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Neighbourhood Shop; There are lots of great bargains to be found at the Hesters Way Neighbourhood shop; see page 30 for all you need to know.

About Viewpoint The **Viewpoint magazine** is distributed throughout the local area via schools, shops, community centres and other outlets happy to stock them. We also have a door to door service provided by volunteers. We attempt to offer as broad a coverage of the local area as our resources allow. If you would like to help us with distribution, even if its only to your street, please let us know and we will supply copies. Thanks!

West Cheltenham Directory If you would like a copy of our **Local Directory** listing all that goes on in the West of Cheltenham please let us know. Free copies can be picked up at Hesters Way and Springbank Community Centres and an online version of the magazine and the new map can be downloaded at

www.hwpartnership.org.uk/ or contact the Hesters Way Partnership office:

01242 575638 / 228262 jennyperkin@hwpartnership.org.uk

We at **Hesters Way Partnership** (HWP) are keeping the West Cheltenham residents up to date with all that's best in the area. We will happily visit your event, promote your new project or give you a little extra publicity if you are strengthening our community.

The Hesters Way Partnership is helping to develop a **Neighbourhood Development Plan** and needs the help of community volunteers to make it happen. If you are interested in shaping the future of West Cheltenham and have some spare time to offer why not join in. We already have 68 local people signed up for the forum but the more the merrier!

For details see page 3 or see the presentation or video online at; www.hwpartnership.org.uk/neighbourhoodplan.html

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The second meeting of the **Neighbourhood Development Forum** took place on 13th April with 24 local residents discussing the area that the plan will cover and its constitution. The outcome of detailed discussions can be found on the dedicated Neighbourhood Plan page of the Hesters Way Partnership website.

The designated area is bounded by the River Chelt to the north, the Gloucester Road to the east, and south and the edge of Cheltenham to the west. Final agreement will be made at the next meeting.

The constitution document, despite being complicated and rather formal was also finalised. The key points for the future were addressed in the aims and objectives section. A flavour of these are as follows;

- the **social, economic and environmental well-being** of West Cheltenham
- **allocating sites for business, retail and housing development** including affordable housing
- solutions for **transport, traffic and parking issues**
- plans to **mitigate against the effects of climate change**
- **protection for existing buildings/areas of note** and worth
- **support for local businesses, schools and community spaces** such as libraries, community centres and public facilities
- **protection of green spaces** and bringing environmental benefits to the area.

Your views are vital!

We will need to **involve as many residents, local workers and local businesses** in the process as possible and **attract wide support** for the plan so if you'd like to get involved why not come along to the meetings, give us a call on the number in the box above or see the dedicated web page below;

www.hwpartnership.org.uk/neighbourhoodplan.html

The next
FORUM MEETING at;
**Hesters Way
Community Centre**
**Wednesday 8th June
at 5.30—7pm**

If you'd like to join in please
come along.

For information
01242 228262
jennyperkin@
hwpartnership.org.uk
www.hwpartnership.org.uk/
neighbourhoodplan.html

PIMP MY WHEELS

Ben Kelly, 31, LOCAL DJ ASKS BUDDING ARTISTS FOR HIS WHEELCHAIR TO BE PIMPED FOR A COOL NEW LOOK for his summer DJing events in 2016. Ben, who has Spina Bifida and hydrocephalus, says: "I spend every moment of my life in my wheelchair, and it looks pretty boring, to be honest. I'd love to have some cool, funky art to make it stand out and look awesome when I go to DJ at events."

Ben says: "I went into hospital in October 2015 and came out in January 2016, it could do with a revamp and I'm inviting any artistic talents who'd like to design me a cool new look to send me their ideas. I can then ride around showcasing their artwork, and I get funky new wheels! In my job as a DJ I want to show off my personality through my wheels and I'd love the design to reflect my fun side."

Ben is open to any ideas for the 'pimping' of his wheelchair. The chair style is Invacare, model spectra XTR HD, number 281113. The backrest measures 50cm from left to right and 60cm from top to bottom.

If artists want to find out more about Ben to help inform their designs, they can contact him at bkelly22001@hotmail.com or here: <https://www.facebook.com/bkthedj.karaoke.disco/>



CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

A Way with Words

We've met all sorts of groups from POPPs in Springbank and healthy walkers in Hesters Way, to the Living Room in Rowanfield and the Hester's Way Library Knit and Natter group.

