

PUCKLECHURCH GUIDES

What a varied summer term we've had! Our colourful "Very Hungry Caterpillar", snaking its way around the village in the Revel parade, won us 'Best Children's Entry', the FIRST time ever that Guides have won! This was their idea, and all took part in preparing the colourful fruits, etc. that adorned the caterpillar's sides. Well done girls.

The following week saw us Axe Throwing, yes, you read this correctly, at UK Active Outdoors, Keynsham. Adhering to strict rules, some guides were surprisingly good at throwing and making the axes slice into the thick wooden targets. Others, like me, managed to throw them over and around the target, or land on the ground. Certainly something different to try.

Another evening was spent lighting wood fires and cooking a meal, many learned just how difficult it is to lay and light a fire and how much wood is needed to keep it burning while cooking. However, the food always seems to taste just that little bit better when you've cooked it yourself, with toasted marshmallows also on the menu. I did warn parents the girls would return home wearing our special 'wood smoke perfume'!

9th July was a very special evening for Katie and Lexie who, after much hard work and determination, are our first Guides to receive the Gold Award, the highest one attainable as a Guide. Their choice was a formal presentation with our Unit flag and horseshoe formation. Which was followed by a party with music, food and a celebration cake baked by Mag-

gie (of 'Hi peeps' fame, when she has cakes, jams, etc for sale), also being one of our leaders. We invited four girls who will become Guides in September, so they could experience what can be achieved and how we celebrate.

Our final summer meeting was so much fun. Water! Water, water everywhere, on slippery groundsheets just right for sliding on, squirted through water pistols, and slobbered around in races with buckets. Again, our September cohort were invited so they could join in our fun activities.

And now it's time for us all to have a break during the summer holidays. However, Izzy Johnston, our Young Leader, is setting off on 1st August for her Interrailing Experience, which so many of you have supported through fundraising over the past 18 months. She is visiting seven European countries, including Switzerland where the group will stay at our World Guiding Centre, the chalet in Adelboden. Returning, Izzy aims to share her experiences with you.

Guides could not run without its dedicated adult and young leaders team, enthusiastic and well behaved girls, and supportive parents, so a huge thanks to all for this. But, girls, please keep coming, and adults, please keep volunteering. It is sad that Scouting in our village did not receive this same support. Do not let this happen to Guiding.

As always, if I've spiked your interest, then please contact me, Ros Abbott 07709 639846, girls 10+years, adults 18+. I look forward to your call.



GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Over the past few months, the Good Neighbour Scheme has been a little quiet, but our volunteers have continued to help people by gardening and continuing to provide in person and telephone company to people.

If you or someone you know has mobility issues and could benefit by having a few people round to do a 'garden blitz' then let us know. This is an opportunity where a number of volunteers collectively complete simple gardening tasks (e.g. weeding and trimming) for a couple of hours.

There has been couple of requests where we have referred people on to others because our insurance doesn't cover their particular request. In such circumstances, we'll help by providing contact details of people or companies who

may be able to support these requests.

We can also help with simple household tasks such as putting out bins and recycling, changing fuses and light bulbs, change batteries in appliances, filling in forms, etc. If your regular helpers are on their summer holiday or are unable to help you for any reason, we may be able to support in their absence, our contact details are set out below.

Our contact details: 07961 939574 and goodneighbours@pucklechurch.org. We will aim to respond to your message within 24 - 48 hours. You can also find more details are on our website at http://www.pucklechurch.org/html/good_neighbours.htm

Pucklechurch Playgroup

We have had a very busy term saying goodbye to our older children who are ready for the next chapter at school. Enjoying our sports day and leaving lunch. We had an Ofsted inspection which took place on the 3rd of July 2024. Here are a few comments from the report.

- The manager has a clear vision for the curriculum and what skills and knowledge she wants the children to gain so they are ready for school. She carefully checks children's progress and promptly identifies where children are at risk of falling behind. All children, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities, make good progress from their variable starting points.

