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## **FEBRUARY 2015**

Apologies in advance to those that do not need to be included on this list. It is aimed at residents of Knowle and anyone else that would like to know what is happening in the area, or has an interest in some of the citywide issues reported. You are welcome to stay but please e-mail me if you want to be removed from the list. The E-Focus is an addition to, and not a replacement for, the quarterly paper Knowle focus.

### **Welcome to new Readers.**

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## EUROPEAN GREEN CAPITAL

For some it is very exciting, but for others it is a great yawn, or an annoyance. There has been, and will continue to be, razzmatazz and noise. For some the mayor grabbing the headlines and claiming the credit puts them off the whole thing. Do not be put off! In Bristol, for many years, there has been a higher than average % of people who care about the long term health of our environment. That spirit was harnessed by previous council administrations to move the city forward (mainly Lib Dem but some Labour), and along the way pick up this prestigious award.

“What is it for, and how can Bristol residents get real and practical benefits? “

**Visitors** - Green Capital will, if done properly, help to further boost the number of visitors who come and spend money here, and also encourage further long term investment from new and existing firms. Visitors and investors want a clean, attractive and healthy city.

**Jobs** - Thousands of people are employed in environmental industries locally, and Green Capital will, if done properly, give a huge boost to everything from new waste treatments to harnessing energy from the sea. Specialist design and legal firms are increasingly based in Bristol. All highly paid jobs with spin offs. Our natural environment from parks to air quality must get a boost. Benefits from the huge investment brought in on the back of the £7M government grant secured by Bristol Lib Dem MP Stephen Williams must be spread widely, and every area must have the opportunity to get involved. It cannot be just a series of photo ops, with back slapping and preaching to the converted. The inheritance must not be blown! Have a look

- <https://www.bristol2015.co.uk/> and tell us what you think, good or bad.

## BRISTOL COUNCIL BUDGET

Readers may remember that a year ago we said the budget challenge for Bristol was not nearly so great as for northern cities, and there had been a misleading of the public on the consultation. We said there were significant earmarked reserves, and the amount of income to the council was being deliberately underestimated. These extra reserves were more than enough to pay for a recycling centre on Hartcliffe Way and the promised Speedwell swimming pool.

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A few months after, as predicted, £27M was transferred out of earmarked reserves to the mayor's "general reserves". Now finance officers have confirmed, as we predicted, there is nearly £5M extra council tax being collected and also nearly £1M extra government bonus for house building. This was more than enough to freeze council tax and, as a result, claim an extra £1M government grant, as Lib Dems had done previously. The mayor managed to fight off the freeze and the capital projects last year by pretending the money was not there. Let's see if the same happens this year when Gary puts down the amendments.

## **UPDATE**

Knowing that the mayor could ignore many minor budget amendments our strategy was to try to get progress on some capital schemes, and suggest a return to a council tax freeze that we used to have before the Mayor.

We had already managed to get £10M for the Colston Hall which will ironically save the council money, and £500,000 to help clear the backlog in local traffic schemes.

We wished the Hartcliffe Way recycling centre and the Bristol East swimming pool to go ahead, but although these were voted for, the method of paying for them suggested by the Labour party is likely to cause difficulties.

**The other 3 parties and the mayor voted against our council tax freeze. The three years of increase have cost the city £11M in government grant and the average citizen over £200 so far.** The cost keeps escalating.

## **ENERGY**

Increasing home energy prices have been a major worry for many. The announcement by the Labour party to freeze prices a while ago sounded attractive, but not as prices are now coming down. More serious is that energy companies are holding back some of the price decreases they seem able to afford. There are a variety of reasons for this, including some of the energy having been bought well in advance at higher prices, but also companies do not want to reduce prices now and find they cannot put them back up later when wholesale prices go up again with a Labour government controlling them. We are all paying for the "promise". There are 3 real ways to reduce energy bills. 1. Insulate existing houses better, 2. Increase competition in the energy supply

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market and 3. Ensure new homes are built with better insulation. A key role is being played on 1 and 2 by the city council and in particular the new local energy company. Three years ago the Lib Dem run council attracted £ millions from the EU, backed up by the present government, to invest in Bristol's houses (council and private) and to offer a cheaper and greener energy supply to residents. Work slowed in the last few years but insulation work has started and will grow and grow as savings flood back into the pot. The new energy option will be available later this year. Also Bristol Lib Dem MP Stephen Williams has pushed through legislation so all new houses will be built with high standards of insulation and will be cheaper to run. Efficiency is vital, helping the individual and reducing demand, which reduces prices and protects the environment. Practical action is always better than ill thought through quick fixes.

