role that Batheaston played in the Suffragette movement in the early 20th century.

Batheaston Twinning Association

The BTA is designed to encourage friendship and increase understanding between the residents of Batheaston & Oudon in the Loire Valley in France



Batheaston Twinning Association (BTA) has once again welcomed our Oudon friends. They came in late May on their first visit since 2019.

We had a busy programme. On Friday morning Batheaston School welcomed our visitors to a Question & Answer Session, French stories were read and French songs were sung. Batheaston and Oudon are now running projects about each other's schools, and we hope this marks an enduring cooperation.

We are grateful to BNVH and its committee for acting as our hosts over much of the twinning weekend. It was the first time that the Oudonnais had seen our wonderful hall, to which they had themselves subscribed 500 euros. And it was here we gave them our formal welcome with a "vin d'honneur", a glass of wine. That evening the Pop-Up Pub went all out, even introducing our bemused friends to Morris dancing and "rosbif".

Our guests took Saturday and Sunday daytimes to relax or sightsee. On Saturday

evening we held a ceilidh, with the Canny Band and Forbes Robertson as the caller. Our thanks go to the Parish Council for making us a grant of £500. This allowed us, among other things, to invite villagers to the ceilidh free of charge. On the Sunday late afternoon/evening we ran a relaxed barbecue. Our thanks go to Mary Johnson for being chef de cuisine on both nights. Thanks also go to her helpers, and to Martin Veal for running the barbecue. Again, the weather was kind and younger, more sporty types made good use of the hall field.

We had forty Oudon visitors this year, newcomers and old hands. This was one of our highest numbers to date, and we are grateful to our hosts. We had four new host families. They all said they would do it again, and are up for visiting Oudon next year. Visitors stay with host families without charge or payment. The only cost is travel. If you would like to know more, please contact me at pdavenport@kyle222.plus.com.

Peter Davenport, Chair, BTA

JOIN
OUR FUN &
FRIENDLY
FOOTBALL
CLUB!

GROW BATHEASTON'S JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

9AM - 11AM EVERY SATURDAY*
AT THE RHYMES PAVILION, BATHEASTON
* WEATHER PERMITTING, FROM FEBRUARY - NOVEMBER



Since 2021, Grow Batheaston has run junior football coaching sessions every Saturday at the Batheaston Football Pitch for primary school age boys and girls. Main objectives are for the kids to have fun, get some exercise, learn about teamwork and respect one another. Along with kids from Batheaston, we also have children from Bathford, Bathampton and Bath city, we're fully inclusive.

We have 6 qualified coaches from Bath City FC, Sporting Sensations and Grow Batheaston to coach the lessons for girls & boys from 4 - 10 years old, where we naturally form groups as they progress according to skill, age and commitment, including a new all girls group for 2023.

First 2 hour session is free and £5 each week after that with fresh fruit thrown in!

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.GROWBATHEASTON.CO.UK/GBFC

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.



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BE A VOLUNTEER,
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Batheaston Youth Club (BYC) is a place for young people to meet, learn and plan activities together in a supportive, purpose-built environment.

What's New?

We're delighted to tell you that lots of our young residents have started coming to BYC for the first time. They have been enjoying each other's company, playing games and music and trying out some new activities. This is an exciting opportunity after lockdown for our young folk to put forward their ideas.

The Club

BYC gives a space to relax and have some fun locally. Most importantly it gives young people a chance to share time together outside school hours. BYC offers:

- Sofa Lounge area
- Sports Hall
- Tuck shop and kitchen

- Computer Corner
- Outings
- Talks/workshops
- Confidential support from staff or school nurse
- BYC can be hired for parties/events

BYC is led by two qualified youth workers, Julie Russell and Belinda Milsom, and runs drop-in evenings on Tuesday and Thursday during term time, 6.30pm – 9.00pm.

Fresh Ideas

We want to learn from our young people about what activities they would enjoy 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, send these ideas to hello@batheastontimes.co.uk. We'll do our best to make interesting plans for the future.

Contact us: 01225 859324,
Batheaston Youth Club, School Lane,
Batheaston BA17EP.



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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.

Dear Friends,
I always enjoy this time of year, the beginning of the new academic year. Maybe it's because I was a teacher for quite a few years, or maybe it's because I always liked school, (only now do I realise this is unusual!). This season seems to offer a new beginning part-way through the calendar year- a chance for a fresh start, a new chapter, a different energy. Forthcoming Events: Many of the events we look forward to are very familiar, but perhaps we might infuse them with that sense of a fresh energy. If you have thoughts on how to make them even more enjoyable and inclusive then please let us know (see contact details below).