- Children are eager to enter this welcoming playgroup and separate from their parents with ease. They receive a warm welcome from the friendly staff and go off to seek out their friends.
- Partnerships with parents are very positive. They say that they are very pleased with the progress their children have made since attending playgroup and that they have developed confidence and are ready for school.

We are currently taking registrations for September 2024. If you would like more information, please call George on 07736713730. The full report can be accessed via the link below. <https://reports.ofsted.gov>.

Pucklechurch Ladies Group

The monthly meetings of the Pucklechurch Ladies Group (previously the Women's Institute) have been held at the Homefield Centre for many years, decades in fact. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to meet there as Bromford Housing Association has made it impossible for us to continue. We are, therefore, now looking for a new venue. Despite this, we have recently held some very enjoyable meetings. In June we held a coffee morning and Bring & Buy and we donated £100 to Revel. In July we had a lovely afternoon tea and sunny garden visit to the home of one of our members, and for our August meeting we will visit the Bath Soft Cheese Company at Kelston. If you've never been there, give it a try - there's a lovely café, nice walks and a viewing gallery to see the cows being milked and then the cheese making.

PUCKLECHURCH NEWS



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Pucklechurch Parish Council Chairman's Report

This is the first edition of Pucklechurch News produced by the parish council but by the time you read it the Summer will certainly be over. The parish council has been busy with a number of major projects that require lengthy applications to be made, alongside ensuring that all business is conducted as usual. We have also met with new PCA members to lend them support and advice with regard to the challenges they face in running the Community Centre. In addition, at the time of writing, we are starting to compile our submission in response to the next stage of the SGC Local Plan Consultation.

Draft Neighbourhood Plan. This has been submitted to SGC's team for informal comments before it moves onto the formal regulatory process. The latter will involve a 6-week public consultation before it can move to independent examination. Our thanks to all the volunteers that have given their time to help us get to this stage.

Sports pitches and drainage improvements. Council has been putting together a project to access the remaining s106 funding arising from the Oaktree Avenue development that is ring-fenced towards providing/improving sports facilities. Expert advice on the playing surfaces of both the football and cricket pitches and drainage issues relative to waterlogging will be addressed by a programme of works that will improve the Recreation Ground for everyone.

Play Areas. A new accessible roundabout has replaced the old one at the Recreation Ground (at a cost of £17,500 +VAT) after SGC agreed to allow us to use s106 money. Also, after much searching, new chains have been sourced to repair the swings. Our working group talked with residents at Revel about what we might use our earmarked funds (£45k) to provide. In addition to this we have recently identified a source of independent grant-funding (up to £50k) that we can apply to for replacement/new pieces, although it is not a foregone conclusion that we will be successful. If anyone would like to sponsor or fund-raise specifically to enable the provision of additional new items, we would love to hear from them.

Finally, I want to say something about PPC's request to remove picnic benches that appeared on the Recreation Ground as this caused a degree of adverse comment via social media. PPC welcomes proposals from residents and businesses who want to provide equipment/facilities for whole community benefit, but we must take a wide range of considerations into account before agreeing to anything being installed on public land that we own. We are not killjoys. In this instance a huge range of questions needed to be raised, involving ownership, insurance, positioning, health & safety, ongoing maintenance, cleaning,

litter, licensing issues, grass-cutting regimes etc., and last but not least, anti-social behaviour that might arise as a result of additional seating being installed in an area we have a current ongoing and identified problem. It should be noted that Avon & Somerset Police have recently objected to a planning application elsewhere that incorporated seating as it was considered to be one of the main drivers for anti-social behaviour. If a proposal had been received prior to the benches appearing, council would have been able to discuss what was best for everyone, including any additional impacts/costs/work that might arise. Our clerk can be reached by telephone and email should anyone wish to bring new ideas or proposals forward for discussion by council.