### **STARTING TO FEEL THE BOOST**

There is no doubt that many people are only now starting to feel the benefit of the massive recovery from the 2008 slump. We know that Labour will seek to minimise the difficulty but it was the greatest slump since the 1930s made worse by their management and Britain in 2010 had a bigger % financial deficit than Greece. In fact the worst of any developed country.

Economic growth has been strong for some time but for many it is only now that wage growth is outstripping price rises And how!. (we currently have 3% national annual growth, 1.8% wages growth and 0.5% inflation.) Statistics show that the top 20% of earners have paid the highest price over the last few years of the coalition government and we feel that that is right. Do you think that that would have happened with a Tory only government? Cancelling their planned reductions in inheritance tax for millionaires and instead concentrating on increasing the tax free allowance for low and middle earners has not only been fairer but it is also good economics as putting what little cash there has been in the hands of modest earners ensures that it is spent in our economy rather than being hoarded. Repairing the national economy is half done and neither spendthrift Labour or vicious cuts from the Tories will help in the future.

### **PROTECT OUR LIBRARIES**

Lib Dems gave warnings to the other parties a year ago, that, by supporting the

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Mayor's 2013 budget, which included £1.1M cuts to the library service, closures were intended. We were the only party that voted against the budget. A different approach was needed and we had already pointed out that the scale of cuts was unnecessary. During the years we ran the council we actually opened brand new libraries and closed none. That was partly because we recognised that other services, which would cost the council money to provide separately, could be delivered through the library network. A classic example of that was the presence of a customer service expert one day a week in Knowle library. They gave face to face service for some of the more complicated problems, or for people who found the on-line or 'phone service unusable. This was introduced by Gary, but cut by the mayor, despite it being a very cheap way to give personal service. Local residents now face a long journey and as a result complaints are rising..

As predicted 7 libraries are earmarked for closure and others **including Knowle** are threatened with shorter opening hours. One of the libraries the mayor wants to close is Wick Rd in Brislington. Not only will that be damaging for Brislington as it would be left without a library, it will mean extra customers for Knowle in shorter hours.

The second stage of consultation is now about to begin so please make sure that you have your say by visiting the library or going to the council website <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/leisure-and-culture/future-bristols-libraries-consultation> The lending of books is a vital service but libraries provide much more and we need to take a positive attitude to how much more they can provide .

### **PLACE SCRUTINY COMMISSION**

Gary has put the following statement to the Place Scrutiny Commission for their meeting on 5th Feb. "Green capital should be about real investment in future industries not just stunts and photo ops."

### **TEMPLE MEADS ENTERPRISE AREA More money for new investment**

Nick Clegg made a visit recently to announce a further £18M of investment funding for the enterprise area at Temple meads. When the present government

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came to power they replaced the failing regional development agency with a local enterprise partnership, and in Bristol's case this was judged by the Sunday Times business section as the most successful across the country. The LEP is a partnership between councils and local business and in Bristol it had the huge advantage of building on the partnership between the 4 local councils, who had been working very well together over recent years. It also had a very good base with the huge unfulfilled potential at Temple Meads, and some good business leaders. The initial phase providing facilities for new high tech and creative industries is bursting at the seams with more firms and ideas coming forward all the time.

### **ARENA PLANNING?**

The arena continues towards completion (2018?) and will give a further financial boost to the city, but questions remain unanswered regarding parking and traffic. Whilst many will arrive by public transport many will not, and with a 12,000 capacity, on top of the thriving new industry sector, a clear plan is needed urgently. A deadline for details announced only weeks ago has passed with not even an outline plan. This is vitally important as the measures needed, assuming they are deliverable, need to be costed and put into the budget for the arena.

One of those measures is a parking scheme to protect residents in Lower Knowle from arena parking overspill. The cost of this cannot be dumped on residents.

Another possible cost is park and ride as there is to be no public parking on site and there is nowhere near enough available within a sensible walking distance.

### **TEMPLE CIRCUS**

What has been announced is an £11M scheme to remove the Temple circus roundabout. So what would we get for £11M? Not a lot according to the plans. The planned transport hub next to Temple Meads (where the new main station entrance will be) has been massively downgraded and it will now be impossible for traffic from the South to get to Temple meads without a long detour. It will probably look nicer but frankly the scheme is a major disappointment. It is still in "consultation" phase.