Our Story Collectors have talked and listened to lots of wonderful people, and gathered a substantial collection of fascinating stories and reminiscences. We are also delighted to have had the interest and support of the Polish community, who organised a special story collection session – with delicious food!

Everyone has been very generous with their time, and we'd like to say a huge thank you to all our Story Providers. There are still opportunities to get involved with the project; new stories are welcome any time, and if you fancy being involved in the performance in October, just get in touch.

Summer project details will be posted on our website <http://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/education/take-part/community-outreach/> or get in touch via education@cheltenhamfestivals.com

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Springbank Way, Springbank
Cheltenham, Glos GL51 0LG
Tel: 01242 574511





Walk, Talk & Get Creative in Cheltenham

Get active together with our latest activities aimed at people aged 60+ living in Cheltenham.

A great way to meet new people & make new friends

Improve your confidence

Great for strength, balance and co-ordination

Connect to other social activities available in the local area

Refreshments available

Transport available*

The Cheltenham Trust is setting up a new programme of activities aimed at supporting people aged 60+ living in Cheltenham.

Join us on a health walk or at one of our fun activity sessions to music to help you get active and be social in a fun and welcoming environment.



Walk, Talk & Get Creative in Cheltenham

Get outdoors, meet new people and discover new places in your local area - first class free!

Walk Well is a volunteer led health walks programme around the town. The newest walk, from Cox's Meadow, meets every Tuesday at 2pm. Walks are completed at a steady pace and are suitable for people of all ages and abilities.

Active Balance and Move it or Lose it! are seated exercise classes which are easy to follow and aimed at people aged 60+.

For more information and to discuss any transport needs, please contact the Community Engagement Team on 01242 775202.

Tuesdays					To book
Active Balance	St Luke's Church Hall, St Luke's Place, Cheltenham GL53 7HP	11am-12noon	Weekly	£3.00 First class free!	Contact Dan McShee 07760 175132
Walk Well Health Walk	Cox's Meadow The Meadow Café, Old Bath Road, Leckhampton, GL53 7DF	2pm	Weekly	FREE	Contact Sean White 01242 774740
Move it or Lose it!	St Andrews Church Hall, Montpellier Street, Cheltenham GL50 1SP	Tuesdays 12.30 - 1.30pm Term time	Starts weekly from 5th April	£2.50 First class free!	Contact Angela Swales 07900 488533
Thursdays					
Active Balance	St Luke's Church Hall, St Luke's Place, Cheltenham GL53 7HP	11am-12noon	Weekly	£3.00 First class free!	Contact Dan McShee 07760 175132
Fridays					
Move it or Lose it!	Sacred Hearts Hall, Moorend Rd, Cheltenham GL53 9AU	Fridays 2-3pm Term time	Starts weekly from 8th April	£2.50 First class free!	Contact Kathy Chesters 07746 672726



*Transport available for individuals who would not be able to access the activity otherwise. For further information, please contact the number above.

RECLAIM

SHED NIGHT

Tuesday June 14th

5.30pm—7.00pm



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01242 228823



SIGN OF THE TIMES

New signage has just gone up at JTs Café at the Hesters Way Community Centre on PE Way. The café which caters to volunteers, visitors and tenants at the centre is increasingly being used as a meeting place for the community. Jim, owner of JTs is really pleased with the community use; *“We have tried to make sure that everyone in the community feels welcome here. We host events and activities including the health walkers every Tuesday, the POPPS group, business breakfast and a host of smaller meetings and casual get-togethers. We have free Wi-Fi which means people can catch up on social media or plug in their lap top for a meeting too.”*

I think all agree the atmosphere is vibrant and welcoming and the food is great too!



JTs Café at the
Hesters Way
Community
Centre, PE Way

CHELTENHAM REGENERATION CAFÉ



On May 7th Vision 21 launched Cheltenham's first Regeneration Café a regular event and it will take place on the first Saturday of every month between 10:00am-1:30pm at St Andrew's Church, Montpellier St. Cheltenham.

