

Firstly, can I introduce myself. My name is Allison Moore and I am the Group Scout Leader of 1st Pucklechurch Scout Group. Scouting had been going from strength to strength in Pucklechurch. I was temporarily running the Beaver Colony (6 to 8 year-old girls and boys). My daughter Nathalie Moore was running the Cub Pack (8 to 10½ year old girls and boys). Scouts (10½ to 14 year old girls and boys) is being run by Mike Pawsey.

Sadly due to a new job I am unable to do weekly meetings anymore but I will be staying as the Group Scout Leader. My daughter is moving away from the area for part of the week but she will be staying on with the group as Assistant Group Scout Leader. This leaves us without Beaver and Cub Leaders. We have been fortunate that a small group of parents are going to run the weekly meeting for Beavers on a temporary basis and I will be providing the behind the scenes support to help them. But we desperately need new leaders to run the Beavers and Cubs, and Assistant Leaders to help Mike run Scouts.

We have the young people wanting Scouting and getting so much from it but we just don't have the adults to support these young people. Nathalie and I will be there to give all the support new volunteers need. We need your help urgently or our Cub Pack will have to close which will leave 19 young people without the Scouting they so love. If you could help in any way, please contact me to discuss at Allison Moore - allisonmoore1963@sky.com or 07712 475880



1st Pucklechurch Rainbows have come back from the Christmas break and the girls decided they would like to work on their First Aid badge! We have practised hand washing, created our own First Aid kits, bandaged our friends and talked about looking after our mental health. We have also celebrated Chinese New Year by creating our very own dragon and performing dances! 1st Pucklechurch Rainbows continue to wow us with their enthusiasm and creativity each week. We are currently full but would welcome girls to join our waiting list. Please contact Izzy on 07921816504.



Four new Guides joined us in January, and we played fun 'getting to know you' games. Why just write about yourself on a sheet of paper and hand it to someone else; much more fun to turn it into a paper aeroplane and 'fly' it to another person.

Discussing our carbon footprints revealed very interesting facts on how parents left lights on, and taps running! Guides are interested in the world around them and what concerns them as demonstrated in 'Flash Mobs' - have you ever been startled by a small group suddenly performing in a public place to show their passion for a specific cause. For Guides it was 'save the animals'.

We had a riotous Burns Night, all wearing something tartan and dancing traditional Scottish dances, with haggis to taste and Irn Bru to drink. The following week, the Guides made a wide selection of greetings and Valentine's cards; we're certainly an artistic group.

What fun we had 'flying' our plane to 'Germany' to celebrate our annual international

Thinking Day when we think about our sister Guides in over 100 countries and donate to a fund to help develop Guiding in poorer ones. The 'plane' ride was fraught with danger, very bumpy turbulence but great fun. A framed picture of Agnes Baden-Powell, Lord Baden-Powell's sister, accompanied us on our trip. She is our Co-founder and First President.

Can you suck a smartie onto the end of straw long enough to carry it from one end of a table to the other or build a tower with straws and marshmallows - the Guides can!

Guiding isn't confined to our Pucklechurch meetings. We're very proud of our Young

Leader, Izzy Johnston, who attended an International Selection weekend and, although not selected for any trips this year, is guaranteed a place for a proposed local international camping in 2023.

In addition to all our fun, we are also progressing with various badges and awards, and are delighted to report that Frankie and Olivia have gained our first Bronze Theme Awards. Well done girls.

We have a few spaces and welcome any girls aged 10-14 years. You don't have to have been a Rainbow or Brownie to join. You may also be in Scouting - that's fine too. We meet Tuesdays 6.45 - 8.15pm in the Scout Hut. Contact Ros Abbott 07709 639846, or just come along and give us a try. We look forward to welcoming you.

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Pucklechurch Parish Council Chairman's Report

Parish Precept: it's that time of year again

Funding for all parish council provided services, activities and obligations is collected by way of a 'precept' (a demand) submitted to South Gloucestershire Council: the precept specifies the amount of money that parish council needs South Gloucestershire Council to collect from each household as part of the council tax process. Council agreed its budgetary requirements in January 2022 for the next financial year (2022-23) to be £87,026.00, which represents an increase of 3.02% on the previous year and the equivalent of an increase of 3p/week for a band D property (£1.45 per year).

Eagle Crescent Play Area: update

I am pleased to report that our application to access s106 funding for the redevelopment of the play area was successful. Contrary to some statements reported in the press, the total amount which has been made available to us is £77,245.46 (not £97,597) and was achieved directly as the result of our submission of a robust business plan. Applications for contractors to re-design, supply and install new play equipment and safety surfacing have now been received in response to a detailed tender pack compiled and advertised by parish council. Each of the applications will now be scrutinised against a number of criteria to determine which will go forward to the next stage.