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### **THREE LAMPS**

The current design of the three lamps junction means that traffic has to go past Temple Meads, around the one way system and back again to get from the Wells to the Bath Rd, meaning that an even longer diversion would be needed. This even means that some traffic takes Talbot Rd as an alternative. Transport officers have now agreed with the point that Gary has been making for the past couple of years that the junction needs a redesign, but no money has been put in the budget. Another bill the Arena will have to meet.

We will continue to push on all of these areas because whilst Bristol can benefit from the arena it must not be to the detriment of residents in Knowle and Totterdown.

### **KNOWLE PUBS**

The George PH is a great community facility. With ever greater demands being made on them by their brewers our local pubs are under threat. Use it or lose it - we don't need another supermarket. **The George** can cater for afternoon tea parties, skittles (in new alley) to wakes and family celebrations. You can join quiz, poker, cheese & wine evening, pool and darts and live music events or drop in during the day for a cup of coffee. Val and Kevin would love to see you. Brewers Star Pubs and Bars also own the **Knowle PH** and landlord Anthony, who is under the same financial pressures, has just completed his first year. Drop in and help him celebrate in this great traditional pub.

### **LINKAGE**

Chris noticed the recent Linkage booklet, giving details of activities suitable for over 55s did not include the many varied groups in Knowle. He has identified all of the following - what a great place for seniors to live! All contact details should be in the next edition of Linkage, (available at Knowle Library) or contact Chris. Many welcome younger members as well!

Redcatch Art Club - Knowle Tennis Club - Redcatch Rollers (short mat bowling) - Knowle Townswomen's Guild - Knowle Swimming 50+ - Knowle Women's Institute - Knowle Senior Moments - Redcatch Tea Dance - Knowle and Totterdown History Group - Knowle Tennis Club, - Knowle Friendship Group -

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Knowle Bowling Club - Knowle Angling Assoc - University of the Third Age Choir - Broadwalk Bingo - Knowle Park Friendship Group - Knowle Table Tennis Club - Knowle Golf Club - Knowle 50+ Community - Knowle Park Whist Club - Knowle Creative Writing - Broadwalk Snooker City - Knowle Park Dance Club - Knowle Park Bingo Night - Knowle Park Coffee Mornings - Redcatch Park Led Walks - Springfield and Broadfield allotments - Knowle Library Get-On-Line courses, free tennis courts in Redcatch Park or watch Knowle Cricket and Football Clubs.

[www.linkagebristol.org.uk](http://www.linkagebristol.org.uk)

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

15/00212/H Single storey rear extension Cleeve Rd.

14/06032/H Off street parking Broadfield Rd at front of property

14/06088/CE Certificate of use of basement as separate dwelling in Sydenham Road

App/z0116/a/14/2227376 100 Redcatch Rd Planning Inspectorate to make site visit.

14/06254/F Redcatch Rd behind Tesco 6 x 4 bed and 2 x 3 bed houses.

15/00394/COND Greenleaze Bungalow into 3 flats and 2 x 3 bed houses and access .

To find more details and comment

visit- <http://planningonline.bristol.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple>

### **COLSTON HALL RESCUED**

Following on from our story in the last edition we are delighted to say that the mayor has finally accepted the Lib Dem argument, (put succinctly to Council by Gary, “Failure to progress the plan would be cultural vandalism of the worst kind”), and has agreed the essential £10M investment so that plans can go ahead to create a world-class facility. The money will be only be released once the trust, which runs the hall, raises the rest of the funding from the Arts Council, National Lottery and other major investors. Some people have asked why we have such a strong commitment to the Colston Hall. That is because, whilst they see it as a venue for classical music or where an ancient group once

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played, they are not always aware of the work that it does in helping developing and showcasing local talent and providing a venue for giving a huge range of music and entertainment. The arena when built can provide that huge stage for the big headline acts but it will never clash with this vital work.

The government established a little while ago “Music Hubs” that are responsible for nurturing and spreading music education to our children. The Colston hall is unique nationally as it is the only hub that is based at a professional performance venue. The connections and opportunities that come from that are priceless.