V21 have several experienced volunteers looking to repair amongst other things, electrical items, clothing and bicycles . There will be no charge for the repair, but they ask for a donation towards the charity to help cover their costs.

Members of the public are invited to bring an item in need of repair and then watch or help with its repair. Naturally, V21 will be carrying some spares and will have a go at mending most things, hey cannot guarantee to repair everything brought in, but will do their best!

Vision 21 is a small, but active charity and its Regeneration Café is not its only project to have opportunities for people wanting to volunteer their time and do their bit for the environment. V21 require people to give a couple of hours per week to help maintain the Edible Garden, in Anney Gardens in Sandford Park. Similarly, they could use some assistance, with the composting club in Lansdown, Cheltenham.

At the moment, their biggest venture, the Reclaim furniture re-use project (located on the Lansdown Industrial Estate) is up to its full complement of people, but we are always on the lookout for good quality used furniture and of course customers in search of value for money bargains. Last year, amongst other things, this project helped over 1900 low income families and provided vocational training to 22 unemployed people, 6 of which moved on into paid employment.

Although the Reclaim project itself is at full strength, V21 are able to run "Shed night" between 5:30-7:00pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month for people come and learn how to use simple tools. At the moment, we are building various types of bird boxes.

No membership is required to join in with any of our projects and for more info about our projects ring 01242

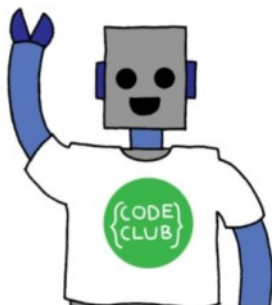
224321 or contact office@vision21.org.uk.

Vision 21 
GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Cheltenham Regeneration Cafe

**Sat 2nd July, Sat 6th Aug, Sat 3rd Sept, Sat 1st Oct, Sat 5th Nov and Sat 3rd Dec
10.00am – 2.00pm (last entry 1.30pm to allow for repairs)
St Andrews Church, Montpellier, Cheltenham, GL50 1SP**

CODE CLUB



WHEN

**Every Tuesday
during term time
4.30-5.30 pm**

WHERE

**Hesters Way
Library**

BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE

Ring lizzie on 07792 163605

Or

Register at the library

8-11 YEARS

WHY CODE?

Coding is fun.

**Learn to make
computer games,
animations and
websites.**

LOTS TO DO

**Create a rock
band.**

Get lost in space.

**Compete in a boat
race.**

LANGUAGES

Scratch

Python

HTML

CSS

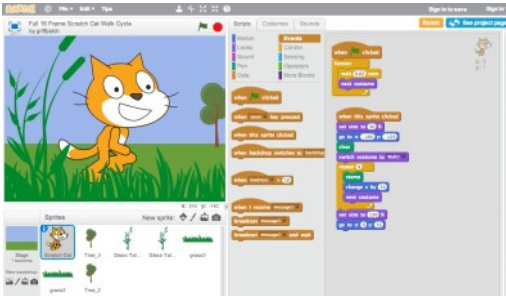
CODE & LEGO CLUB at Hesters Way Library

The Hesters Way library Code Club takes place every Tuesday, 4:30-5:30pm, in term time. The club was started in January 2016 and children can come along for free to learn how to write code to create games, quizzes, websites and other projects.

The Club has also now spawned a parallel Lego Club at the same time. Younger children can play with ordinary Lego and Duplo for the hour and for the older children there is also the opportunity to build and program a Lego robot.



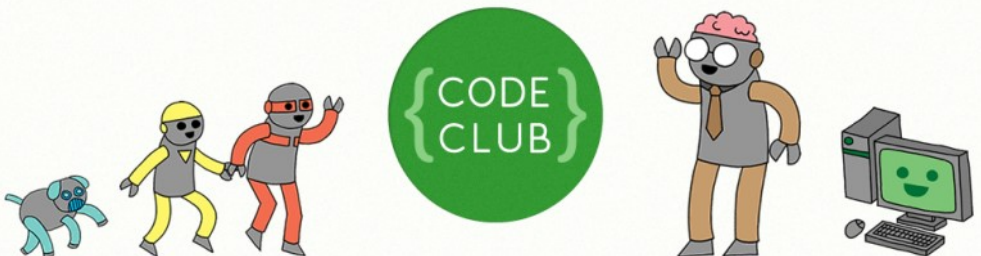
Code Club is a nationwide initiative (www.CodeClub.org.uk) aiming to encourage young children to get into coding and perhaps become the software developers of the future. The children start off by developing code using an attractive and intuitive tool called Scratch and then progress to web pages and even coding using Python (a coding language used in the real work place). All the children are picking up great coding skills and some show great promise as future developers.