Gail Boyle, Chair PPC

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HOW TO ACCESS THE SERVICE

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- 07555460655 Call, Text or WhatsApp
- Emailing aimee@wern.org.uk
- Or by visiting wern.org.uk/southglos-village-agents

This service is available for anyone over 18 years old

South Gloucestershire News from Councillors Marilyn Palmer and Ben Stokes

Marilyn Palmer writes

Additional Local Plan Consultation

From 19th July to 13th September South Glos Council is carrying out 8 weeks of additional Regulation 18 Consultation on "the Council's strategy for ensuring the adequacy of its own housing land supply and whether it can assist Bristol City Council's unmet housing need". 17 further sites have come forward which could potentially accommodate 1751 houses. 8 are brownfield sites (815 houses). One site is in Boyd Valley which is the Cemex site near the quarry in Wick for 45 houses. However, even with these additional sites, the Council will not have a 10% buffer that is required to ensure supply, let alone have additional supply to help meet Bristol CC's unmet needs.

Therefore, the Council's position is that it is not able to address Bristol CC's unmet needs, either wholly or in part. To accommodate the housing numbers required in the period up to 2040, the plan includes the release of some Green Belt. Full details can be found on the SGC website Changes to the Bus Services from 1st Sep-

tember. Full details can be found on the Travelwest website.

Service 525: Emersons Green - Ladden Garden Village.

Operator Stagecoach West.

Service 532: New Service Keynsham-Yate. Operated by Eurocoaches.

586 New Service, Yate - Chipping Sodbury - St Brendan's 6th form College.

Ben Stokes writes

South Gloucestershire Green Belt

Please be aware that there are increasing threats to the green spaces surrounding our villages from housing development. Building on the Green Belt is being made easier through emerging national legislation and the Council's Local Plan.

If you feel strongly about this matter, there is an opportunity for you to raise your views through public consultations. It is worth reading the Parish Council minutes to note the consultation submissions made by the Parish Council on your behalf. Alternatively, contact me or the other Councillors for signposting to more information. Keep informed!

PUCKLECHURCH ALLOTMENTS

Where are they, what are they and do I need one?

Hi, I'm Phil Owens Chair of Pucklechurch Allotment Association. We thought you may like to know a little about the allotments and what goes on. The allotments are located on the right just over the M4 bridge heading towards the Crematorium. Plots are rented from the parish council and cost £20/year. There are currently 30 allotment gardens of varying sizes which has increased provision and helped accommodate those with less time to garden.

Our allotments lack services; no power, water or toilet facilities but mobile solar panels and a spare car battery can provide sufficient power for most small-scale applications. Likewise, water is managed by collecting from sheds and greenhouse roofs, with many plots having 1000litre tanks. Overall site maintenance is carried out by plot holders and last season we improved the access track. As an Association, we joined the National Allotment Society and a small fee is levied on all plot holders to cover Society membership which provides access to low cost insurance, seeds as well as free advice. It also tops up our coffers for improvement work at the site. Fund raising including a stall at Revel 2024 with stocks and games and support from Revel Committee and the parish council means we have sufficient funds to purchase a composting toilet which will be installed soon, legs crossed!

Over winter, the wet weather was challenging resulting in soggy cold ground and a slow start to the growing season. With warmer weather, crops are now flourishing along of course with the weeds. Thanks to plotters Mike & Sue who post footage from security cameras on our WhatsApp group chat, we regularly see the wildlife looking to enjoy our crops including raiding deer. Luckily our nesting Buzzards and newly arrived Red Kite are also interested in the predators. We're a sociable bunch, and whether you are an experienced grower or beginner, there is always someone willing to offer advice or engage in some healthy competitive growing. If you are interested and would like to have a 'look see' before committing, please contact me (Phil Owens Association Chair 0750 3923452) and I'd be delighted to show you around or contact the Clerk to the parish council, Daphne Dunning who will add your name to the waiting list.

Pucklechurch Players

Amidst the excitement of the summer, football, elections and the Olympics, Pucklechurch Players have been planning for the darker months. We've been reading lots of plays to find the ones that we would enjoy performing and hopefully you will enjoy watching. We have chosen a number of plays to perform together in an evening of comedies. These plays will be performed on Friday 29th and Saturday 30th November.

More details will follow via the Facebook pages for the Pucklechurch Players and Shout Out Pucklechurch in the early Autumn.