Following our mass lobby to Westminster Danny Alexander MP the Lib Dem treasury minister visited the Colston Hall and agreed that the government will put in £5M . That added to the £10m that we dragged out of the mayor, and the funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Arts Council means that more than 2/3 of the £45M needed is in the bag, and the public sector commitments has already started to persuade individuals and companies to come forward to complete the list.

**Here is a list of just some of the work done in South Bristol by the Colston Hall. They help to teach, and assist the teachers.**

### **Colston Hall Stats**

- Schools in the Bristol South Wards which Phil from the Colston Hall has been to and started writing school music education plans with are:
    - St Mary Redcliffe Primary School
    - Victoria Park Primary
    - Oasis Academy Connaught
    - Illminster Avenue Primary
    - Greenfield E-Act Academy
    - Cheddar Grove Primary
    - Fair Furlong Primary
    - Oasis Academy New Oak
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- Merchants Academy Secondary
    - Oasis John Williams Secondary
  - We have given Knowle West Media Centre £2000 worth of music kit towards their instrument appeal and are bringing them into the Third Space initiative
  - Almost 1,500 pupils from schools in Bristol South wards took part in whole class music projects delivered by Bristol Plays Music in the last year. These projects are provided free or at a heavily subsidised rate
  - 29 of the 32 eligible schools took part in this scheme
  - 50% of the schools in the area received weekly small group instrumental tuition through Bristol Plays Music
  - Over 500 pupils participated in regular lessons in instruments including piano, brass, woodwind, guitar, cello, violin, ukulele and drum kit, as well as singing
  - 30 different BPM tutors teaching in the schools identified
  - Over 100 young people from Bristol South take part in weekly music centre and Remix activity which is 20% of our participants coming from Bristol South
  - Around 100 young people from Bristol South wards have been involved in recent activity such as Rudling Voices Choir, the Milos Master class and iPad projects that take place in schools.
  - All schools across Bristol are offered BPM opportunities. Oasis John Williams in Hengrove was given first refusal for the Conductive Music project which is a technology project focussing on music, science and engineering. Young people learn to make electronic instruments from circuit boards, components and even fruit and vegetables! They were keen to take it but couldn't in the end as there was a timetable scheduling issue.
  - The annual Bristol School's Music Society concert held at Colston Hall has been running in Bristol for over 50 years and is now led by Bristol Sings Music, schools involved include Southville, Parson Street, Compass Point South Street – Over 1000 young people attend, 200 of these come from Bristol South.
  - Cosmos (choir run by Laurie Stewart and Mark Lawrence, takes place after school and free for all to attend - Yrs 4-8 ) is a choir run by St.
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George's but supported by Bristol Sings/Plays Music - this covers the Knowle ward, and is based in Filwood - Christ the King. Greenfield will host in January and Connaught have just had it in residency. Cosmos has worked with over 150 young people during its lifetime and Suzi Digby OBE is the current patron.

- Schools such as Cheddar Grove have just taken part in the Bristol Plays Music Carol Service at Bristol Cathedral, in partnership with Bristol Cathedral Outreach. Over 450 children were involved, over 100 young people were from schools in Bristol South wards
- Fair Furlong in Hartcliffe take part in everything! They have a brilliant music co-ordinator, were involved in the Carol Concert at the Cathedral and came to a British Council World Voice training day. Phil recently visited to document their music strategy with a School Music Education Plan.

Few realise, when they see a performance at the Colston Hall, under what handicaps they are being staged. The roof leaks, occasionally on an audience, the electrics are shot - the story of Art Garfunkle suddenly having the **sound of silence** imposed upon him as the amps failed, is sworn to be true. The back stage access is so cramped and small that some acts cannot get equipment in - a children's show of BOB the Builder could NOT be fixed - and it takes a whole day and a small army to rearrange the seating instead of minutes.

The new front Foyer has been a great boost but the main hall and backstage has not been renewed for 50 years. A patch up job would cost £20M

Gary and colleagues will be attending the national launch at Westminster, hosted by Bristol Lib Dem MP Stephen Williams, and we are now confident that we are on the home straight to raise the funds needed for the major upgrade.

## **GREEN SPACES**

**Update on our "Parkie" situation.** Gary's meeting with the mayor served only to confirm the mayor has no understanding of how parks work. Fortunately, meetings with the head of environmental services have been more productive, and whilst the department is not going to abandon the reduction in Parkies

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across the city, the need in Redcatch has been recognised, and assurances have been given, of retention for the foreseeable future. We hope our petition will show the strong support for Fliss and all she has done and her links with the local community and her support for FORP activities.