The Club is run by a small band of keen volunteers who all work in the software development industry and want to encourage more enthusiasm for coding. More volunteers are always welcome (even for just one session a month) and, although an interest in coding is great, it is not essential as full instruction is provided. It could be a good opportunity to learn to code for the trainer too!

The club is organised by Cheltenham Coworking, a local community interest company, which is aiming to promote the benefits of more collaborative working for Cheltenham independent workers and small businesses. We are based in Hesters Way and are always looking for new ways to encourage coworkers to use their skills and experience in this community. Code/Lego Club is a great example of that. If anyone has any ideas for similar projects, talk to Tanya: tanya@cheltenhamcoworking.com Tel: 07494341781.

To join the Hesters Way library Code or Lego Club, either sign up at the library, or ring Lizzie on 07792163605.



Create on the Square opens July 2016!

Work is currently underway to turn an unused retail unit on Coronation Square into “a hub of creative entrepreneurial, social and collaborative activity”. The venue, named Create on the Square, is the joint vision of community arts cooperative, Axiom Arts, and not-for-profit company, Cheltenham Coworking.

The aim of the venue will be to link up like-minded people and provide an affordable and flexible space where they can develop their talents. Whatever talents emerge remains to be seen, but the venue already has interest in activities as diverse as puppet-making workshops, office sharing (coworking) sessions for independent workers with young children, a social entrepreneurs group, craft clubs and a LGBT book club. The venue capacity will be 20 people and the focus is on supporting the development of small interest groups (not on room hire).



Axiom Arts have been based in another former retail unit on Coronation Square since 2014 and have a strong commitment to the providing beneficial activities in the community. They are looking forward to expanding their programme in the new venue.



Cheltenham Coworking promotes the benefits of coworking in Cheltenham. The company sees West Cheltenham as a great place for business and is working hard to encourage more business regeneration in that area, primarily by providing opportunities for (existing and new) independent workers to get together, to inspire each other and benefit from the collaborative opportunities coworking provides. In addition, they are keen to harness the enthusiasm and skills of coworkers to benefit the community, through ventures like a Code Club started at Hester's Way library earlier this year.

Create is a wonderful example of local community collaboration in the West Cheltenham area. It has been made possible through funding from the Hester's Way Community Fund, which receives support from TCv, the volunteering charity and People's Health Trust. The funding has enabled the venue to employ a Programme Coordinator, Tanya Harrison, on secondment from community organisers Community Roots CIC. The project has also received additional funding from local business, George Training & Development Ltd and additional help from the Hester's Way Neighbourhood Project.



Do you have an idea for a group or activity at Create on the Square? If so talk to Tanya:
tanya@cheltenhamcoworking.com Tel: 07494341781

Do you have a project that needs financial support? Will your idea benefit the residents of West Cheltenham? Contact: h.thornton@tcv.org.uk Tel: 07818511658



I'd love to start my own business

This year, I'm going to learn to draw!

What can we do to help our elderly neighbours?

I wonder if anyone else is interested in embroidery?

That would make a brilliant App



www.CreateOnTheSquare.org

How do I find others who want to change the world too?

How can I grow my business to employ more people?

A community-centred venue helping you to develop your talents

I wish the kids had more space to create their models

Wouldn't it be great if there was a flexible venue to try my ideas out with other like-minded people?

The Aston Project was launched in Cheltenham in 2011, in memory of PC Lynn Aston

The project's aim is to reduce harm, crime and anti-social behaviour by offering positive alternatives and a rewarding environment to young people.

Through the Aston Project youngsters aged 9-17 years become involved in a wide range of activities designed to promote personal development, raise self-esteem, build confidence and increase their prospects of employment.