We also have been reflecting on our most recent play, Don't Dress For

Dinner, which we performed in May. As always, we are extremely grateful for the support you give us during both sold out performances and the very positive comments you shared with us in person and online. It does make all our hard work worthwhile when we receive that sort of feedback, so a huge thank you.

We hope to see you in November.

GARDENER'S CLUB

At the start of July, members enjoyed the residential trip to Manchester, where we visited RHS Tatton

Park, Bridgewater Gardens Manchester and National Trust site, Shugborough Estate.

Everyone who came agreed that it was a good choice as the gardens looked lovely with the weather being very kind to us. Lyn & Ann Smith were thanked for their hard work planning the itinerary, which yet again was well put together by Lyn.

The last event of the season was the summer supper, where we were invited to Duncan & Margaret Fortune's lovely garden for the second year. And what a glorious balmy evening it was! The borders looking so colourful, the Hollyhocks towering above us as we enjoyed touring the garden. The time that Margaret & Duncan had spent into making their garden look beautiful was admired by everyone who wandered around the garden as the sun went down. The committee provided a lovely cold buffet with yummy desserts!

Jean thanked Lyn & John for running the bar together with Duncan & Margaret for their kind hospitality, presenting them with a gardening voucher on behalf of the club.

The Autumn program starts again on Wed 2nd October, when our speaker will be Robert Champion, talking about 'Home grown cut flowers' Until then, enjoy your gardens!

Club News 2024 contact Sallie Brooks: sallie61@me.com

D Kemps Garden Centre & Elmwood Nursery offer members 10% discount on plants when membership card is presented

Contacts: Jean Powell 01454528066 Val Seaman 01179372095 or Ann Smith 01179372030

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Hello Revellers REVEL

Let's discuss 2024, quite possibly one of the busiest days we had seen at Revel for many a year. There was a wonderful selection of stalls from local groups, organisations mixing with charity stalls both local and national scattered with some business stalls. The Fair made a reappearance and so did the food vans. Children and adults enjoyed Chloe's Mobile Farm as well as the children's entertainment. The Guides had a winning success with their version of the Hungry Caterpillar. The day was a resounding success and the weather held out to be a lovely June day.

Unfortunately, despite all the excellent effort from volunteers, sponsors and the new family night, the same could not be said for the Beer Festival. The weather did not help, with thunder and lightning on the Friday night many ticket holders stayed away, the same when the rain interrupted our evening performance on Revel day.

The beer festival is one of our most expensive outlays however in the same breath can also be one of our most lucrative money makers. Fortunately, Revel can rely on volunteers who rent the plant, mats and fencing which saves so much money. However, the marquee, portable toilets, security and insurance is around £6k due to many of our vendors increasing their costs this year.

Unfortunately, Revel did not make enough

money this year and fell short of breaking even by around £1500. Although Revel is still a viable event, we need to make some cost cutting ventures in order to continue the tradition of Revel which saw its 73rd year in 2024. This year our costs for Revel this year totalled: £15,485 and we only received an income of £14,062 this left us in a deficit of £1,423.

This year has been a strange one because of monetary challenges beyond the control of Revel, to future proof Revel for the coming years, there is a need to make some changes for 2025. So, potential changes are afoot, I can't detail them at present as they haven't been agreed by all parties yet.

It also means that until we can confirm what is happening with Revel we are unable to provide grants this year. This will be a huge blow to all the groups and organisations that rely heavily on the money that Revel are able to donate each year.

The AGM is scheduled for September 19th, 2024, at 7pm in the Pucklechurch Village Sports and Social Club which is open to all groups and individuals where we can detail this year's accounts as well as elect new members with bright ideas so that can save the longstanding Pucklechurch Tradition.

If you would like to get in contact to discuss anything Revel related, please contact me, Lori-Anne, on 07789707278

Humble health and performance optimisation

Sleep support groups



Hello, my name is Dr Bhatia. I am a NHS GP, specialising in helping people overcome insomnia. I'm also the founder of Humble, an organisation that helps people bring out their best. www.humble.info

How are you sleeping?