Woodland tree works

Parish council is responsible for the care and safe management of a large number of trees situated on parish land, including the woodland adjacent to our allotments. Active management of the woodland is required to ensure it is able to support and encourage a wider range of species (plants and animals) to thrive there. To this end, Midland Forestry was commissioned to undertake work at the woodland in January. This has resulted in clearing of some trees (including Ash tree removal as result of Ash Dieback), which has left the woodland looking more open and which will also encourage the growth of more woodland floor plants. The pathways have also been worked on and logs from the tree works are being used to edge the paths. Sadly, some of these logs have been removed without permission including some of those used as path edging - please do enjoy the woodlands (which will no doubt look even better with the advent of spring) but take nothing away after a visit except happy memories and of course your own litter.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022: events, trees, and wildflowers

I am aware that various community groups and residents are making plans to organise and deliver events to celebrate the Jubilee, including Pucklechurch Revel who will be supported by parish council with funding held over from the VE Day celebration, which was cancelled due to Covid19 restrictions. We have also been approached by others who want to hold events on

parish land and this type of request should be directed to the Clerk for Council consideration. Council itself will be planting two English Oak tree saplings provided.

Council itself have planted two English Oak tree saplings provided by The Honorable Company of Gloucestershire, and a third supplied by South Gloucestershire Council, which have been planted on Oaktree Avenue. Councillors have also been packing and hand delivering envelopes of wildflower seeds to every household and invite all residents to sow and display them for everyone to enjoy whilst at the same time encouraging bees and other pollinators to thrive and provide a year-round habitat for local wildlife.

And finally....

I am pleased to say that we have co-opted Dan Molloy as a councillor to the parish council - please let me know if you would be interested in coming forward for co-option too!

Gail Boyle Chair PPC

PUCKLECHURCH PLAYERS PRESENT

Three one act comedies by David Tristram

'Jolly Sinister Jape'
'What's for Pudding?'
&
'Lockdown in Little Grimley'

Friday 13 & Saturday 14 May

Tickets available from 1 April

Text Elaine on 07940 207559

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Sunday 1st May 11.30

Monday 2nd May 10.30



Contact: info@pucklechurchscarecrow@gmail.com
Gill on 01179 373262



facebook.com/PucklechurchScarecrowTrail
facebook.com/StThomasaBecketPucklechurch

Please keep your children safe throughout the trail. The Church cannot supervise at this event

Activities at the hall have generally returned to normal and bookings are back to pre-pandemic levels. We hope that the users of the hall have enjoyed meeting up with their fellow group members again.

As mentioned in previous editions of Pucklechurch News, we are running a project to extend the community centre building, although there are still a number of issues that need to be addressed before we can move forward. We will keep you informed about the project in future editions of Pucklechurch News.

For those of you that are new to the village, you may like to know that a number of groups currently use the facilities of the building, such as Bowls, Badminton, Drama, Folk Club and Gardening. The hall is also used by a playgroup that meets every morning and on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons during term time, which may be of interest to any families that have moved to the area. Please visit the website for Pucklechurch Community Centre at <http://www.pucklechurchcommunitycentre.co.uk> to obtain more information.

You may be interested in starting up a new group for activities that do not currently exist, although at the present time, there are limited slots available to accommodate any new groups. However, please feel free to contact Karl Fuerstenberg on 07938 972069 or pcahallbooking@gmail.com to discuss your requirements and the availability of the hall at your preferred time.

Pucklechurch Good Neighbours

Although restrictions have continued over much of the past few months, the Good Neighbour Scheme volunteers have continued to help people in the village by putting out bins and recycling and providing telephone company. We've also been able to provide details of local businesses and organisations to people with specific requests or where we have been unable to help. As restrictions have now been eased, if you think you or someone you know would benefit from our help with such things as putting out bins, simple household tasks or company, please contact us. Remember that if your regular helpers have to self-isolate or become unwell, we may be able to help whilst they are unable to do so. If this is the case, please contact us to see if we have volunteers who can help you. If you would like to join us as a volunteer, please get in touch. You decide how much time you give and what types of tasks you'd like to help with, and everything we do is local. You can contact us on 07961 939574 or by emailing goodneighbours@pucklechurch.org. If you leave a message on the phone or email we'll reply within 24 - 48 hours. You can also find more details on our website at http://www.pucklechurch.org/html/good_neighbours.htm

News from Emersons Green Library

Digital Champion

Would you like to be more confident online, learn how to make video calls or need help with a specific task, like applying for a blue badge online? Book a free session with one of our Digital Champions at Emersons Green Library. They can help improve your general confidence with using a computer, tablet or smartphone and navigating the internet. Find out more by:

- asking library staff;
- emailing: emersonsgreen.library@southglos.gov.uk
- visiting: <https://www.southglos.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/get-digital-learn-basic-online-skills-for-free-at-a-south-gloucestershire-centre/>

New Photocopying facilities

Emersons Green Library has a new photocopier providing colour as well as black & white copying, A3 now as well as A4 copying.