We help every young person raise their aspirations in life whilst making a positive contribution to their community. The scheme has grown from strength to strength and we launched in Gloucester in April 2015 and Newent in February 2016.

Here are some of the fantastic activities we have done recently

April 2016, some very proud Aston youngsters received their certificates from "Tweedy" the clown, for completing an Explore Arts Course.

April 2016, the Aston Project and YST spend an amazing day at Cranham Woods with some of our young people doing team-building activities and learning survival skills. Below, the Aston Project gets involved in the Woodland

Project. Our members learn various ways of maintaining the environment.

To the right our Aston youngsters are hard at work on a Community Allotment. Above and below Aston youngsters at the Indoor Climbing Centre, Gloucester where they have an amazing time learning to



overcome fears and attain new heights. The look on their faces says it all !!



Some more happy faces and well deserved bottles of water after Cheltenham Aston youngsters help man the water stations for the Cheltenham Half Marathon.

In Dec 2015 the Aston Project took the exciting step of recruiting volunteers. If you would like to help us to "Make a Difference" please feel free to contact us

on 01242 247252 or 247248 theastonproject@gloucestershire.police.uk
www.theastonproject.co.uk

WEST CHELTENHAM BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Chef's Special Presentations 2016

Last Wednesday of the month 8.00—9.00am

June 29th Greening your business— **Claire Mitchell**

July 27th Soft skills for business— **Nicki Stewart**

August 31st — Summer Break back on September 28th

If you would like to attend the Business Breakfast or you could offer an interesting presentation, please contact us at the address below

Hesters Way Community Resource Centre

Cassin Drive, Cheltenham GL51 7SU

8.00—9.00am JTs Café

9am—11.30am Square Coworking

FREE ENTRY



FREE PARKING

West Cheltenham Business Network

For details call **228262** or email **andyhayes@hwpartnership.org.uk**

Become a Crimestoppers Ambassador

- The Ambassadors Programme is designed to increase awareness of Crimestoppers via organisations and companies with staff and volunteers who are in day-to-day contact with those who are victims of crime, have committed crimes, are vulnerable individuals or simply have information on crime
- Crimestoppers is an independent charity and one of the UK's best known brands, but the details of what we do is less known. Unfortunately this can mean that people in possession of information on criminal activities don't realise they can report what they know to us, anonymously
- In an ideal world all crime would be reported to the police. Sadly this is not reality with 94% of people stating that they would not have shared the information directly

Fearless.org is Crimestoppers' youth brand. The site provides access to non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality.

What does an A

The role of an Ambassador about the Crimestoppers free service can help r

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- Ensure they know that Crimestoppers is 100% want to know what so they are
- Ensure they understand charity and not part of

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- Promotional materials
- Updates on specific ca
- Invitation to the annual Ambassadors networki

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Gloucestershire

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1. Contact us today by
Email: ambassador.glos@crimestoppers-uk.org
Tel: 07827 995 358
2. A local Crimestoppers volunteer will contact you to answer any questions you may have
3. Sign up to receive training and a range of promotional materials
4. Brief your colleagues on the services we provide (your training pack will help you with this)
5. Display your Ambassador Partner certificate within your organisation and join us in the fight against crime

What does **anonymous** really mean?

- Crimestoppers never asks for personal details (e.g. name, address)
- Call and online forms are not recorded and can't be traced
- We have never revealed the identity of anyone in all of the 28 years we have been operating

KGV MULTI-SPORTS sessions

Hesters Way Partnership's sports drop in sessions offering coaching in football, basketball and more by YMCA and The Cheltenham Trust.

Just drop down to KGV during the summer hols on Monday / Wednesday or Friday afternoons to join in the fun.

HESTERS WAY SPORT AND PLAY



FREE SPORTS DROP IN AT KGV

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

JULY / AUGUST Mon / Wed / Fri pm

Details 01242 228262 / andyhayes@hwpartnership.org.uk

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Springbank Community Resource Centre
Springbank Way, Springbank Cheltenham, GL51 0LG

'Our Place' Hesters Way Parent Coffee Mornings



Come along for a cuppa and time
out for you with crafts & cooking



Every Friday
9am – 11.15am

Hesters Way
Childrens Centre

Share and receive support and encouragement
for family life. Children welcome. Free entry



For more information contact:
Inspiring Families on 07796336752
www.cheltenham.gov.uk/inspiringfamilies

The local SPOKAN UK group (Supporting Parents of Kids with Additional Needs) was formed May 2015 in Bishops Cleeve and is one of 27 sub groups around the country with nearly 2200 members. The group provides a safe arena for families to meet like minded people with a view to sharing experiences and providing much needed support. Events are posted on the Facebook page 'Supporting Parents of Kids with Additional Needs UK'.