Sleep is really important but unfortunately modern life doesn't make it easy. About 1/4 of us struggle to sleep (insomnia) and 1/2 of us are sleeping poorly without realising! This profoundly affects our physical and mental health.

Changing sleep habits can be tricky but the good news is most people can improve their sleep with a little help.



Perhaps we can help?

For years we have been helping people learn new skills to help them sleep better. We offer support online and in person and also specialise in CBT for insomnia (recommended by NICE). [Here's a link to a video about us](#)

GP online sleep support groups are free of charge

Provided by your GP surgery we offer friendly online video consultations for groups of 6 adult patients. Just like any GP consultation we prioritise respect and confidentiality.

Information about free sessions for Three Shires Practice Patients

Who For adults who want to learn how to sleep better and can join a video call.
When Thursdays 6:30pm-7:30 pm, courses run for 4 sessions over the month.
How We teach you simple sleep skills that you can personalise to suit you.

To find out more contact bnssg.carecoordinator.threespires@nhs.net

www.humble.info This is not a substitute for medical guidance.
If in doubt please consult with your doctor. © Dr Bhatia 2020

What's On at Emersons Green Library

We are still open! Although we are in the midst of building work to extend our children's library, which should be complete by October, we are retaining all of our staffed and Open Access hours while this is taking place.

This means that we are open for Marvellous Makers, the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge, which is running up until 12th September, so plenty of time for children to join - and it's free! This year amongst the rewards for each pair of books children read include the ever-popular smelly stickers.



We are also running a series of FREE drop-in craft activities to run alongside the Summer Reading Challenge. The dates and times of these are:

Mystery Makers - Tuesday 13th August 2pm - 3pm and repeated Saturday 17th August 10.30am - 11.30am

Story Crafters - Tuesday 20th August 2pm - 3pm and repeated Saturday 24th August 10.30am - 11.30am

Junk Box Builders - Tuesday 27th August 2pm - 3pm

Throughout the Summer our regular pre-school activities also continue -

Storytime on Tuesdays at 9.30am and Rhyme Time on Thursdays at 9.30am

www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries 01454 868006

HMP Ashfield

HMP Ashfield were extremely pleased that Serco were awarded the new Contract in April 2024, following a period of re-bid. As of the 31st October one contract will end and the new contract will start as of the 1st November 2024, with a number of innovations to bring HMP Ashfield up to date.

One of the key elements will be Sustainability, ensuring we are well aligned with the Governments Sustainability plan, we have appointed a Sustainability & Social Values Manager, who will drive forward these plans. Some of the criteria for the Residential units will change also, for example an Enabling Environment being introduced for those prisoners less able than others.

Our Education, Skills and Work in-house will increase with additional skills being identified for the prisoners needs, along with an increase in our Psychological Services, so that programmes can continue and be increased.

PUCKLECHURCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

In the last edition of the Pucklechurch News we introduced ourselves as the new PCA committee. Since then, we have been joined by Caroline Sheppard who has taken on the role of Maintenance Manager. We have all been on a steep learning curve, but remain committed to running, maintaining and hopefully improving the Community Centre for the benefit of the village and wider community.

Unfortunately, we need to start with a couple of moans: Firstly, we would kindly ask that people refrain from dumping their own rubbish in or around our bins. If the wrong rubbish goes in the wrong bin, the PCA will be heavily charged by the collection firm and fly tipping anywhere in the carpark leads to time and money being spent on removing it. As a charity, it is a shame to see valuable funds used to deal with this! There is CCTV covering the carpark and if it doesn't stop, the PCA may be forced to name and shame! If you witness this happening, please let us know so we can narrow down the time frame.

The second item is a polite reminder that overnight parking is not permitted in the Community Centre carpark. Only users of the Community Centre facilities or the Scout Hut should be using the carpark with the exception of school drop-off and pick-ups. Thank you for your understanding.

A couple of points for current users:

- Firstly a reminder that if you need it, there is an accident book and a comments book located in the main kitchen which will be checked on a monthly basis. The Social Club have their own accident book.