- **Harvest Festival** September 24th, 10 am Service at St John's, with Harvest Lunch to follow (you can book this via church or Penny's Pantry). Do bring long-life groceries to church, up to and on the day, for us to forward to the Bath Food Bank.
- Saturday 30th September 9:30-11am at BNVDH. For all ages! Come and bake a Harvest Treat.
- **Harvest Festival Service** St Catherine's, 3pm Sunday October 1st
- **Batheaston Art Trail**, Weekend of October 7/8th. Drop in to St John's for art displays and for

light lunches and snacks.

- **Vicar's Desert Island Poems**, 4pm Sunday 15th October at St John's with refreshments.
- **Auction Evening** Saturday October 21st, 7pm at St John's. Great prizes, drinks and nibbles!
- **All Souls Thanksgiving Service** Sunday 29th October 3pm at St John's with tea and cake to follow.
- **Remembrance Sunday**, November 12th, Holy Communion at 9.45 at St John's 9:45am, 10:45am at the War Memorial.

I am convinced that God is 'ever old and ever new', offering us energy and vitality to engage with one another for good. May the start of the new school year give us, individually and as a village, a sense of a new season opening before us, full of possibility and hope.

With every blessing,
Lauretta

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Batheaston Village

A recent drone shot showcasing some of the village



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I am Katy and I work very closely with all the agencies in BaNES helping adults within our community access the services they need.

Below are a couple of excellent resources that you can access yourself. Alternatively, I am myself very happy to help you access services, or just to have a cup of tea and a chat about what help and support you might need.

Community Well-Being Hub

(for more information visit the website www.communitywellbeinghub.co.uk. Or call directly on 0300 247 0050)

The Hub provides a central port of call, allowing you to access a range of services to improve your health and wellbeing. If you live in Bath and North East Somerset, you can contact their friendly triage assessment team and get the advice and support you need.

The Hub offers a range of services to support you with:

- Debt, money advice and benefits support
- Short term financial help in a crisis
- Housing advice
- Access to low-cost food
- Practical support to improve your mental health
- Finding employment

- Advice on employment issues
- Keeping active and healthy
- Achieving a healthy weight for the whole family
- Improving your cooking skills on a budget
- Managing type 2 Diabetes
- Stopping smoking
- Practical and emotional support to help you build confidence, independence and connecting you with your local community

BaNES Free Health and Well-Being Courses
(visit www.wellbeing-courses.co.uk for more information and to sign up)

These FREE courses are on offer to BaNES residents over the age of 16. They come both face-to-face and on-line. There are all sorts of topics covered such as

- I.T. Skills
- Cooking
- Mindfulness
- Feel Good Walks

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National Trust

The National Trust is delighted to announce the creation of a 'green corridor' at Bathampton Meadows, linking the historic city centre to surrounding countryside.

We've had a busy few months! Our volunteers started butterfly surveys back in May and these continue until the end of

September. We survey butterflies across much of our land. We've been doing this at Bath Skyline and Prior Park Landscape Garden for many years now, as butterflies are a great indicator of the quality of grassland. Here at the Meadows we've been lucky enough to record small tortoiseshell, peacock, painted lady, red admiral and meadow browns. All this data is being recorded in a national database.

In June we had our very first school visit, with children and their teachers spending time exploring the Meadows and having fun on a bug hunt. In July Holly Dabbs held creative art activity sessions for us. And the landscape architect that we're working with held some walking and talking workshops, along with drop-in sessions. Through all these events, and through our online survey, we are capturing your views

on the Meadows. I'm sure key themes will emerge, and we hope to share these with you over the winter. Certainly, many of you want to see more wildlife across the Meadows, while leaving plenty of room for dog walking.

Over the Autumn you may have seen some brown patches in the Meadows. We have been busy testing different wildflower seed mixes. The best performing ones will be seeded in certain areas next spring.

As Autumn gives way to autumn, I'm looking forward to some crisp mornings and warm days at Bathampton Meadows. Meanwhile keep an eye on the noticeboards at both ends of Bathampton Meadows. We're holding another art session with Holly Dabbs on the 23 September. So if you missed out in July, we'd love for you to join this next one.

Sarah Dann,
Community Warden

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Calling all volunteers!

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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