

# Steph and Jordan's Report



Hi, Steph here. I have just finished my G.C.S.E.s and waiting in anticipation for my results.

On reflection I can honestly say I have enjoyed my last year at school even though it was sometimes very stressful studying for my exams I feel it was worth while.

The school prom was brilliant! Dressing up in posh frocks is not me you know I like my footie, wearing casual clothes and my baseball cap.

But I did enjoy dressing up and meeting with my friends to have a great night.

Although our stretched limo was late arriving to pick us up all our parents ended up taking us. But we had the limo for our journey back to the mead.

I have been playing loads of football.

Firstly I've been playing for Southmead in the Pro 5 league at Filton College. From this Carly Thomas, Kaylee Haim, Georgie Burrell and myself had successful trials for Bitton Ladies so were playing for both teams which keeps me really busy.

I am looking forward to going to College in September. I have a place at Filton doing sport studies.

Jordan here now, Steph's sister, it's the summer holidays 6 weeks off school enjoyed the Southmead festival taking part in the football matches and catching up the rest of the teams and

meeting new players.

Feeling a bit disappointed though this season because we have no under 16s team because the league has put it from 7 to 11 a side.

Pauline has found it difficult finding new players.

We still have under 12 and 14's teams and this means I will still be involved supporting the younger players and of course coach teddy.

Our home ground this season is Pen Park which means a longer walk.

Our teams and support staff would like to thank Little Mead school for allowing us to use their school field for our home matches the previous seasons.

We had a great day out at Drayton Manor we had good fun with the youth workers from Southmead Youth Centre. Especially getting them soaking wet on the water ride.

Looking forward to going camping with my mum and dad to Torquay tell you more about this in the next edition of The Mead.

**Steph and Jordan Easterbrook reporting from Southmead Youth Centre.**

*Pauline has asked if any young girls are interested in playing football:*

*please contact her on this number 07870 553114.*

## North Bristol Trampoline Club

WE have some good news and some bad news. The good news is that alterations to the building at Greenway Centre will allow us to store the trampolines safely and properly which together with our increased number of coaches (we had seven present last Saturday) and the fact that the installation of an overhead rig has been approved means that the club is set for a phase of being able to offer more and better opportunities.

The bad news is that we shall not be able to operate at Greenway Centre from July 23rd for about three months.

However there is even more good news because to offset this we shall be able to operate at the Bristol College premises in Lawrence Weston during this period and perhaps after this as an additional venue to the Greenway Centre.

Congratulations are in order to Amy West who is a newly qualified Assistant Coach and hopefully to Johnathan Brooks who is due to take his Assistant Coach qualification in May.

Also hopefully and in anticipation to two adult members who are currently preparing for their Club Coach exam. Special thanks are due to Travis Perkins who moved a Trampoline for us from Southmead to Lawrence Weston recently and of course to all our parent and other supporters who help run the club and without whom we would be in difficulties - remember we are all volunteers.

*Note - we have two under sixteens (one boy, one girl) who want to become assistant coaches and would like some 8 to 12 year old starter trampolinists to coach.*

**P Harrison Club Secretary**

## Southmead Community Sport

WE have moved into our new premises on the former pen park school site. The pavilion consists of six change rooms and a pavilion.

We held our grand opening on 18th August and now the football season has begun with home games being played on the ground on either Saturday afternoons or Sunday mornings.

Work on the cricket wicket and nets is due to start soon with a funding bid being submitted for the existing tennis court area.

The courts will be used by a new tennis club established in conjunction with the City Tennis Initiative and for other sports including five a side football and netball.

The site is going to be very busy and

we hope to develop:

- Coaching opportunities for local residents
- Sport opportunities for residents of Southmead and surrounding areas

We are working in partnership with Bristol City Council to develop further opportunities on the site which will include netball and it is also hoped that other groups will access the site as a local facility including the local cycle speedway club.

If you are interested in getting involved as a volunteer or player - please get in touch with me or come along to the sports ground.

For further information contact Sarah Holbrook on either 07803174557 or via sarah-holbrook@hotmail.co.uk



## Brentry 169th Scout Group

SCOUTING is a global youth movement, with over 30 million members worldwide, in almost every country in the world.

Every night of the week over 100,000 people take part in Scouting.

The next world Scout Jamboree (this year) will involve more countries than the Olympics! Scouting has touched the lives of an estimated 500 million young people such as: David Beckham, Michael Owen, Stephen Spielberg, Neil Armstrong, Harrison Ford and many more.

The Brentry 169th Beavers, Cubs and Scouts meet each Monday, Tuesday and Friday at the Scout Hut in Tranmere Avenue, Brentry.

The group is a registered charity and financially self-supporting. Our money comes from members subscriptions and from the hard work of our fundraising team. We hold many annual events such as Plant Sales, Car Boot Sales, Firework Displays etc.

We are currently running a recycling appeal asking people to donate any old mobile phones and used printer/laser/inkjet cartridges.

As DVD's are becoming more popular we are asking people to donate their old video films for us to build up a video library. These will then be sold for 50p with all proceeds going into our funds.

We are also collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers so that we can replace some of our old camping equipment.

For more details on these fundraising activities you can contact Hayley on 9502002.



## A star in the making

**Leanne Jones, one of SYC's many successful girl football players, has gained a place at Filton's Sports Academy all the girls footie teams would like to wish her well because she has never let us down. She could have moved on to bigger teams but chose to stay with us even when she played for Stoke Lane Woman's team. She put time into our Southmead teams. Pauline and Carol would like to say she is a brilliant role model to all the players and wish her all the very best.**

## Interactive baby keeps Zoe awake!



### The Interactive Baby Programme at Southmead Youth Centre

Zoe aged 18 took part in SYC's Interactive Baby Program, she looked after the baby for a week.

Zoe felt the baby didn't impact on her having a baby of her own. It didn't put her off but felt it was hard work, she suffered from lack of sleep. The Interactive Baby has been giving Zoe an understanding of how hard it is to care for a baby. Zoe said the Interactive Baby would have more impact on a pre-16 age group.

Natasha aged 13 also took part in the program. She said she couldn't wait to give the baby back. Her sister was the next person on the list to have the baby but her mother simply refused, she'd had enough.

Youth worker Southmead YC said the Interactive Baby Program is a useful tool to engage young people in conversation around responsibility and decision making.

Southmead Youth Centre has two new arrivals:-

They are a boy and a girl, electronic manikins that are replica babies in every way, they cry, coo, burp, need to be changed and loved as a real baby would.

They allow young people to explore and discover what the demands of parenting really consists of.

They have been very popular and we have received mixed reactions ranging from "No Way" to "Can't Wait".

As youth workers we have found ourselves 'on call' at some unsociable times (when we are not at work) which has led to us changing how we work with the babies and the young people who are borrowing them.

I believe we have forged some new and more positive relationships with young people through this process.

**Lesley Lenton**

Senior Youth Worker