- Secondly, the PCA are hoping to create a new website to attract more people and would like to include some quality photo's of users in action with some details about your group. Say cheese and send your best shots!

For those who aren't aware, there continues to be a range of activity groups using the hall and facilities. This includes Badminton, Bowls, Drama, Folk Dancing, Gardening, Model Flying, Football, Cricket and more! For more information about joining a group, go to www.pucklechurchcommunitycentre.co.uk If you would like to start your own activity group, there is availability on Tuesday evenings, Thursday afternoons and all day Saturday. The hall is also available Saturday nights for events and parties, with a bar available on request. We also have a small meeting room available. For booking enquiries email Steve Seward at pcahallbooking@outlook.com

There will also be engagement with a number of partnership agencies to enhance the services currently offered at HMP Ashfield, along with this our Community links will continue.

As you may be aware, recently a Team of Serco Leaders from across the Business units attended the Scout Hut in Pucklechurch, to refresh the decoration and upgrade some of the furniture, we wish to continue to have a good working relationship with our Community.

HMP Ashfield will be hosting a Recruitment Open day on Wednesday, 7th August 2024, between 15.00 hrs - 20.00 hrs, due to a number of increases in positions across the site.

The Contract Director, Jon Bratt and his team are very much looking forward to the future and what the new contract will look like for us.



News from St. Thomas a Becket Church

Our church offers a relaxed style of worship, together with good food and refreshments. Whether you are young or old, on your own or a family, come and join us, everyone is welcome.

We are revamping Cafe Church which will re-commence on Sunday 15th September at 10am followed by 20th October and 17th November.

Our regular monthly services begin at 10am each Sunday, join us for one, if not of all them:

1st Sunday Holy Communion

2nd Sunday Morning Prayer

3rd Sunday Morning Prayer or service of Baptism

4th Sunday Holy Communion

Dates for your diary:

13th October - Harvest Festival

October 19th 10 am - 4pm Autumn Fayre

10th November Remembrance Service at 10.30am

Priest in Charge with Abson, Wick, Doynton and Dyrham: Rev Elaine Jones

Tel: 07787 550622

Email: revjoneselaine@hotmail.co.uk

Church contact: Elizabeth Webb Tel: 0117 9372516

Tower Preschool

Besides all the fun and learning through play that we normally do at Tower Preschool we have had a busy year.

This year we have taken part in the Scarecrow trail, Pucklechurch Revel, celebrated World Book Day, visited Pucklechurch School for their Sports Day and ended the year with a wonderful coach trip together with parents to Noahs Ark Zoo Farm.

We look forward to having many more exciting adventures when we return in September.

Tower Preschool

Monday and Friday 9.00 - 12.00

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.00 - 15.00

Well qualified staff ensuring the Children's preschool experience is a happy, positive time.

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Pucklechurch School PTA

hopes that everyone is enjoying the summer holidays and are making long lasting memories. The school years seem to come back around so quickly!

With the start of the new school year fast approaching, the PTA turn our attention to planning our events for the next year.

One of our much-loved upcoming events is Conkerama which is held towards the end of October. This is a celebration of Autumn where we sell cakes, hot drinks, food and put on crafts and games for the children, making good use of the conkers collected from around the village. If anyone would like to contribute cakes to this year's event, please contact us via our email Pucklechurch_pta@hotmail.com.

Another favourite is the Christmas present sale where children can choose a Christmas present for loved ones, it's so lovely to see them excited to pick out their own presents and hide them away until Christmas Day.

Of course, the reason we do this is to help raise funds for the school and the children. So far, in 2024, our fundraising has allowed us to pay for Leavers books for the previous year 6's and nearing our goal to pay for a new fully accessible stage for the school's performances.

Our AGM meeting will be held on 19th September 2024, and we welcome any ideas on how we can support our village school. We are always looking for volunteers to help us put on these events so if you can help, please do get in touch! Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details.

Any donations are gratefully received therefore if you would like to make a contribution, please scan the QR code below

