

HELP WANTED**Children's charity shop needs folk**

FISHPONDS: Children's charity Barnardo's is looking for volunteers to support its Fishponds Road shop.

The store has needs help with pricing, sorting stock or working behind the till. Full training and support provided.

Contact: 0117 965 8846

Email alex.corsi@barnardos.org.uk

Fancy driving a bus?

HARTCLIFFE AND WITHYWOOD: The CATT community bus, operated by Hartcliffe and Withywood Community Partnership, needs more drivers and passenger assistants.

Full training is given and out of pocket expenses are paid.

Contact: Dave Parry, 0117 377 3451

Donations for MS shop

THORNBURY: Multiple Sclerosis People's Help (MSPH) offers DIY help in the home and garden to people with multiple sclerosis in Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset.

It is a free service and to raise funds we have opened a shop at 18, High Street, Thornbury. Can you help by donating clothes, bric-a-brac or volunteering in the shop?

Contact: 01454 854182 or 07931579987

Website: www.msph.org.uk

Mencap work appeal

BRISTOL: Avon-North Mencap is looking for volunteers to work alongside people with learning disabilities and their families.

It has a variety of volunteer positions, working with children through to adults, and offers flexible hours. Expenses and training are provided.

Contact: 0117 961 4372

Email: avonnm@btconnect.com

That's showbusiness

BRISTOL: The Bristol Film Unit needs volunteers to show full-length feature films to people in sheltered housing. Training will be given, but own transport is essential.

Contact: 0117 968 2066

Parent and child support

ST WERBURGH'S: Parkway parent and child project offers services to children, parents and carers.

The project needs new members to join its management committee and emergency committee.

Contact: 0117 935 0205

After burns club support

BRISTOL: The Frenchay After Burns Children's Club is looking for volunteers willing to support its fundraising efforts.

The charity rehabilitates young burns survivors who have been treated at Frenchay Hospital, but it receives no funding from the NHS.

It is keen to hear from people willing to organise fundraising events, or who may be able to encourage sponsorship or employer donations.

Contact: 07821 989 845

Self-help project

BRISTOL: The Swan Project is looking for a volunteer to co-facilitate its self-help group, which runs on Tuesdays evenings, 7-9pm.

Contact: 0117 989 2521

Store will donate money to charity from sales of clothing

Photograph: Steve Roberts

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Transformed: Lauren Manning's transformation since she has been recovering from leukaemia has made her mum Nicki proud. Now she's taking part in a M&S campaign with Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research

Cancer survivor Lauren is a poster child for ad campaign

THE face of a Bradley Stoke cancer survivor is set to appear in shops across the country.

Nine-year-old Lauren Manning was just four when she was diagnosed with leukaemia but having been through intensive treatment the youngster will now be part of a nationwide awareness campaign.

She has been photographed for posters that will go on display in Marks & Spencer stores throughout the country as the store links up with the charity Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research.

The youngster was diagnosed with leukaemia after her mum Nicki noticed she had started to become tired and withdrawn.

After an urgent blood test, doctors were stunned at Lauren's "dangerously low haemoglobin" that could have caused a heart attack within

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weeks, her mum said. Thankfully, Lauren responded well to intensive chemotherapy treatment and has been recovering since 2009.

She is now one of four young leukaemia survivors who have been photographed for the Putting Childhood Leukaemia to Bed Campaign as part of the partnership between M&S and the national charity which funds research into blood cancers.

The campaign has been set up to raise awareness of the diseases while also raising money to help find treatments, causes and diagnoses for the blood cancers.

Lauren will appear alongside Maisie Rose Speller, Ian Shepherd and Matthew Dixon in the campaign.



Her family became involved with Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research when they took part in a charity walk with cricketer Ian Botham in 2009.

Photo shoot: Lauren went to London for her picture to be taken for the campaign

As part of the M&S campaign, which will see the company donating a percentage of sales of children's nightwear to the charity over the next two weeks, Lauren went to London for a photo shoot.

Her mum said: "Lauren had a fab day and is really excited to be part of this campaign."

"Seeing her in the chair having her hair and make-up done was really overwhelming."

"The transition from the little girl she was three years ago is incredible and of course there were times when we didn't know we'd get to this stage."

"Now she's a normal, healthy, glowing nine year old - my husband Steve and I are just brimming with pride"

"I am glad a positive has come out of a negative. Being involved in this is a way of giving something back."

Forensic science students face testing times at police headquarters

FORENSIC science students from Weston College have been put to the test by crime scene investigators at Avon and Somerset police headquarters.

The first year students tackled four brutal murder scenes and collected vital evidence, collating details of potential culprits down to a microscopic degree.

Weston College applied forensic science co-ordinator, Sarah Gregory, said: "One dummy was 'stabbed to

death' in a car, another was 'tied up and badly beaten' in a car boot.

"Our students, aged 16 to 45, analysed each very realistic scene and carefully collated evidence so their academic knowledge was tested in a very practical way and we are very grateful for the help we had at the police HQ."

"We introduce students to the sight of 'blood' made of food dye, glue and starch early in the course so it

doesn't come as a shock because blood provides a lot of evidence at murder scenes."

The two-year BTEC qualification covers biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics as well as traffic accident and fire scene investigations.

Sarah added: "A number of students aim to use forensic science to study anthropology, criminology, law and environmental sciences at university because it's a very



Scene: Investigators in action useful, interesting subject." Police forensic identification manager Alison

Fairholm said: "Forensic science is a very popular subject and Avon and Somerset has built links with educational institutions and students from Weston College have visited for several years. Television can portray forensics in a very unrealistic way, so it is beneficial that students see how it is applied in an operational unit."

For information on courses at Weston College, call 01934 411411.