The group provides an open environment where people can fit in, feel comfortable and accepted. The aim is to meet up regularly with or without the kids offering coffee mornings, children's parties and evening socials with just grown ups. All families with children who have additional needs with or without a formal diagnosis are welcome.

SPOKAN will be holding group sessions for pre-school children every two weeks at Hop, Skip and Jump at Seven Springs, Cheltenham. To find out more about taking part email dolly@spokan.org

Carers Gloucestershire are proud to support SPOKAN UK and would welcome people coming along to their fund raising event and free family fun day for all carers and their families at 'Walk a Mile in My Shoes' on Sunday 5th June at Pittville Pump Room. To find out more visit www.carersgloucestershire.org.uk.



To find out more about SPOKAN UK, visit Sainsbury's at Gallagher Retail Park on Tuesday 7th June where they will be having a stand from 10 am until 2.00 pm as part of Carers Week.

FREE EVENTS at HESTERS WAY LIBRARY



Time to celebrate Bookstart week – Wednesday 8th June 11-11:30 – Come to our “Under the Sea” themed Toddler Time. sing songs, and make fish aquariums.

Summer Reading Challenge – 16th July -10th September – Come to the library to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge and read 6 books through the summer. Win a medal, stickers and a certificate. This year's theme is Roald Dahl.

- Clay Tortoise craft event – 19th July 3:30pm
- Enormous Crocodile Story and Craft Event – 2nd August 11am
- James and the Giant Peach Story and Craft event – 16th August 3:30pm

The Library

LOCAL SCHOOL IS ATTRACTING GREAT NUMBERS



Located in Lewis Road, Hesters Way, St Thomas More Catholic Primary School is delighted to announce that from September 2016, its Early Years Foundation Class will be going double entry.

With their existing class allocation of 30 pupils over subscribed, the Local Authority are enabling the school to take a further intake of up to 30 children. Already places have been allocated for fifty six children starting school in the new academic year.

This increase in pupil numbers requires the main school building to undergo further refurbishment during the forthcoming summer holidays. The existing nurture room will be returned to an EYFS classroom, with both reception classes having dedicated outside play areas. Once this work is complete, the school will benefit from a new nurture room and library which will open at the end of 2016. Other refurbishments during the school holidays will include KS2 and staff toilet facilities and other

updates to areas in KS1. This will conclude a five year total refurbishment programme of the entire main school building.

The early years classes will have a new EYFS Lead Teacher who will oversee the team responsible for the new reception class pupils.

Since opening in September 2015, the adjoining nursery and pre-school has proved extremely popular too. From the pre-school class of 19 children, 16 will be moving into the main EYFS class at St Thomas More. Already a number of children have been registered at both the nursery and pre-school for September but there is an **Open Day on Saturday 18th June 2016 from 10 am until 12 noon**. Parents can come and visit the new building and see for themselves what is on offer. We have a dedicated and experienced staff team, many of whom have worked in the local community for a number of years and are passionate about providing outstanding early years care and support for children and their families.

As part of the school's fortieth anniversary celebrations, former pupils and teachers are invited to be part of the school's **Picnic in the Park celebrations on the 24th June**. The grounds of the school will be open from 5.30pm to 9pm and people can come along, with their picnic, to enjoy an evening of music, fun and celebrations. Entry will cost £3.00 per family.



St Thomas More

Nursery & Pre-School

Open Day

We are holding an open day for our nursery
and pre-school on

Saturday 18th June
10.am to 12.00pm

Offering newly built, comfortable facilities, we can provide your child with the very best child care.

Why not come along and see what we have available.