Following Chris' successful request for 8 replacement trees for Redcatch Pk, financing the watering issue has now been solved. On Tuesday 3rd March pupils from Knowle Park Primary School will be helping to plant Crab Apple, Wild Cherry and Gingko Bilbao Trees. The final planting of the Jubilee Hedge will also be completed.

More good news is the full planting scheme of 21 more trees is now possible, as funding has been secured from Community Infrastructure Levy (previously S106) money still available from the Cotswold Homes development on St Peters Hospice site.

#### Chris, Gary and Friends of **Redcatch Park**

had police visitors in the form of an ex Knowle beat manager, who now works in the Problem Solving team, with his colleague . Their purpose was to explore ways in which Redcatch had solved problems and how these could be applied to other parks. His colleague was not receiving cooperation from her local Councillors, one of whom Ironically was the Green Councillor who was put in charge of parks by the Mayor. He had to resign but at least his replacement has the good sense to enquire as to why Redcatch has been so successful.

The visit follows an earlier one from Cambridge Council parks dept who wanted to see how a community could successfully improve a park.

Funding has been secured for new **South Bristol Skyline Walk**. A public launch will take place at Perrett's Park on Saturday 14 March at 11am with opening by Don Cameron. An official first event is planned for Sat 9 May 2pm Temple Meads. App and website will follow. Each community group is compiling a description of their section of the route with historic notes, landmarks, facilities and nature and wildlife details. The full walk will be approx 6 miles with shorter routes available and buggy and scooter accessible route as well.

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There are also many exciting activities at **Arnos Vale Cemetery** - check their web site for details <http://www.arnosvale.org.uk/events>

### **THE 36 BUS**

Chris and Gary are trying to rescue the mess created by the announcement that the 36 bus route will be drastically cut. The two main areas of concern are the service from Knowle to Callington Road Hospital and to Hartcliffe, and also shoppers coming to Broadwalk Shopping Precinct. There may be a possible replacement operator on the horizon, but quite frankly without the Mayor taking the powers of Quality Bus Contracts, and getting a grip on First, life is going to be very difficult. It is all very well kicking the individual motorist but we need the improvements in public transport. The Mayor has not developed 1 new transport initiative.

### **THE GOTHIC MANSION AND ITS TWIN**

Residents in Tennis Road, Redcatch Rd and nearby, who had been disturbed by the 'Stag and Hen' parties being run at Gothic Mansions, were watching with interest the trial of Michelle Simmonite (one of the Gothic Mansion owners). She was being prosecuted for repeated breaches of a noise abatement order at 20 Knowle Rd Totterdown, another of their businesses. This was a retrial and there had been much delaying and dragging out of the process. The company also ran a distraction defence, claiming they were being picked on unfairly. This did not impress the magistrates, who found the evidence of the defendant and one of her management team to be contradictory and unreliable. Between fines and costs there is a liability of £28,000, plus of course their own legal costs. They have threatened an appeal, but it is difficult to see how and on what grounds.

It has been temporarily quieter at Gothic Mansions over the last few months leading up to this trial. They have made appeals against the council's decisions to refuse them planning permission to run their business as they have before, and we await the visit of the Planning Inspectorate and the result.

Those people that supplied evidence to the police about one of the Gothic Mansion team, and his activities in May last year, will be interested to know that

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he was convicted of a Public Order Offence.

### **BITS AND PIECES AROUND KNOWLE**

Chris has reported all the following to BCC for action of investigation.

**Hampden Road** - End nearest Marston Rd insufficient lighting - being investigated by Lighting Management. Also no dropped kerbs being investigated.

**Axbridge Road Tesco** - Complaints about night & early morning deliveries including loud reversing signals.

**Jubilee /Tozer** - No dropped kerbs.

**Wellgarth Walk** - Request for sign and disabled access to drive.

**Lane Broadfield Rd to Iminster & Green space** - Car tyres and rubbish with more supermarket trolleys in Brislington Brook.

**Rookery Road** - Resident reported dead white and brown cat in his front garden - this was collected by Environmental Services. Please tell anyone that is missing their pet.