Open Resources

In February an exciting new feature went 'live' on the Libraries West W catalogue - Open Educational Resources. This comprises an ever expanding, vetted collection of over 40 million high quality open-access, peer-reviewed articles, e books/e textbooks, and other open-source materials on a huge range of subjects, including health, environment, computer science, business and many more. All the material is full text and not just citations. The content can be freely accessed by anyone searching the LW catalogue but is aimed in particular at researchers, students, and small businesses. Traditionally these resources were scattered around the internet and challenging to find. We have brought them together to make them much easier to find and access. Visit www.librarieswest.org.uk to see this new feature.

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St.Thomas a Becket Pucklechurch

St.Thomas a Becket Pucklechurch and St.James the Great Abson.

Services for Holy Week and Easter.

Sunday April 10th - Palm Sunday Morning Prayer at 10a.m.
Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th April - Church Open
Thursday 14th - Maundy Thursday, 7.30p.m. Holy Communion
Friday 15th - Good Friday 2-3p.m. Last Hour at Cross. All at Pucklechurch
Sunday 17th April - Easter Sunday, 9a.m. Dawn Service in Churchyard. 10am Easter Communion at Pucklechurch

St.James Abson

Easter Day: 11.30a.m. Holy Communion

We were pleased to welcome the Revd. Matt Stone as Curate in Charge of Pucklechurch and Abson on Sunday 16th January.

Matt is here on a part time basis; he will be conducting two services a month and doing 2 days a week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays doing Parish work.

The other days of the week he will be completing his training. The maximum of time he is going to be with us is 18 months.

Email matt.stone@woodbridgegroup.co.uk
 Mobile 0751 6135557

Mrs. E. Webb 9372516 is still taking Baptism and Wedding bookings

PUCKLECHURCH VILLAGE TRIPS 2022

These are the proposed trips for the year.

5th April Morton in the Marsh and Bourton on the Water (£17)
3rd May Swansea and Botanical Gardens
7th June Isle of Wight (£25)
5th July Weymouth
2nd August Sidmouth
6th Sept Saville gardens in Windsor Great Park
4th October Cardiff

This could be subject to change.
 We are taking bookings for the first trip from 1st March. Please put money in an envelope clearly labelled stating your name, people travelling and the amount enclosed. Payment to Elaine at 49 Homefield Road.

If you would like to be added to the group email or require more information please contact us by emailing pucklechurchvillagetrips@gmail.com or phone Elaine on 0117 9373105

GARDENERS' CLUB

I would like to wish all our members a 'Happy New Gardening Year' and let's hope it's a good year!

January was very mild and as I walked around my garden I could see the first signs of snow-drops and primroses peeping through my borders. Our Christmas supper was held on December 8th, when we invited Karen Beasley to demonstrate how to make a seasonal basket of plants, which she then donated to our raffle. Karen finished with a short quiz, which was followed by our club supper. The club competition, 'A Christmas Wreath', was won by a friend of club member Suzanne Wembridge.

The first meeting of 2022 was held on Wednesday 2nd February, when we invited Sally Oates to talk to us on 'plants to encourage wildlife into the garden' and offer helpful advice on which plants to choose for our gardens. The members' monthly competition 'A bowl of pansies' was won by Elisabeth Heal.

Visitors are most welcome to come along.
 St Aldams Farm, Kemps Garden Centre and Elmwood Nursery offer members 10% discount on plants when membership card is presented
 Contacts: Jean Powell 01454528066, Val Seaman 01179372095 or Ann Smith 01179372030

Revel 2022

Revel is back and planning is in full swing. We have already got lots planned for this year and are eager to get back to normal after the last two years.

We are also looking for volunteers to help run our events so if you are interested in joining our small team please contact, Lori-Anne on 07789707278 or email; Pucklechurch.revel@gmail.com

Dates for your diary:
Saturday 2nd April, 7pm at the PVSSC: Bob Todd Memorial Race night - Children's race night with wooden horses and moderate stakes.

Saturday 4th June - Revel Jubilee Disco. We will be holding a family night for the Revel King and Queen as well as an event in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee of 70 years on the throne.

Monday 13th June, 7:30: Revel Quiz Night - Annual Quiz night to be held at the PCA Social Club.

Beer and Cider Festival on the Recreation Field: With music from 'The Skimmity Hitchers' (Friday 17th June) and 'Trigger' (Saturday 18th June). Tickets to go on sale in May.

June 18th - Revel Day: all day on Pucklechurch Recreation Field
 Theme to be decided
 Parade to start at 11:30am with arena events starting from midday to 6pm
 We will also be incorporating the plans we had for VE day 2020 which could not go ahead due to the national lockdown. Local and business stalls welcome.