For further information visit or call 01242 300146 to find out more.

www.st-thomasmore.gloucs.sch.uk/nursery/



Friendship and Advocacy for Isolated People

Isolation can be a big problem, and it can be especially difficult for those who have disabilities. Often their only independent support comes from parents and other family members. Parents are often their children's best advocates. They often worry about what will happen in the future when they are no longer here to fight their son or daughter's corner.



One solution is to dispel isolation by surrounding the individual with a circle of friends. Such a circle can provide support and back-up, thus having a really positive long-term impact on the individual's life. But how do isolated people, especially those with a disability, find a supportive circle of friends?

A not-for-profit organisation called ACSYL has some practical ideas. Indeed ACSYL (an acronym for **A Circle Supporting You for Life**) has already built circles for three people in Hereford and is busy working with new clients, including two in Cheltenham.

One of the Hereford clients, "John", has worked with his circle of friends to help him reach his goal of a trip to Europe for a significant birthday. Another client is now doing regular voluntary work in a field that he loves.


The heart of each circle is the client's Community Connector: someone who facilitates new friendships, builds the circle and ensures it continues to function in the long term.

John's parents feel more confident about his future now, know that there are other people taking an active interest in his well-being. John's new friends will notice if his house needs repair, they'll see when he's not happy and can follow up to find the cause. Perhaps best of all, John knows that if he needs support he has a circle of friends to turn to. He's no longer on his own or totally reliant on ageing parents and paid support workers.

ACSYL is looking for more Community Connectors to work part-time, flexible hours.




The work can be very rewarding. If you are interested in this kind of work, or if you would like to find out more about having a circle of friendship and advocacy built for someone in your family, please get in touch.

Email: michelle@acsyl.co.uk / 01989 555 006 and ask for Michelle M www.acsyl.co.uk



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	Organisation	Activity	Time	Contact
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	F.C. Lakeside	Lakeside Under 9's Football	6 - 7pm	07985 349084 andrewpuddy@yahoo.com
Tuesday	GC Gloucestershire college	Student Sports (<i>Term Time</i>)	12 - 1pm	07920 018067 paul.hewitt@gloscol.ac.uk
	Cheltenham Borough Homes	Kids Club (<i>Term Time</i>)	3:30 - 4:30pm	01242 264308 ellen.pollcott@cheltborohomes.org
	ZUMBA FIT	Exercise Class	6:15 - 7:15pm	07590 017496 charlazumba@gmail.com
Wednesday	Zest for Life	Balance and Exercise for the Less Mobile	10:30 - 11:30am	07817 851214 zest.forlife@yahoo.co.uk
	Cheltenham Borough Homes	Oasis Ability Hub	1:30 - 4pm	01242 774783 karen.lowden@cheltborohomes.org
	St Sidans	Wacky Wednesday Youth Activities (<i>Term Time</i>)	4:30 - 6pm	01242 524408 office@cheltenhamyfc.co.uk
	Youth Activities	Youth Activities (<i>Term Time</i>)	6:30 - 8pm	07557 405675 admin@gloucestershiremas.co.uk
Thursday	family space+	Stay and Play Drop In (<i>Term Time</i>)	10am - 12pm	01242 580812 stayandplay@familyspace.org.uk
	GC Gloucestershire college	Student Sports (<i>Term Time</i>)	12:15 - 1.45pm,	07920 018 067 paul.hewitt@gloscol.ac.uk
	clubbercise	Exercise Class	6 - 7pm	07896 786135 cjackos@yahoo.co.uk
	ZUMBA FIT	Exercise Class	7:15 - 8pm	07896 786135 cjackos@yahoo.co.uk
Friday	St Sidans	Coffee Shop & family space+ Drop In	10am - 12pm	01242 528567
		Community Cinema/Bistro Night	<i>Contact for info</i>	aidanandsilas@thevonsmiths.co.uk
Saturday	family space+	Cheltenham Child Contact Centre Contact+	1 - 3pm	01242 580812 cheltenhamcontact@familyspace.org.uk
Sunday	St Sidans	Family Service, Parish Tea Service (<i>5th Sunday Only</i>)	10:30am, 4pm	01242 528567 aidanandsilas@thevonsmiths.co.uk
	St Sidans St Mark	Grid Youth Group (West Cheltenham Team)	7 - 8:30pm	Oasis / WCTM Office

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