**Priory Road** - Four large pot holes.

**Hillcrest** - Two Iceland supermarket trolleys and large amount of rubbish in lane.

**St Martin's Church** - Burnt out wheelie bin on pavement has now been removed.

**Ponsford, Crossways, Somerset, Norton and Calcott** - street lights not working.

**Greenleaze** - 8 wheelie bins are being kept on pavement and the overgrown privet hedge is now impeding pedestrians.

**Axbridge Roundabout** - crash barrier damaged.

**Useful BCC Info** - Customer Services - 0117 9222100 [Customer-services@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:Customer-services@bristol.gov.uk) for everything including Household Waste and Street Maintenance.

Pest Control, Nuisance, Pollution, Public Safety, Dog Wardens - 0117 9222500

### **PROSPECTIVE PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATE**

Bristol Councillor Dr Mark Wright has been selected as the Lib Dem Candidate for Bristol South in the General Election in May. He was born in Hartcliffe near

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Symes Avenue, lives in Windmill Hill, and he and his wife Lena have both been hard working campaigners in the area for many years.

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**Salcombe Road** As Knightstone Housing await planning permission for 35 dwellings - 11 x 2 bed and 2 x 3 bed shared ownership houses and for rent 7 x 1 bed apartments 4 x 2 bed homes 10 x 3 bed homes and 1 x 2 wheelchair accessible apartment - they have invited the community to choose a name for the new circular access road. It will run off Teignmouth Road/Salcombe Road. If you have a good idea for this road, with maybe a local or historic connection, let Chris know and he will pass it on to the developers. One suggestion already is Princess or Prince Road to fit with Queenshill/Dale and Kingshill?

To register your interest in these properties contact sales team 08458504505 or [sales@knightstone.co.uk](mailto:sales@knightstone.co.uk)

### **ELECTED MAYOR - OUR DEMOCRATIC RIGHT TO DECIDE!**

Don't forget the petition to secure the right for Bristolians to choose whether they wish to continue with an elected mayor (we are the only city denied this right) is still open for you to sign - visit <http://tinyurl.com/bristolmayorreferendum> \_Bristol Lib Dem MP Steven Williams is lobbying in Parliament and presenting a letter from Bristol, now signed by all parties - and even the mayor!

### **FAQs**

*"I have been told by a neighbour that I can't light an open fire at home, is this right?"* It is, as the whole Bristol area is a smokeless zone, under the Clean Air Act 1993. We have checked for you and it is an offence to "emit smoke from a chimney of a building, from a furnace or from any fixed boiler." There are however permitted fuels - coke/briquettes/fire logs see <http://smokecontrol.defra.gov.uk/fuels.php?country=e> for a list. Maximum fine is £1000 for each offence.

*"Do you know what is happening with the demolition site at the start of Redcatch Road?"* There is planning permission, granted years ago, for 2 flats and a business. We believe work should start very soon. The condition of the site has

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been reported and planning are now ensuring adequate fencing is erected. An Untidy Site Notice has been issued to the owner.

*"I have been ringing the city council but I can't get through, it is voice activated but it doesn't know what I'm saying!"* Just press the # key to speak to the operator or you can email [customer.services@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@bristol.gov.uk) if you prefer. We have been complaining to the mayor about the automated system since it was installed, and an upgrade is being planned. In the meantime the operators are really good so speak to them.

*"When is Woodbridge Road one-way scheme starting?"* New rules from the Mayor has put a limit of one traffic scheme per year in each Neighbourhood Partnership, so we have to wait our turn unfortunately.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Friends of Redcatch Park Community Fun Day 2015** in Redcatch Park on Sunday 21st June 1 - 5 contact Sue Davies now on 9777764 or [forpfunday@gmail.com](mailto:forpfunday@gmail.com) to apply for a stall - cost £10. Urgent - FORP need new committee members if it is to continue into 2016 and continue to bring improvements and investment into the park; we need a chair and secretary. Only 4 meetings a year - only a few hours of your time to do something great for the community.

**Entertaining Local (events team from Redcatch Community Association) brings you Show of Strength Theatre Company's acclaimed "Fanny and Johnnie Cradock sing the Great American Cook Book"** at Redcatch Community Centre Sat 16 May 2015 look for posters soon with details. Tickets at £15 which go on sale at Broadwalk News at the beginning of April include a 3 course dinner themed to complement the 1970s show!

Prawn Cocktail, Chicken Falkland Island and Black Forest Gateau. Only 50 places available so book yours asap.

(Please notify [elknowle@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elknowle@hotmail.co.uk) once you have your tickets if you require Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten Free or other dietary requirements.)

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